

JANUARY

- 2 Basil of Caesaria [the Great], monk bishop
Gregory Nanzianzen, theologian & bishop
Macarius of Alexandria, desert ascetic
- 4 Amma Syncletca, desert ascetic
- 5 Dorotheus the Younger, monastic founder
- 9 Gregory of Nyssa, theologian & bishop
- 12 Benedict of Biscop, abbot & founder of Wearmouth-Jarrow Priory
Aelred of Rievaulx
Caesaria of Arles, monastic founder & abbess
- 13 Hadewijch of Brabant
- 14 Macrina the Elder
- 15 Placid and Maur
Paul of Thebes, the First Hermit
- 17 Antony, Abbot
- 19 Wulfstan
- 21 Meinrad, hermit
- 26 Paula the Elder, monastic founder
- 30 Blessed Columba Marmion
- 31 Marcella, monastic founder

“...wherever you go, always have God before your eyes; do everything you do according to the testimony of the holy scriptures; wherever you live, do not leave it easily.” Antony, Sayings

“Our God is a consuming fire” (Heb.12:29), so we too must kindle the divine fire within us with tears and effort.” Life of Syncletca

FEBRUARY

- 1 Brigid of Kildare, abbess
- 6 Romuald of Ravenna, founder of the Camaldolese
- 10 Scholastica of Nursia
- 12 Benedict of Aniane
Marguerite d’Oingt, Carthusian visionary
- 18 Colman of Lindisfarne
- 21 Peter Damian, Camaldolese hermit & Doctor of the Church
- 22 Frank Kacmarcik, oblate & artist
- 23 Milburga, abbess
- 25 Walburga, abbess & missionary
- 28 John Cassian, early monastic writer
“When I appealed to you, you would not listen to me so I turned to my God and my God heard my prayer. Dialogues of Gregory on Scholastica

M A R C H

- 9 Frances of Rome, patron of oblates
Gregory of Nyssa, theologian & bishop
- 15 Amma Matrona, desert ascetic
- 18 Mechtild of Magdeburg
- 20 Cuthbert, Celtic monk, bishop & hermit
- 21 Passing of Benedict of Nursia
- 30 John Climacus, monk & writer
“Love your enemies.” RB
“...in all this I will not lose courage but only trust the more in the Providence of God.” Benedicta Riepp

A P R I L

- 2 Mary of Egypt, desert ascetic
Ebba of Coldingham, abbess
- 17 Stephen Harding
- 20 Hildegund of Schönau
- 21 Anselm of Canterbury, monk, abbot & theologian
“My God, I pray that I may so know you and love you that I may rejoice in you...” Anselm’s Prayers

M A Y

- 1 Ade Bethune, Oblate & artist for Catholic Worker
- 2 Athanasius of Alexandria, bishop, theologian & Doctor of the Church
- 5 Hilary of Arles, monk bishop
- 8 Julian of Norwich, anchoress
- 10 Walter Percy, Oblate & novelist
- 13 Bede Griffiths, monastic founder
- 15 Pachomius, early monastic founder
- 16 Heloïse, monastic founder & abbess
Brendan of Clonfert, monastic founder
- 19 Dunstan of Canterbury, abbot & bishop
- 21 Christian de Chergé & Companions, Martyrs of Algeria
- 25 Venerable Bede
- 26 Erentrude of Nonnberg, abbess & monastic founder
- 27 Augustine of Canterbury, Doctor of the Church
- 30 Passing of Placidia Haehn, our first prioress
“For what is greater than such a vision, to see the invisible God in a visible human being, God’s temple.” Life of Pachomius

J U N E

5 Boniface, monastic missionary

9 Columba of Iona

16 Lutgard of Aywieres

18 Elizabeth of Schönau

19 Romuald, monastic hermit

23 Marie d'Oignies, honored as the "first beguine"

Ethelreda, monastic founder & abbess

26 Dom Virgel Michel, leader of American Liturgical Movement

28 Benedicta Riepp, monastic founder

29 Emma, abbess & monastic founder

30 Erentrude, abbess & monastic founder

"Depart from me, fodder of death, for I have been overtaken by another lover."

Words of St. Agnes uttered by Lutgard on her deathbed

"On the mountain...which it is pleasing to God to dwell...she desire to love

God not only with her voice and lips, but with her utmost heart." Caesarius
about Erentrude

J U L Y

2 Monegund of Tours, hermit

11 Benedict of Nursia

13 Amma Sarah, desert ascetic

Mildred, abbess

16 Irmengard of Frauenchiemsee, monastic founder

17 Marcellina, ascetic

19 Macrina the Younger, founder of Eastern Orthodox monasticism

23 John Cassian, monk & theologian

25 Deacon Olympias, monastic founder

"...I shall rather pray that my heart may be pure toward all." Amma Sarah

"God will be all that we think about, all our living, all that we talk about, our
very breath." Cassian, Conference 10

"Prefer nothing to the love of Christ." RB

A U G U S T

9 Dom Augustine Baker, writer & defender of Benedictine women from outside
influence

13 Radegunde, monastic founder & abbess

17 Dame Gertrude More, monastic founder

20 Bernard of Clairvaux, monk & Doctor of the Church

28 Augustine of Hippo, monk bishop & Doctor of the Church

30 Beatrijs of Nazareth, Cistercian monastic & theologian

31 Aidan of Lindisfarne

“...choose the communion of dwelling together in a house in unity, that you may have one soul and one heart toward God.” Augustine’s Letter to Aurelius
“Zeal without knowledge is unbearable.” Bernard of Clairvaux The Song of Songs

S E P T E M B E R

- 1 Amma Theodora, desert ascetic
Giles, hermit
- 3 Gregory the Great, liturgist, pope & author of The Life of Benedict
- 7 Clodoald (Cloud), hermit & monastic founder
- 9 Ciarán of Clonmacnoise, monastic founder
- 11 Paphnutus the Great
- 17 Hildegard of Bingen, Doctor of the Church
- 19 Susanna of Jerusalem
Bishop Martin Marty, OSB, The Apostle of the Sioux
- 25 Ceolfrid, abbot & a major contributor to the project Codex Amiatinus
Finbarr, monastic founder
- 27 Tetta of Wimbourne, abbess
- 28 Leoba, missionary & monastic founder
- 29 Blessed Maria the Harp Player
- 30 Jerome, monk, theologian & Doctor of the Church
“It is good to live in peace, for the wise person practices perpetual prayer.”
Amma Theodora
“I am the delight and understanding of the love of God...”
Hildegard of Bingen

O C T O B E R

- 3 Manna of Fontenet, hermit
- 6 Bruno, monastic founder
- 12 Wilfrith, abbot
- 15 Thecla of Kitzingen, abbess
- 16 Gall, monastic founder
- 19 Frideswide of Oxford, monastic founder
- 27 Bernadeta M’bawala, Servant of God
- 29 Ermalinda, hermit
“...we will share by patience in the sufferings of Christ, so that we may
deserve to be sharers in his kingdom.” RB

N O V E M B E R

- 3 Winifrid, Welsh abbess
- 5 Raissa & Jacques Maritain, Oblates & writers
- 7 Willibord, monastic founder & missionary
- 8 Rumer Godden, Oblate & novelist
- 11 Martin of Tours, monastic founder
- 16 Gertrude the Great of Helfta
- 17 Hilda of Whitby, abbess
- 19 Mechtild of Hackeborn, liturgical musician & visionary
- 23 Columbanus, monastic founder
- 29 Dorothy Day, Oblate & founder Catholic Worker Movement

“I require nothing from you but to come to me empty, that I may fill you.”

Revelation to Gertrude

“God has enough of all good things except one: of communion with humans God can never have enough.”

Mechtilde (quote from Julian)

D E C E M B E R

- 6 Asella, hermit
- 10 Thomas Merton, monk & writer
- 15 Thomas Carey, Benedictine sister & artist
- 17 [O Wisdom] first of the great “O” antiphons for Advent
- 18 [O Adonai]
Winibald, abbot
- 19 [O Root of Jesse]
- 20 [O Key of David]
- 21 [O Dayspring]
- 22 [O Ruler of Nations]
- 23 [O Emmanuel]
- 25 Eugenia of Alexandria
- 27 Fabiola, early monastic
- 31 Melania the Younger

“The purpose of monastic detachment—which demands genuine sacrifice—is simply to leave the monk unencumbered, free to move, in possession of his spiritual senses and of his right mind, capable of living a charismatic life in freedom of spirit.”