

MARCH 2026

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# KOLBE LITURGICAL

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## VIRTUE OF THE MONTH

This month we are celebrating the monthly virtue: **MERCY**. Caring for those who suffer. *"Blessed are the merciful, for they will be shown mercy"* (Matthew 5:7).

Throughout March Kolbe students will learn about mercy through these inspiring exemplars: **St. John Vianney, St. Faustina, and St. Teresa of Calcutta**.

We are called as parents and teachers to instill these virtues into our homes and community as well. Here are a few creative ideas to help you, your family, and community celebrate and live the mystery of Christ throughout the Liturgical Year.

*Ad majorem Dei gloriam!*

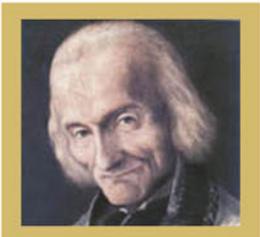
## LITURGICAL LIVING AT HOME

### Elementary

- Reflect on the **spiritual** and **corporal works of mercy** as a family. Who in your life exemplifies these practices? Complete the "Mercy Mission" together as a family on page 3 of this guide!
- Have each family member select a person they know who needs prayer and mercy. Choose a weekly time to gather, light a candle, and **pray the rosary** for these individuals during March.

### Middle School

- Learn about the life of **St. John Vianney**, who is recognized as the patron saint of parish priests. He is renowned for his profound devotion to the Church and commitment to the sacrament of confession. His life serves as an inspiration to all priests, demonstrating true holiness through humility, selflessness, and steadfast faith. To honor him, attend confession with your family this month and take a moment to thank a priest while you're there!
- Show mercy to those in need by making "**Blessing Bags**." This involves filling gallon-sized Ziploc bags with items for the homeless, such as socks (the most requested item), granola bars, water, a toothbrush, and a handwritten note with a prayer or words of encouragement.



## MARCH

### feast days

St. Casimir  
(March 4)

St. Joseph  
(March 19)

St. Patrick  
(March 17)

The Annunciation  
of the Lord  
(March 25)

For a complete list see the **March Feast Day Calendar** below.

## LET US Pray

### A PRAYER FOR PALM SUNDAY

All-powerful, eternal God, You have chosen to give mankind a model of humility; our Savior took on our flesh, and subjected Himself to the Cross.

Grant us the grace to preserve faithfully the lessons He has given us in His Passion and to have a share in His resurrection.

This we ask of You through our Lord Jesus Christ, Your Son.

Amen.

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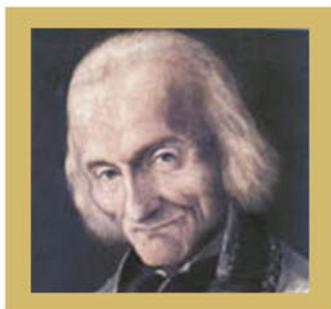
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## MARCH FEAST DAY CALENDAR

Sun	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thurs	Fri	Sat
1	2	3 St. Katharine Drexel	4 St. Casimir	5	6	7 Sts. Perpetua & Felicity
8	9 St. Francis of Rome	10	11	12	13	14
15	16	17 St. Patrick	18 St. Cyril of Jerusalem	19 St. Joseph	20	21
22 Palm Sunday	23 St. Turibius of Mogrovejo	24	25 The Annunciation of the Lord	26	27	28
29	30	31				



St. John Vianney, St. Faustina, and St. Teresa of Calcutta,

*Pray for us!*

## The Mercy Mission Challenge!



**Goal:** See if you can check off all the Works of Mercy on this list this month!

### *Taking Care of the Body (Corporal):*

- The Snack Share:** Share part of your snack or lunch with someone.
- The Clean-Up:** Help clear the table or put away groceries without being asked.
- The Letter:** Draw a picture or write a "get well" card for someone who is sick.
- The Donation:** Find one toy or piece of clothing you've outgrown to give to someone who needs it.
- The Water Hero:** Make sure the pets have fresh water or offer a cold drink to someone working hard (like a mail carrier or a parent).

### *Taking Care of the Soul (Spiritual):*

- The Peacekeeper:** If someone is being mean or annoying, choose to stay calm instead of arguing back.
- The Cheerleader:** Find someone who looks sad or is sitting alone and say something kind to them.
- The Teacher:** Help a friend or sibling understand a rule or how to do something new.
- The Forgiver:** When someone says "sorry," say "I forgive you" and really mean it.
- The Prayer Warrior:** Before you go to sleep, pray for someone you know who is having a hard time.

### *Reflection for the End of the Month:*

You did it! Congratulations! Once you have finished the challenge, reflect on how it felt:

1. When you were helping someone else, did you feel like you were helping Jesus too? Why?
2. Which was harder: sharing your stuff (Corporal) or being patient and forgiving (Spiritual)?

