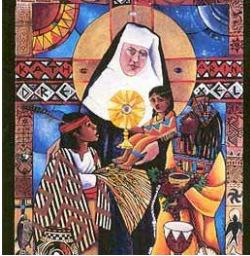




MARCH 2011 FEAST DAYS AND EVENTS



Thursday, March 3 — Saint Katherine Drexel

Philadelphia heiress and foundress of the Missionary Sisters of the Blessed Sacrament, Saint Katherine Drexel endured much harassment because of her work with Native Americans and African Americans. She established 49 institutions, including Xavier University in New Orleans. She died in 1955 at the age of 97 and was canonized in October 2000.

Friday, March 4 — TGIF for Faculty and Staff, Hale Malia, 2-5 p.m.

Monday, March 7 — Saints Perpetua and Felicity



Perpetua was from a wealthy family and Felicity was a slave in her household. Perpetua and Felicity were two of a small group of Christians who were arrested in Carthage in northern Africa. Both women were treated cruelly in prison, but they showed much courage and patience. They were martyred in 203. Their names are mentioned in the Roman Canon.

Tuesday, March 8 — Fat Tuesday Celebration, Hale Malia, 2-5 p.m.

Wednesday, March 9 — Ash Wednesday



We begin the season of Lent with ashes on our foreheads. This strong symbol calls us to an inner journey of transformation. The contemporary spiritual writer, Ronald Rolheiser, says:

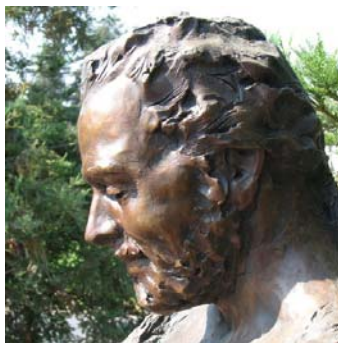
Lent is a season for each of us to sit in the ashes, waiting while some silent growth takes place within us, and simply being still so that the ashes can do their work in us.

— **Masses, Mystical Rose Oratory, Noon and 5 p.m.**

Thursday, March 17 — Saint Patrick



Patrick's 30 years as a wandering bishop in Ireland are wrapped in legend, but the scope of his achievements is a matter of historical record. Within 10 years he had established the primatial see of Armagh and a network of churches and monasteries throughout the country, all in the hands of native clergy. He personally baptized tens of thousands of the faithful and ordained hundreds of priests. Although he was not alone in his work of evangelization, his stature as patron of Ireland is well deserved.



Saturday, March 19 — Saint Joseph

The feast of Saint Joseph dates to the end of the 10th century. In 1870, Pope Pius IX declared St. Joseph the patron of the universal church. In the Society of Mary, the Eucharist is offered for the superior general. A special remembrance of the deceased superiors general is observed during the week that follows. We pray also for Pope Benedict XVI (Joseph Ratzinger) on his patronal feast day.

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Saturday - Sunday, March 19-27 — Spring Break

Thursday, March 24 — Anniversary of the death of Oscar Romero

This Archbishop of San Salvador is renowned as the outstanding embodiment of the prophetic church, a voice for the voiceless. No one could foresee that he would be denounced by his fellow bishops, earn the hatred of the rich and powerful of El Salvador, and generate such enmity that he would be targeted for assassination — the first bishop slain at the altar since Thomas Becket in the 12th century. He was killed on March 24, 1980, and was immediately acclaimed by the people of El Salvador, and by the poor throughout Latin America, as a true martyr and saint



Friday, March 25 — The Annunciation of the Lord

The feast of the Annunciation is one of the most important in the church calendar. It celebrates the incarnation of Jesus made flesh in the womb of Mary, his mother. In the universal church, this feast celebrates the beginning of redemption. It also honors Mary as the ‘new Eve,’ the obedient and faithful woman who generously agrees to be the Mother of God. Mary cooperates freely in the plan of salvation. In the Society of Mary the Eucharist is offered on this day for our fellow brothers and all those closely associated with the Society. A special remembrance of the deceased members is made at a Eucharist during the week that follows.

Friday, March 25 — Prince Kuhio Day, All offices on campus are closed

Sunday, March 27 — Fr. Mackey Lecture (Fr. Richard Rohr), Mystical Rose Oratory, 4 p.m.



Wednesday, March 30 — Anniversary of the death of Sister Thea Bowman

This day is the anniversary of the 1990 death of Sister Thea Bowman, a Franciscan Sister who managed — in her manifold witness to the Gospel — to integrate the resources of her Catholic faith with her identity as an African-American woman. She was a particular inspiration to the black Catholic community, helping them to assert their pride of place among the People of God, while also encouraging them to enrich the wider church with the gifts of their distinctive culture and spirituality.