

The **Missionary Childhood Association** (MCA) promotes children, not as passive receivers of help, but active members in the Church. Members of MCA live in more than 150 countries. MCA supports projects that help children in all five continents. These projects are committed to learning and teaching about Jesus, protecting and supporting children, education for all ages, and finding a safe home for everyone.

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			<b>February 26</b> <b>Ash Wednesday</b> Ask God to bless your Lenten journey. 	27 Read Matthew 5:1-12 "Blessed are the merciful."	28 <b>Sacrifice</b> On Fridays in Lent we fast and remember that God provides all we need. 	29 Some children can't go to Mass every week. Pray for them.
<b>March 1</b> <b>Come to Mass!</b> Reflect on today's Gospel, Matthew 4:1-11 	2 <b>Give up a special treat and say a prayer for children in the Pacific Islands.</b>	3 <b>St. Katharine Drexel</b> was a teacher. Help someone learn today. 	4 Read Ezekiel 37:1-14 "Can these bones come back to life?"	5 Pick one habit that is keeping you from holiness. Start breaking this habit today.	6 <b>Sacrifice</b> Can you enjoy play-time without a screen? Give thanks for all you have! 	7 <b>Feast of Ss. Perpetua &amp; Felicity</b> Pray in a special way for babies & mothers. 
8 <b>Come to Mass!</b> Reflect on today's Gospel, Matthew 17:1-9 	9 <b>Give up a special treat and say a prayer for children in the Amazon Region of America.</b>	10 Read Psalm 139:1-16 "Where can I go from your spirit?"	11 Do something kind for one of your teachers at school.	12 Before dinner say grace & pray for children who do not have enough to eat.	13 <b>Sacrifice</b> Along with your family or friends, make a donation to help people in need. 	14 Make a list of what you've learned in religion class or Religious Ed, share with your family.
15 <b>Come to Mass!</b> Reflect on today's Gospel, John 4:5-42 	16 <b>Give up a special treat and say a prayer for children in Western Africa.</b>	17  Like <b>St. Patrick</b> , ask God to give you the courage to be a missionary too.	18 Some children can't read or write because they cannot go to school. Say a prayer for them.	19 <b>Feast of St. Joseph</b>  Pray in a special way for the fathers of families in the missions.	20 <b>Sacrifice</b> Instead of watching TV, say a prayer and listen for God to respond. 	21 Offer to help out at home without being asked.
22 <b>Come to Mass!</b> Reflect on today's Gospel, John 9:1-41 	23 Give up a special treat and say a prayer for children in Eastern Europe.	24  <b>St. Oscar Romero</b> stood up for what was right, no matter what.	25 <b>Annunciation of the Lord</b> Mary believed the Angel's words, do you believe in your call?	26 Read Luke 4:16-21 "The Spirit of the Lord is upon me."	27 <b>Sacrifice</b> Offer to accompany someone who looks lonely, and be a friend. 	28 Say a special prayer for your family or friends who have died.
29 <b>Come to Mass!</b> Reflect on today's Gospel, John 11:1-45 	30 <b>Give up a special treat and say a prayer for children in southern Asia.</b>	31 When you are sick, someone takes care of you. Ask God to heal all sick people.	<b>April 1</b> Read Isaiah 55:1-3 "Listen, that you may have life."	2 Find a recipe from another country. Ask if you can make it with your family.	3 <b>Sacrifice</b> Think about the choices you made this week. Is it time to ask for forgiveness? 	4 Pray for all who prepare for Baptism. Be sure to splash some holy water!
<b>5 Palm Sunday</b> <b>Come to Mass!</b> Read today's Gospel, Matthew 21: 1-11 	6 <b>HOLY WEEK</b> has begun, now let's walk with Jesus and Mary...	7  Say a prayer for all the missionaries around the world.	8 Say a prayer for people who do not believe in Jesus Christ.	<b>9 Holy Thursday</b> Jesus teaches us to serve others by washing his disciples' feet. 	<b>10 Good Friday</b> Pray the Stations of the Cross & reflect on God's great love. 	