

Lent 2023



During this season of Lent, the Marists invite you to explore Marist spirituality. It is a spirituality in a certain way of living the Gospel. The first Marists were inspired by a question: “What if we discovered the Gospel together, and lived it as Mary lived it?” What they found made a difference to their lives; and yet it was a simple way of life that anyone could live, no matter what their age or state. The daily thoughts on the calendar, shared by Marists and Marist friends, are quotes that inspire them and are influenced by Marist spirituality.

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THURSDAY

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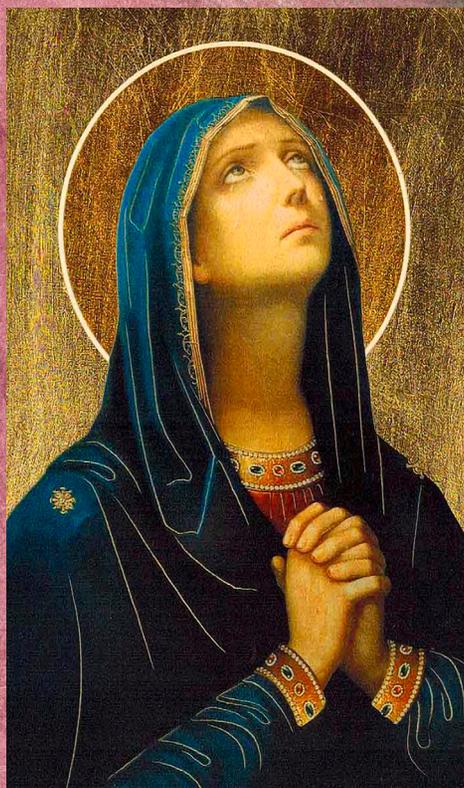
SATURDAY

February 22
(Ash Wednesday)

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February 25



“Do whatever he tells you” (John 2:5) represent Mary’s last recorded words in the Bible. Her command to the servants at Cana become a Marian call to follow the teachings of Jesus and directly speaks to us in a contemporary society. The Marist Way to model Mary’s perfect example of discipleship is more relevant than ever before. Mary’s intercession, compassion and unconditional love guides us to Christ’s teachings and salvation.

“A Marian Church is a Church which makes a choice for compassion over competition; an option for relationship over dogmatism; for humility over power; for service over dominance. It is a Church which pushes its boundaries to include all, rather than one which defines its boundaries to contain the chosen.”

We are called to lift others up in a way that does not seek adulation or attention for ourselves and to find joy in the quiet moments.

“Mary is the woman who wants to live and bring others to life. She chooses life! Mary is present at all of life’s choices! Mary is always interested in whoever comes to life, always interested in life!”

Stabat Mater

*At the cross her station keeping,
Stood the mournful Mother weeping,
Near her Son until the end.*

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*Through her heart, his sorrow sharing,
All his bitter anguish bearing,
Now at length the sword has passed.*

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*O how sad and sore distressed
Was that Mother, highly blest
Of the sole-begotten One.*

Stabat Mater

*Christ above in torment hangs,
She beneath beholds the pangs,
Of her dying glorious Son.*

Contributor: Frank McCloskey

Marist Ministry: Sr. Thea Bowman Racial Justice Ministry, Our Lady of the Assumption Catholic Church, Brookhaven, Georgia

Quote Source: Original quote

Contributor: Mary Ghisolfo

Marist Ministry: Notre Dame des Victoires, San Francisco, California

Quote Source: Francois Marc, SM, *A Marian Church*

Contributor: Amy Preiss

Marist Ministry: Religion Department Chair, Notre Dame Preparatory and Marist Academy, Pontiac, Michigan

Quote Source: Original quote

Contributor: Fr. Jim D. Duffy, SM

Marist Ministry: Pastor, Our Lady of the Assumption Catholic Church, Brookhaven, Georgia

Quote Source: Francois Drouilly, SM, *15 Days of Prayer with Jean-Claude Colin*

*Let Mary be our
Guide and example
of Courage in Lent.*

WHAT WONDEROUS LOVE IS THIS,
O MY SOUL, O MY SOUL!

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<p>February 26</p> <p>The season of Lent is a season when we focus on and pray for mercy and forgiveness. Marists pride themselves on being instruments of divine mercy in the confessional and in day-to-day life. “In the Society we shall profess all those opinions which give greatest play to the mercy of God...”*</p> <p><i>Stabat Mater</i> <i>Is there one who would not weep,</i> <i>Whelmed in miseries so deep,</i> <i>Christ's dear Mother to behold?</i></p> <p>Contributor: Fr. Kevin J. Duggan, SM</p> <p>Marist Ministry: Parochial Vicar, Our Lady of the Assumption Catholic Church, Brookhaven, Georgia</p> <p>Quote Source: Original quote</p> <p>*Craig Larkin, SM, <i>A Certain Way: An Exploration of Marist Spirituality</i>, p. 50</p>	<p>February 27</p> <p>“Marist spirituality means to live your life with Mary as your model. To be engaged fully in life but in a simple, gentle and humble way.”</p> <p><i>Stabat Mater</i> <i>Can the human heart refrain?</i> <i>From partaking in her pain,</i> <i>In that Mother's pain untold?</i></p> <p>Contributor: Cindy Thompson</p> <p>Marist Ministry: Sr. Thea Bowman Racial Justice Ministry, Our Lady of the Assumption Catholic Church, Brookhaven, Georgia</p> <p>Quote Source: “Sharing the Marist Way” pamphlet, Marist School, Atlanta, Georgia</p>	<p>February 28</p> <p>Jean Coste, in studying Colin, said the following: “If ever Colin gets to be beatified and canonized, I hope that this is what they will put in Bernini’s Glory: Colin, whose holiness consisted in understanding his era and not in turning away from it, who sought the means to touch it, to heal it, to convert it. He did not turn his back on his era, but he tried to imagine a kind of presence, ‘unknown and hidden’, which enables us to be there, as close as possible, at the very core of what is in the hearts of people.”</p> <p><i>Stabat Mater</i> <i>O our Mother, fount of love,</i> <i>touch my spirit from above;</i> <i>Help us love as you have done.</i></p> <p>Contributor: Fr. Ben McKenna, SM</p> <p>Marist Ministry: Assistant General of the Society of Mary, Rome, Italy</p> <p>Quote Source: Alois Greiler, SM, <i>Marian Vision of the Church</i>, p. 336-338</p>	<p>March 1</p> <p>In Fr. Colin’s quote, “... Law was made for man. If I cannot save him with the law, I shall try to save him without it.”*, the saints that represent this message and sustain me are: Mary - <i>less object of devotion, more subject with whom to compenetrated;</i> Joseph - <i>couldn't save Mary with the law so he saved her without it;</i> St. Peter Chanel - <i>too good-hearted for this world, with blood flowing said, “Death is good for me.”;</i> St. Martin de Porres - <i>Peruvian Healer and Master of humility;</i> St. Padre Pio - <i>touched by God and Bearer of Christ's suffering.</i></p> <p><i>Stabat Mater</i> <i>Make me feel as you have felt;</i> <i>Make my soul to glow and melt</i> <i>With the love of Christ my Lord.</i></p> <p>Contributor: Fr. Tony O’Connor, SM</p> <p>Marist Ministry: Society of Mary, New Zealand</p> <p>Quote Source: Original quote</p> <p>* <i>Founder Speaks</i>, 162,2</p>	<p>March 2</p> <p>“The Marist will reach out to the poor, the neglected, and the outcast: women in their struggle for a place of dignity and equality in society, to those suffering material poverty, racial or social oppression – the migrant, the homosexual, the prisoner, etc – and to all who face alienation and lack of meaning, striving to bring them together in union of love and mutual care.” (~ John Jago, SM)</p> <p><i>Stabat Mater</i> <i>Holy Mother! Pierce me through,</i> <i>In my heart each wound renew</i> <i>Of my Savior crucified.</i></p> <p>Contributor: Beth Belden</p> <p>Marist Ministry: Sr. Thea Bowman Racial Justice Ministry, Our Lady of the Assumption Catholic Church, Brookhaven, Georgia</p> <p>Quote Source: Craig Larkin, SM, <i>A Certain Way: An Exploration of Marist Spirituality</i>, p.138</p>	<p>March 3</p> <p>“Let Marists draw upon the spirit of Mary and breathe it: a spirit of Humility, self-denial, intimate union with God, and the most ardent love of neighbor; and so they must think as Mary, judge as Mary, feel and act as Mary in all things.”</p> <p><i>Stabat Mater</i> <i>Let me share with you his pain,</i> <i>Who for all my sins was slain,</i> <i>Who for me in torments died.</i></p> <p>Contributor: Elizabeth Piper</p> <p>Marist Ministry: Director of Faith Formation, Our Lady of the Assumption Catholic Church, Brookhaven, Georgia</p> <p>Quote Source: <i>Constitutions of the Society of Mary 1872</i>, Article X, #49</p>	<p>March 4</p> <p>Fr. Colin recognized that the secular society needed to be transformed and so did the Church, specifically into a Marian Church that would think, judge, act and feel like her in all things. Only a Church with a Marian face could best reawaken the longings for the Transcendent that God has planted in believers and unbelievers alike. He envisioned that the Marist Family would animate the Church by being animated by the Spirit of Mary.</p> <p><i>Stabat Mater</i> <i>By the Cross with you to stay</i> <i>There with you to weep and pray,</i> <i>Is all I ask of you to give.</i></p> <p>Contributor: Fr. Bill Rowland, SM</p> <p>Marist Ministry: President, Marist School, Atlanta, Georgia</p> <p>Quote Source: Original quote</p>

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<p style="text-align: center;">March 5</p> <p>““To enable church to happen” may be a useful way of describing the Marist enterprise. Or perhaps it may be clearer to say, “to be present wherever ‘church’ is happening”, because forming a communion of mind and heart is the work of the Spirit, and not something brought about by human means. The specific task of Marists is to be there – as Mary was at the beginning – wherever ‘church’ is coming into being and enabling Mary’s spirit and attitude to touch this emerging church. ...”</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>Stabat Mater</i> <i>Virgin of all virgins blest!</i> <i>Listen to my found request:</i> <i>Let me share your grief divine.</i></p> <p>Contributor: Michael Coveny</p> <p>Marist Ministry: Marist Way Director, Marist School, Atlanta, Georgia</p> <p>Quote Source: *Craig Larkin, SM, <i>A Certain Way: An Exploration of Marist Spirituality</i>, p. 46</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">March 6</p> <p>“We pledge ourselves to accept all sufferings, trials, inconveniences and, if needs be, torture, because we can do all things in Christ Jesus who strengthens us and to whom we hereby promise fidelity in the bosom of our holy mother the Roman Catholic Church, ...”</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>Stabat Mater</i> <i>Help me, with my last breath,</i> <i>In my body bear the death</i> <i>Of that dying Son of yours.</i></p> <p>Contributor: Ed Patterson</p> <p>Marist Ministry: Deacon, Our Lady of the Assumption Catholic Church, Brookhaven, Georgia</p> <p>Quote Source: Fourvière Pledge</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">March 7</p> <p>“Mary’s way is to bring life. It is to be life-giving in and through the most human of everyday circumstances and interpersonal relationships, and to do so through mercy, joy, justice and a sense of harmony and consonance with the living God. That Christ may be born, in faith. That there be life in all its fullness.”</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>Stabat Mater</i> <i>Christ, when you shall call me hence,</i> <i>be your Mother my defense,</i> <i>be your Cross my victory.</i></p> <p>Contributor: Anne Stephens</p> <p>Marist Ministry: Communications Director, Our Lady of the Assumption Catholic Church, Brookhaven, Georgia</p> <p>Quote Source: Br. Michael Green, FMS, “Historical Sources of Marist Spirituality”</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">March 8</p> <p>Jean Pierre de Caussade’s advice on finally letting go totally and surrendering our lives to God reinforces a core aspect of Marist spirituality: “To avoid the anxieties which may be caused by regret for the past or fear for the future, here in a few words, is the rule to follow: the past must be left to God’s measureless mercy; the future to His loving Providence; and the present must be given wholly to His love through our fidelity to His grace.”*</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>Stabat Mater</i> <i>While my body here decays,</i> <i>May my soul your goodness praise,</i> <i>Safe in paradise with you.</i></p> <p>Contributor: Fr. Ted Keating, SM</p> <p>Marist Ministry: Director for Vocation and Formation, Society of Mary, USA Province, Washington, DC</p> <p>Quote Source: Original quote * Jean Pierre de Caussade, SJ</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">March 9</p> <p>“Mary’s one desire was to do the will of the Father which she sought throughout her life, and to co-operate with her whole being in the saving work of her Son. Our lifelong task is to learn to put the interests of the Lord before all else, trying to discern His will each day and to forget ourselves in loving Him.”</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>Stabat Mater</i> <i>At the cross her station keeping,</i> <i>Stood the mournful Mother weeping,</i> <i>Near her Son until the end.</i></p> <p>Contributor: Sr. Georgeanne Donovan, SMSM</p> <p>Marist Ministry: Superior General, Marist Missionary Sisters</p> <p>Quote Source: <i>Marist Missionary Sisters Constitutions</i>, #51</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">March 10</p> <p>In recent years, the unity of the Catholic Church in America has been challenged by external (pandemic, political polarization, etc.) and internal factors. So, I want “to be present in the Church in Mary’s way by learning to love the Church as it is while at the same time being an agent of its renewal and unity.”*</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>Stabat Mater</i> <i>Through her heart, his sorrow sharing,</i> <i>All his bitter anguish bearing,</i> <i>Now at length the sword has passed.</i></p> <p>Contributor: Fr. Hector Cruz, SM</p> <p>Marist Ministry: Pastor, Our Lady of Perpetual Help, Tampa, Florida</p> <p>Quote Source: Original quote *Craig Larkin, SM, <i>Bearings</i>, p. 104</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">March 11</p> <p>“Whatever we do, the value of our witness will be strengthened if we avoid drawing attention to ourselves simply fitting in wherever we can be of service, seeking in return neither esteem nor acknowledgement. The personal inspiration of our Founders, hidden and unknown in the world, forcibly recalls this ideal for us. Far from preventing us from undertaking great things for God, it tells us how it should be done, how to become useful instruments in God’s hands, fully open to his actions.”</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>Stabat Mater</i> <i>O how sad and sore distressed</i> <i>Was that Mother, highly blest</i> <i>Of the sole-begotten One.</i></p> <p>Contributor: Sr. Linda Sevcik, SM</p> <p>Marist Ministry: Executive Director, Manresa Jesuit Retreat House, Bloomfield Hills, Michigan</p> <p>Quote Source: <i>Constitutions of Marist Sisters</i>, #6</p>

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<p style="text-align: center;">March 12</p> <p>“I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me.” (Philippians 4:13)</p> <p>We begin masses at the Marist elementary school with this verse. During Lent or whenever, Christ is truly there to strengthen us for whatever lies ahead. All we need to do is trust.</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>Stabat Mater</i> <i>Christ above in torment hangs,</i> <i>She beneath beholds the pangs,</i> <i>Of her dying glorious Son.</i></p> <p>Contributor: Fr. Ron Nikodem, SM</p> <p>Marist Ministry: Chaplain, Notre Dame Preparatory School and Marist Academy, Pontiac, Michigan</p> <p>Quote Source: Original quote</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">March 13</p> <p>“Mary of Nazareth, the first disciple of the Lord and Mother of the Church, is the heart of our identity as Marists. This remarkable woman of faith has called us to this way of life. We believe that we have been called by a “gracious choice” into the family of Mary. It is her work that we do and so we commit ourselves to think, judge, feel and act as she did. ...”</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>Stabat Mater</i> <i>Is there one who would not weep,</i> <i>Whelmed in miseries so deep,</i> <i>Christ’s dear Mother to behold?</i></p> <p>Contributor: Sarah Currier</p> <p>Marist Ministry: Principal, École Notre Dame des Victoires, San Francisco, California</p> <p>Quote Source: Marist USA Province Statement of Identity</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">March 14</p> <p>“Like Mary, Marists are to be gentle with others, respectful of their freedom, and sensitive to their point of view. In this spirit they are able to hear the longings of the people of God and discern the signs of hope present in today’s world.”</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>Stabat Mater</i> <i>Can the human heart refrain?</i> <i>From partaking in her pain,</i> <i>In that Mother’s pain untold?</i></p> <p>Contributor: Nik Rodewald</p> <p>Marist Ministry: Campus Minister, Marist School, Atlanta, Georgia</p> <p>Quote Source: <i>Constitutions of the Society of Mary 1988, #24</i></p>	<p style="text-align: center;">March 15</p> <p>Being Marist is about more than building a personal relationship with God. It is also allowing that relationship with God to lead you to operate in love to impact and advocate for all within our communities, especially the most vulnerable. It is about letting the Spirit within you, change the world around you. “There is a difference between “practicing” and “doing” faith. Go beyond prayer to love and seek justice for others.” (~ Fr. Olszamowski, SM)</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>Stabat Mater</i> <i>O our Mother, fount of love,</i> <i>touch my spirit from above;</i> <i>Help us love as you have done.</i></p> <p>Contributor: Kala Parker</p> <p>Marist Ministry: Director of Diversity and Inclusion, Notre Dame Preparatory School and Marist Academy, Pontiac, Michigan</p> <p>Quote Source: Original quote</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">March 16</p> <p>“If the name of Mary meant anything, it meant welcome. The dream of the early Marists was that there would be in the church, or rather that through the Society of Mary the Church would become, a place where everyone would feel welcome, including those labelled “sinners.” (~ Gaston Lessard, SM)</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>Stabat Mater</i> <i>Make me feel as you have felt;</i> <i>Make my soul to glow and melt</i> <i>With the love of Christ my Lord.</i></p> <p>Contributor: Fr. David Musso, SM</p> <p>Marist Ministry: Chaplain, Marist School, Atlanta, Georgia</p> <p>Quote Source: Craig Larkin, SM, <i>A Certain Way: An Exploration of Marist Spirituality</i></p>	<p style="text-align: center;">March 17</p> <p>To celebrate is to have faith and faith is the core for every commitment. As Marists in our daily life, we decide to launch ourselves into an unknown future, one which we acknowledge as filled with light and without limits in God. Our faith, our stories, have formed us to live reality as it is. Our strength is the belief that we have been chosen and called by Mary to be her loving presence today.</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>Stabat Mater</i> <i>In my heart each wound renew</i> <i>Of my Savior crucified.</i> <i>Of my Savior crucified.</i></p> <p>Contributor: Fr. David Raymundo Sánchez Garduño, SM</p> <p>Marist Ministry: International Novice Director, Society of Mary</p> <p>Quote Source: Original quote</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">March 18</p> <p>“The Marian Church does not know the answers before the questions are posed. Her path is not traced out in advance. She knows doubt and unease, night and loneliness. That is the price of trust. She takes her part in the conversation, but makes no claim to know everything. She accepts that she must search.”</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>Stabat Mater</i> <i>Let me share with you His pain,</i> <i>Who for all my sins was slain,</i> <i>Who for me in torments died.</i></p> <p>Contributor: Fr. René Iturbe SM</p> <p>Marist Ministry: Marist Center of the West, San Francisco, California</p> <p>Quote Source: Francois Marc, SM, <i>A Marian Church</i></p>

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<p align="center">March 19</p> <p>Mary’s motherly mercy guides, nourishes, and protect us all. She gives us what we need, either to help us find our way, gain the needed strength, or encourage us through harsh times.</p> <p align="center"><i>Stabat Mater</i> By the Cross with you to stay There with you to weep and pray, Is all I ask of you to give.</p> <p>Contributor: Dr. Leticia Valencia</p> <p>Marist Ministry: Director, Centro Hispano Marista, Marist School, Atlanta, Georgia</p> <p>Quote Source: Original quote</p>	<p align="center">March 20</p> <p>“At our best, we are instruments of God’s mercy working to help others taste the boundless love of the Lord, especially those who find themselves on the margins. As Marists, we seek to go where the church is not. We should enable all with whom we come into contact to experience the gift of reconciliation as well as peace of heart and mind.”</p> <p align="center"><i>Stabat Mater</i> Virgin of all virgins blest! Listen to my found request: Let me share your grief divine.</p> <p>Contributor: Fr. Paul Frechette, SM</p> <p>Marist Ministry: Notre Dame des Victoires, San Francisco, California</p> <p>Quote Source: Marist USA Province Statement of Identity</p>	<p align="center">March 21</p> <p>A deeper Marist understanding of Humility is to become comfortable in your own skin. It is confidence in knowing who you are created in Christ’s image while compassionately sharing that authentic self with others.</p> <p align="center"><i>Stabat Mater</i> Help me, with my last breath, In my body bear the death Of that dying Son of yours.</p> <p>Contributor: Della Lawrence</p> <p>Marist Ministry: Interim Director of Campus Ministry, Notre Dame Preparatory and Marist Academy, Pontiac, Michigan</p> <p>Quote Source: Original quote</p>	<p align="center">March 22</p> <p>In 1854, the Marist Founder, Fr. Colin, said: “We must hold fast, my dear confreres, to the spirit which presided over the birth of the Society ... Let us not involve ourselves with others and their affairs, let us not be critical of them or say anything that smacks of reproof Let us not boast of each other or, for that matter, belittle each other.”</p> <p align="center"><i>Stabat Mater</i> Christ, when you shall call me hence, be your Mother my defense, be your Cross my victory.</p> <p>Contributor: Fr. Philip Parent, SM</p> <p>Marist Ministry: Director, Our Lady of Lourdes Center, Boston, Massachusetts</p> <p>Quote Source: <i>A Founder Speaks</i>, #190, p. 547</p>	<p align="center">March 23</p> <p>Mary was the first disciple of Jesus. She was the first to believe and to participate in God’s plan to become human for our salvation. Lent is a time to examine my life to see where I can become a better disciple. How can I believe and participate more deeply in God’s plan? When I grow as a disciple I will be less selfish and more focused on being of loving service to others.</p> <p align="center"><i>Stabat Mater</i> While my body here decays, May my soul your goodness praise, Safe in paradise with you.</p> <p>Contributor: Fr. Joseph Hindelang, SM</p> <p>Marist Ministry: Provincial, Society of Mary, USA Province</p> <p>Quote Source: Original quote</p>	<p align="center">March 24</p> <p>Although the words below are from St. Teresa of Calcutta, they reflect a very Marist theme of silence leading to service and prayer. Always accomplished in a quiet and humble way. “The fruit of silence is prayer, the fruit of prayer is faith, the fruit of faith is love, the fruit of love is service and the fruit of service is peace.”*</p> <p align="center"><i>Stabat Mater</i> At the cross her station keeping, Stood the mournful Mother weeping, Near her Son until the end.</p> <p>Contributor: Fr. John M. Ulrich, SM</p> <p>Marist Ministry: Parochial Vicar, Our Lady of the Assumption Catholic Church, Brookhaven, Georgia</p> <p>Quote Source: Original quote</p> <p>* St. Teresa of Calcutta</p>	<p align="center">March 25</p> <p>“Each person of the Marist family has a sense of being chosen and called by Mary to do the “work of Mary.” This means more than honoring or imitating her virtues, it is a lifelong journey to take on the mind and heart of Mary and make her visible in and through us. In doing so, we hope that people will see beyond us to the source of her faith, Jesus Christ.”</p> <p align="center"><i>Stabat Mater</i> Through her heart, His sorrow sharing, All his bitter anguish bearing, Now at length the sword has passed.</p> <p>Contributor: Jack Ridout</p> <p>Marist Ministry: <i>Today’s Marists</i> Editorial Board Member, San Francisco, California</p> <p>Quote Source: From holy card printed by the Marists in the 1920’s</p>

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<p>March 26</p> <p>Hail Holy Queen. Our hope. To you do we send up our sighs, mourning and weeping in this vale of tears. Maria, six months pregnant, her husband Ernesto and son Angel flee the violence of the cartels in Columbia. Four months on the journey. Hungry-Thirsty- Afraid; they arrive in El Paso hoping for a new life with relatives in Detroit. “He has lifted up the lowly”. “He has filled the hungry with good things.”</p> <p><i>Stabat Mater</i> <i>O how sad and sore distressed</i> <i>Was that Mother, highly blest</i> <i>Of the sole-begotten One.</i></p> <p>Contributor: Fr. Joseph McLaughlin, SM</p> <p>Marist Ministry: Volunteer, Annunciation House, El Paso, Texas</p> <p>Quote Source: Original quote</p>	<p>March 27</p> <p>“Marists embrace ‘the work of Mary’, a missionary spirit, essentially open to all people. It excludes no one and would like to see a brotherhood and sisterhood of everyone united in Jesus Christ.”</p> <p><i>Stabat Mater</i> <i>Christ above in torment hangs,</i> <i>She beneath beholds the pangs,</i> <i>Of her dying glorious Son.</i></p> <p>Quote Source: “Sharing the Marist Way” pamphlet, Marist School, Atlanta, Georgia</p>	<p>March 28</p> <p>“As Marists, we want to live in such a way that the Church is ever more clearly a church of mercy and compassion, and a church where the Gospel is lived according to the manner of Mary, always reflecting Christ’s great love for the world ... A church in which Mary is present will open its doors to welcome all people to Jesus Christ rather than issuing strict regulations so as to admit only some specially chosen souls.”</p> <p><i>Stabat Mater</i> <i>Is there one who would not weep,</i> <i>Whelmed in miseries so deep,</i> <i>Christ’s dear Mother to behold?</i></p> <p>Contributor: Cristina Herrera</p> <p>Marist Ministry: Director of Communications, Marist School, Atlanta, Georgia</p> <p>Quote Source: “Sharing the Marist Way” pamphlet, Marist School, Atlanta, Georgia</p>	<p>March 29</p> <p>“Let those engaged in the education of young people in the schools understand that they have been entrusted with a lofty ministry, a heavenly work, a truly apostolic task. Youth are the paramount hope, not only of civil society, but also of the Christ’s Church, and so their teachers must undertake to form them according to the gospel of Jesus Christ...and through example [attract] them to lead the Christian life.”</p> <p><i>Stabat Mater</i> <i>Can the human heart refrain?</i> <i>From partaking in her pain,</i> <i>In that Mother’s pain untold?</i></p> <p>Contributor: Julie Paek</p> <p>Marist Ministry: Director of Religious Education, Notre Dame Academy, Duluth, Georgia</p> <p>Quote Source: <i>Constitutions of the Society of Mary 1872</i>, #s 451-465</p>	<p>March 30</p> <p>“Yes, everywhere God is love, but especially at the crib, the cross and the altar. It is most especially in these three places that his infinite love ... reveals its true essence. ... It is in these three places that our hearts, in their poverty, can best understand and feel how much God loves us.”</p> <p><i>Stabat Mater</i> <i>O our Mother, fount of love,</i> <i>touch my spirit from above;</i> <i>Help us love as you have done.</i></p> <p>Contributor: Anne Stephens</p> <p>Marist Ministry: Communications Director, Our Lady of the Assumption Catholic Church, Brookhaven, Georgia</p> <p>Quote Source: Br. Michael Green, FMS, “Historical Sources of Marist Spirituality”</p>	<p>March 31</p> <p>“Allow yourself to be possessed with Joy. Dance a little.”</p> <p><i>Stabat Mater</i> <i>Make me feel as you have felt;</i> <i>Make my soul to glow and melt</i> <i>With the love of Christ my Lord.</i></p> <p>Contributor: Andy Guest</p> <p>Marist Ministry: President, Notre Dame Preparatory and Marist Academy, Pontiac, Michigan</p> <p>Quote Source: Fr. Jean-Claude Colin, SM, 1842</p>	<p>April 1</p> <p>“Lack of charity, criticism of superiors, neighbors, friends and enemies. Idle talk, impatience, lack of self-control and self- mortification. Pride; presumption. (It is good to have visitors – one’s faults stand out in the company of others.) Self-will, desire not to be corrected, having one’s own way. Desiring to turn to correct others, impatience in thought and speech. Meanness about giving time to others and wasting it myself. Constant desire for comfort. The remedy: Mary’s recollection and silence.”</p> <p><i>Stabat Mater</i> <i>In my heart each wound renew</i> <i>Of my Savior crucified.</i> <i>Of my Savior crucified.</i></p> <p>Contributor: Sheila Barrett</p> <p>Marist Ministry: Marist Laity, South Florida</p> <p>Quote Source: Dorothy Day’s <i>Self-Examine</i></p>

SUNDAY

April 2

When we look honestly at ourselves, we see both the evil and idealism we are capable of. Yet we are called to be “about our Father’s business.” Mary’s spirit encourages Marist’s to embrace reality, accepting the nuanced complexity of life, while calmly trusting that God is at the heart of it all. We aim to live, pray and act in the spirit of Mary. In courage and hope we make her Magnificat our own.

Stabat Mater
Let me share with you His pain,
Who for all my sins was slain,
Who for me in torments died.

Contributor:
Bev McDonald

Marist Ministry: *Today’s Marists* Editorial Board Member, New Zealand

Quote Source: Original quote



Prayer to Mary, Woman of Listening

“Mary, woman of listening, open our ears; grant us to know how to listen to the word of your Son Jesus among the thousands of words of this world; grant that we may listen to the reality in which we live, to every person we encounter, especially those who are poor, in need, in hardship.

Mary, woman of decision, illuminate our mind and our heart, so that we may obey, unhesitating, the word of your Son Jesus; give us the courage to decide, not to let ourselves be dragged along, letting others direct our life.

Mary, woman of action, obtain that our hands and feet move “with haste” toward others, to bring them the charity and love of your Son Jesus, to bring the light of the Gospel to the world, as you did. Amen.”

~ Pope Francis in St. Peter’s Square, May 31, 2013