

CREATION CARE DATES

KEY DATES FOR CONSIDERATION

The dates listed here include major Catholic feast days and celebrations, along with the days of saints who are often associated with aspects of Creation Care or who are referenced in *Laudato Si'*. Worldwide days on which humanity works together toward some aspect of planetary health are also listed.

<p>JANUARY <i>Happy New Year!</i></p> <p>1st – Solemnity of the Blessed Virgin Mary, the Mother of God 1st: World Day of Prayer for Peace</p>	<p>FEBRUARY</p> <p>11th – St Abigail (Bees & Honey) 12th – Sister Dorothy Stang (Angel of the Amazon) 14th – St Valentine’s Day (Beekeepers) - Lent begins late Feb or early March with Ash Wednesday</p>
<p>MARCH – Lent continues</p> <p>22nd – World Water Day 27th – Earth Hour</p> <p>- Palm Sunday, Holy Week and Easter are celebrated in late March or early April</p>	<p>APRIL</p> <p>22nd – Earth Day 28th – Arbor Day</p> <p>- Palm Sunday, Holy Week and Easter are celebrated in late March or early April</p>
<p>MAY</p> <p>Rogation Days – 3 days preceding Ascension Sunday, fields are traditionally blessed. 15th – St Isidore the Farmer 24th – <i>Laudato Si'</i> Week usually marked by the Vatican - Pentecost – late May or early June</p>	<p>JUNE</p> <p>5th – World Environment Day 8th – St Medard (rain) 8th – World Ocean Day</p>
<p>JULY</p> <p>14th – St Kateri Tekakwitha (a patron saint of the ecology) 15th – St Bonaventure (St Francis of Assisi biographer)</p>	<p>AUGUST</p> <p>- End of summer, harvest days can be marked</p>
<p>SEPTEMBER</p> <p>1 Sept – 4 Oct: Season of Creation 1st – World Day of Prayer for the Care of Creation 1st – St Giles</p> <p>3rd Saturday– International Coastal Clean-Up Day</p>	<p>OCTOBER</p> <p>1 Sept – 4 Oct: Season of Creation 3rd – St Thérèse of Lisieux 4th – St Francis of Assisi 22nd – Pope St John Paul II</p>
<p>NOVEMBER</p> <p>- Thanksgiving holiday (4th Thursday, US) - the Liturgical Year ends with the Solemnity of Christ The King - Advent and the new Liturgical Year begin on the last Sunday of November or the first Sunday of December</p>	<p>DECEMBER – Advent continues</p> <p>25th–Christmas, the Nativity of the Lord</p>

Consider checking the USCCB hand-book, “Caring for God’s Creation”, for themes and ideas. English: <https://www.usccb.org/issues-and-action/human-life-and-dignity/environment/upload/ecology-resource-all.pdf> Spanish <https://www.usccb.org/issues-and-action/human-life-and-dignity/environment/upload/ecology-resource-all-spanish.pdf>. Also, note the universal prayer intention of the month at: <https://popesprayerusa.net/popese-intentions/>