

Calendar for the year 2025





January 2025

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Brotherhood of Blessed Gérard P O Box 440 · Mandeni 4490 Republic of South Africa Phone +27 82 492 4043 http://bbg.org.za · bbg@bbg.org.za		Lectionary: Sundays: Cycle C Weekdays: Year I	1 Mary Mother of God RSA: New Year's Day	2 Sts. Basil the Great & Gregory Nazianzen, bishops & doctors	3 The Most Holy Name of Jesus	4 (St. Elizabeth Ann Seton) 32 years Blessed Gérard's Relief Fund
5 Epiphany of the Lord (St. John Neumann, bishop)	6 (St. André Bessette)	7 St. Raymond of Peñafort, priest	8 (St. Severinus)	9 St. Adrian of Canterbury, abbot	10 Friday after Epiphany (St. Gregory of Nyssa, bishop, OSB)	11 (Blessed William Carter) <i>Anniversary: Vicariate Apostolic of Eshowe elevated to the Diocese of Eshowe, 1951</i>
12 Baptism of the Lord (St. Marguerite Bourgeoys)	13 St. Hilary bishop & doctor	14 Tuesday 1 st week in Ordinary time (St. Felix of Nola)	15 <i>Sts. Maurus & Placidus, scholars of St. Benedict, OSB</i>	16 (St. Bernard & companions)	17 St. Anthony, abbot	18 (St. Prisca)
19 2nd Sunday in ordinary time (St. Canute) 29 years Blessed Gérard's Disaster Relief Project ↓	20 St. Fabian pope & martyr; St. Sebastian, martyr Blessed Cyprian Michael Tansi, priest	21 St. Agnes virgin & martyr	22 St. Vincent of Saragozza deacon & martyr	23 (St. Marianne Cope)	24 St. Francis de Sales, bishop & doctor	25 Conversion of St. Paul, the Apostle
26 3rd Sunday in ordinary time Sts. Timothy & Titus, bishops; (St. Robert, Alberich & Stephen, Cistercian abbots, OSB)	27 St. Angela Merici, Virgin	28 St. Thomas Aquinas priest & doctor	29 (St. Gildas the Wise, abbot)	30 (St. Martina, virgin & martyr)	31 St. John Bosco, priest	Including the General Roman Calendar, the Proper Calendar of the Order of St. Benedict , the Proper Calendar of the Order of Malta and the Proper Calendar for the Dioceses of South Africa + the African Saints brought to you by the Brotherhood of Blessed Gérard



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2 Presentation of the Lord	3 St. Blaise, bishop & martyr St. Ansgar, bishop (31 years Blessed Gérard's Bursary Fund)	4 Tuesday in the 4 th week in Ordinary time (St. John de Britto)	5 St. Agatha virgin & martyr	6 Sts. Paul Miki priest & martyr & companions, martyrs: "Twenty-six martyrs of Japan"	7 (St. Moses)	8 St. Josephine Bakhita, virgin St. Jerome Emiliani, priest
9 5th Sunday in ordinary time (St. Apollonia)	10 St. Scholastica, virgin, OSB	11 Our Lady of Lourdes (St. Benedict of Aniane, abbot, OSB)	12 (St. Damian)	13 (St. Catherine de Ricci)	14 Sts. Cyril, monk & Methodius, bishop	15 (St. Faustinus)
16 6th Sunday in ordinary time (St. Juliana of Cumae, martyr)	17 Seven Founders of the Order of Servites, religious	18 (St. Simeon, bishop & martyr)	19 (St. Boniface of Lausanne)	20 Dedication of the Principal Church of the Order of Malta, SMOM	21 St. Peter Damian, bishop & doctor	22 The Chair of St. Peter, apostle
23 7th Sunday in ordinary time St. Polycarp, bishop & martyr	24 (St. Sergius)	25 (St. Ethelbert of Kent) <i>Priory of Inkamana raised to an abbey in 1982</i>	26 St. Alexander of Alexandria, bishop	27 (St. Gabriel of Our Lady of Sorrows & St. Gregory of Narek, abbot & doctor)	28 (St. Hilary, pope)	Lectionary: Sundays: Cycle C, Weekdays: Year I

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2 8th Sunday in ordinary time (St. Agnes of Bohemia)	3 (St. Katherine Drexel)	4 St. Casimir of Poland	5 Ash Wednesday (St. Kieran, bishop)	6 Thursday after Ash Wednesday (St. Colette)	7 Sts. Perpetua & Felicity, martyrs	8 St. John of God, religious
9 1st Sunday of Lent St. Frances of Rome, religious	10 (St. John Ogilvie, martyr)	11 (St. Constantine, martyr)	12 (St. Seraphina) <i>Abbey of St. Ottilien raised to the rank of an Archabbey in 1914</i>	13 (Bl. Agnello of Pisa)	14 (St. Maud)	15 (St. Louise de Marillac) 32 years Blessed Gérard's Malnutrition Clinic
1 2nd Sunday of Lent (St. Herbert)	17 St. Patrick, bishop	18 St. Cyril of Jerusalem, bishop & doctor	19 St. Joseph, spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary	20 (St. Ambrosius Sansedoni of Siena, religious)	21 Death of St. Benedict, abbot, OSB RSA: Human Rights Day	22 Blessed Clemens August Count von Galen, SMOM St. Deogratias, bishop
23 3rd Sunday of Lent St. Turibius de Mogrovejo, bishop	24 (St. Aldemar)	25 Annunciation of the Lord	26 (Blessed Didacus Joseph of Cadiz)	27 St. John of Egypt, hermit	28 (St. Venturino of Bergamo)	29 (St. Jonas & Barachisius, martyrs)
30 4th Sunday of Lent "Laetare" (St. John Climacus, abbot)	31 (St. Benjamin, martyr)	Including the General Roman Calendar, the Proper Calendar of the Order of St. Benedict , the Proper Calendar of the Order of Malta and the Proper Calendar for the Dioceses of South Africa + the African Saints brought to you by the Brotherhood of Blessed Gérard				



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<p>6 5th Sunday of Lent (St. Celestino I, pope St. Peter of Verona) 19th anniversary of Clare Kalkwarf's death</p>	<p>7 St. John Baptist de la Salle, priest</p>	<p>8 (St. Walter of Pontnoise, abbot)</p>	<p>9 (St. Mary of Cleophas)</p>	<p>10 (St. Michael de Sanctis)</p>	<p>11 St. Stanislaus, bishop & martyr</p>	<p>12 St. Zeno of Verona, bishop</p>
<p>13 Palm Sunday St. Martin I, pope & martyr</p>	<p>14 Monday of Holy Week (St. Maximus, martyr)</p>	<p>15 Tuesday of Holy Week (St. Hunna)</p>	<p>16 Wednesday of Holy Week (St. Bernadette Soubirous, religious)</p>	<p>17 Holy Thursday (St. Landricus, bishop & abbot)</p>	<p>18 Good Friday (Blessed Marie-Anne Blondin)</p>	<p>19 Easter Vigil (Leo IX, pope)</p>
<p>20 Easter Sunday St. Marcellinus, bishop Sts. Vincent & Dominic, missionaries 32 years Brotherhood of Blessed Gérard acknowledged as Relief Organisation of the Order of Malta</p>	<p>21 Monday in the Octave of Easter St. Anselm, bishop & doctor RSA: Family Day</p>	<p>22 Tuesday in the Octave of Easter (St. Alexander, martyr)</p>	<p>23 Wednesday in the Octave of Easter St. George, martyr St. Adalbert, bishop, missionary & martyr, OSB</p>	<p>24 Thursday in the Octave of Easter St. Fidelis of Sigmaringen, priest & martyr</p>	<p>25 Friday in the Octave of Easter St. Mark, evangelist</p>	<p>26 Saturday in the Octave of Easter (St. Cletus)</p>
<p>27 2nd Sunday of Easter (St. Zita) RSA: Freedom Day</p>	<p>28 St. Peter Chanel, priest & martyr · St. Louis Mary Grignion de Montfort, priest · St. Pius V., pope RSA: Public Holiday</p>	<p>29 St. Catherine of Siena, virgin & doctor</p>	<p>30 Our Lady, Mother of Africa</p>	<p>Brotherhood of Blessed Gérard P O Box 440 · Mandeni 4490 · Republic of South Africa Phone +27 82 492 4043 · http://bbg.org.za · bbg@bbg.org.za</p>		

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4 3rd Sunday of Easter (Blessed Martyrs of England and Wales)	5 (St. Asaph, bishop)	6 (St. Dominic Savio)	7 (St. John of Beverley, bishop)	8 (St. Peter of Tarantaise)	9 (St. George Preca)	10 St. John of Avila, priest & doctor · (St. Damien de Veuster of Moloka'i)
11 4th Sunday of Easter (Sts. Odo, Majolus, Odilo, Hugo & Petrus the venerable, abbots of Cluny, OSB) RSA: Mothers' Day	12 Sts. Nereus & Achilleus, martyrs; St. Pancras, martyr	13 Our Lady of Fatima	14 St. Matthias, Apostle	15 (St. Dymphna)	16 (St. Brendan, abbot)	17 (St. Paschal Baylon)
18 5th Sunday of Easter Blessed Gerard Mecatti of Villamagna, religious, SMOM St. John I, pope & martyr	19 (St. Celestin, pope & hermit, OSB)	20 Mary, mother of the Church St. Bernardine of Siena, priest	21 St. Christopher Magallanes, priest & companions, martyrs	22 St. Rita of Cascia, religious	23 Blessed William Apor, bishop & martyr, SMOM 30 years Blessed Gérard's AIDS Education Programme	24 The Blessed Virgin Mary, Help for Christians
25 6th Sunday of Easter St. Bede the Venerable priest & doctor St. Gregory VII, pope St. Mary Magdalene de Pazzi, virgin	26 St. Philip Neri, priest	27 St. Augustine of Canterbury, bishop	28 St. Ubaldesca, virgin, SMOM	29 Blessed Joseph Gerard OMI, priest	30 (St. Joan of Arc)	31 Visitation of the Blessed Virgin Mary

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1 Ascension of the Lord St. Justin, martyr	2 Sts. Marcellinus & Peter, martyrs	3 Sts. Charles Lwanga & companions, martyrs	4 Wednesday in the 7 th week of Easter (St. Quirinus of Siscia, bishop)	5 St. Boniface, bishop & martyr	6 St. Norbert, bishop	7 (St. Robert, abbot)
8 Pentecost Sunday Immaculate Heart of Mary Blessed James Berthieu, martyr	9 St. Ephrem of Syria, deacon & doctor (St. Mary, Mother of the Church)	10 Tuesday 11 th week in ordinary time (St. Ithamar)	11 St. Barnabas, apostle	12 St. Flora of Beaulieu, virgin, SMOM St. Onophrius, hermit	13 St. Anthony of Padua, priest & doctor, Patron of Mandeni Parish	14 (St. Valerius)
15 Trinity Sunday (Sts. Vitus & Modestus, martyrs) RSA: Fathers' Day	16 Monday 12 th week in ordinary time (St. Aurelian) RSA: Youth Day	17 (St. Paschal Baylon)	18 (St. Gregory Barbagio, bishop)	19 Blessed Gerland, religious, SMOM St. Romuald, abbot	20 (Sts. Alban, Aaron & Julius)	21 St. Aloysius Gonzaga, religious
22 Corpus Christi John Fisher, bishop & martyr Thomas Moore, martyr Sts. Paulinus of Nola, bishop	23 Monday 13 th week in ordinary time (St. Joseph Cafasso)	24 Nativity of St. John the Baptist, patron, SMOM	25 (St. William of Vercelli, abbot)	26 (St. Anthelm)	27 The Most Sacred Heart of Jesus, Patronal feast of the Diocese of Eshowe & the Missionary Benedictines St. Cyril of Alexandria, bishop & doctor	28 St. Irenaeus, bishop & martyr (Immaculate Heart of Mary)
29 Sts. Peter & Paul, apostles	30 First Martyrs of the Holy Roman Church	<p>Including the General Roman Calendar, the Proper Calendar of the Order of St. Benedict, the Proper Calendar of the Order of Malta and the Proper Calendar for the Dioceses of South Africa + the African Saints brought to you by the</p> <p>Brotherhood of Blessed Gérard</p> <p>P O Box 440 · Mandeni 4490 · Republic of South Africa · Phone +27 82 492 4043 · http://bbg.org.za · bbg@bbg.org.za</p> <p>Lectionary: Sundays: Cycle C, Weekdays: Year I</p>				



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		6 14 th Sunday in ordinary time St. Maria Goretti, virgin & martyr	7 (St. Willibald St. Palladius, bishop)	8 Blessed Adrian Fortescue, martyr, SMOM	9 St. Augustine Zhao Rong, priest & companions, martyrs (Mary Queen of Peace) 24 years Blessed Gérard's Children's Home	10 (Bl. Emmanuel Ruiz)
13 15 th Sunday in ordinary time St. Henry	14 St. Toscana, religious, SMOM St. Camillus de Lellis, priest	15 St. Bonaventure, bishop & doctor	16 Our Lady of Mount Carmel	17 (Carmelite Nuns of Compiègne)	18 (St. Camillus de Lellis) RSA: Nelson Mandela Day	19 (Sts. Justa & Rufina, martyrs)
20 16 th Sunday in ordinary time St. Apollinaris, bishop & martyr	21 St. Lawrence of Brindisi, priest & doctor	22 St. Mary Magdalene	23 St. Bridget of Sweden, religious	24 St. Sharbel Makhluף, priest	25 St. James, apostle	26 St. Joachim & Anne, parents of the Blessed Virgin Mary
27 17 th Sunday in ordinary time (St. Aurelius, martyr)	28 St. Victor I pope & martyr	29 Sts. Martha, Mary & Lazarus, friends of Jesus, OSB	30 St. Peter Chrysologus, bishop & doctor St. Justin de Jacobis, bishop	31 St. Ignatius of Loyola, priest	Brotherhood of Blessed Gérard P O Box 440 · Mandeni 4490 Republic of South Africa Phone +27 82 492 4043 http://bbg.org.za · bbg@bbg.org.za	

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3 18th Sunday in ordinary time (St. Waltheof, abbot)	4 St. John Vianney, priest	5 Dedication of the Basilica of St. Mary Major	6 Transfiguration of the Lord	7 Sts. Sixtus II, pope & martyr & companions, martyrs · St. Cajetan, priest	8 St. Dominic, priest	9 St. Teresa Benedicta of the Cross (Edith Stein), virgin & martyr · RSA: National Women's Day
10 19th Sunday in ordinary time St. Lawrence, deacon & martyr	11 St. Clare of Assisi, virgin	12 Blessed Isidore Bakanja, martyr St. Jane Frances de Chantal, religious	13 St. Pontian, pope & martyr · St. Hippolytus, priest & martyr	14 St. Maximilian Mary Kolbe, priest & martyr	15 Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary (St. Mechthild)	16 St. Stephan of Hungary
17 20th Sunday in ordinary time (St. Hyacinth)	18 Blessed Victoria Rasoamanarivo	19 St. John Eudes, priest, (St. Bernard Toloméi, abbot, OSB)	20 St. Bernard, abbot & doctor	21 St. Pius X, pope	22 Queenship of the Blessed Virgin Mary	23 St. Rose of Lima, virgin
24 21st Sunday in ordinary time St. Bartholomew, apostle	25 St. Louis of France · St. Joseph Calasanz, priest	26 (Our Lady of Czestochowa)	27 St. Monica <i>Anniversary: Prefecture Apostolic of Zululand erected in 1921</i>	28 St. Augustine, bishop & doctor	29 Passion of St. John the Baptist, martyr, patron of the SMOM	30 Blessed Alfredo Ildefonso Schuster O.S.B, SMOM Blessed Ghebre Michael, priest & martyr
31 22nd Sunday in ordinary time (St. Aidan of Lindisfarne, bishop)	Including the General Roman Calendar, the Proper Calendar of the Order of St. Benedict, the Proper Calendar of the Order of Malta and the Proper Calendar for the Dioceses of South Africa + the African Saints brought to you by the Brotherhood of Blessed Gérard					



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<p>Lectionary: Sundays: Cycle C, Weekdays: Year I</p>	<p>1 Monday in the 22nd Week in Ordinary Time (St. Giles, abbot) 31 years Blessed Gérard's Early Childhood Development Centre</p>	<p>2 (St. William of Roskilde)</p>	<p>3 Death of Blessed Gérard (+1120) · St. Gregory the Great, pope & doctor 29 years Blessed Gérard's Care Centre & Hospice</p>	<p>4 (St. Rosalia)</p>	<p>5 (St. Mother Teresa of Calcutta)</p>	<p>6 (St. Faustus)</p>
<p>7 23rd Sunday in ordinary time (St. Cloud)</p>	<p>8 Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary, Our Lady of Philerme, SMOM</p>	<p>9 St. Peter Claver, priest</p>	<p>10 (St. Nicholas of Tolentino)</p>	<p>11 (St. Paphnutius)</p>	<p>12 Most Holy Name of Mary</p>	<p>13 St. John Chrysostom, bishop & doctor</p>
<p>14 Exaltation of the Holy Cross</p>	<p>15 Our Lady of Sorrows</p>	<p>16 St. Cornelius, pope & martyr St. Cyprian, bishop & martyr</p>	<p>17 St. Robert Bellarmine, bishop & doctor (St. Hildegard, virgin & abbess, OSB)</p>	<p>18 (St. Joseph of Cupertino)</p>	<p>19 St. Januarius, bishop & martyr</p>	<p>20 St. Andrew Kim Tae-gön, priest & martyr, Sts. Paul Chông Ha- sang & companions, martyrs: "Korean Martyrs"</p>
<p>21 25th Sunday in ordinary time St. Matthew, apostle & evangelist</p>	<p>22 St. Maurice of Agaune and companions, martyrs</p>	<p>23 St. Zechariah & Elizabeth, parents of St. John the Baptist, (SMOM) St. Pius of Pietrelcina, religious</p>	<p>24 St. Stephanie, martyr (Our Lady of Ransom) RSA: Heritage Day</p>	<p>25 (St. Finbar)</p>	<p>26 St. Paul VI, pope Sts. Cosmas & Damian, martyrs</p>	<p>27 St. Vincent de Paul, priest</p>
<p>28 26th Sunday in ordinary time St. Wenceslas & companions, martyrs, St. Lawrence Ruiz & companions, martyrs</p>	<p>29 Sts. Michael, Gabriel & Raphael, archangels</p>	<p>30 St. Jerome priest & doctor</p>	<p>Brotherhood of Blessed Gérard P O Box 440 · Mandeni 4490 · Republic of South Africa Phone +27 82 492 4043 · http://bbg.org.za · bbg@bbg.org.za</p>			

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5 27 th Sunday in ordinary time Blessed Peter Pattarini of Imola, prior, SMOM (Saint Faustina Kowalska, virgin)	6 St. Bruno, abbot	7 Our Lady of the Rosary	8 St. Hugh, religious, SMOM	9 Sts. Denis, bishop & martyr & companions, martyrs St. John Leonardi, priest	10 St. Daniel Comboni, bishop & founder of the Comboni Missionaries	11 St. John XXIII, pope, SMOM
12 28 th Sunday in ordinary time (St. Wilfred)	13 Blessed Gérard, founder of the SMOM, patron of the Brotherhood of Blessed Gérard	14 St. Callistus I, pope & martyr 23 years Brotherhood of Blessed Gérard acknowledged as Public Benefit Organisation	15 St. Teresa of Jesus (of Avila), virgin & doctor	16 St. Hedwig, religious · St. Margaret Mary Alacoque, virgin	17 St. Ignatius of Antioch, bishop & martyr	18 St. Luke, evangelist
19 29 th Sunday in ordinary time “World Mission Sunday” Sts. John Brébeuf & Isaac Jogues, priests & martyrs & companions, martyrs “North American Martyrs” St. Paul of the Cross, priest	20 Blessed Daudi Okelo & Jildro Irwa, martyrs	21 Blessed Charles of Austria, SMOM	22 (St. John Paul II, pope)	23 St. John of Capistrano, priest	24 St. Anthony Mary Claret, bishop	25 (Forty Martyrs of England and Wales)
26 30 th Sunday in ordinary time “Bible Sunday” (St. Alfred the Great)	27 (St. Otteran)	28 Sts. Simon & Jude, apostles · 33 rd anniversary of the foundation of the Brotherhood of Blessed Gérard	29 (St. Narcissus of Jerusalem, bishop)	30 St. Marcellus of Tangier, martyr	31 (St. Quentin, martyr)	

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2 Commemoration of all the faithful departed: "All Souls' Day"	3 St. Martin de Porres, religious	4 St. Charles Borromeo, bishop	5 Wednesday in the 31 st Week in Ordinary Time 32 years Brotherhood of Blessed Gérard acknowledged by the Bishop of Eshowe as Private Association of Christ's Faithful (FBO)	6 All Saints of Africa	7 (St. Willibrord, bishop of Utrecht, OSB)	8 (St. Godfrey, bishop · Blessed John Duns Scotus)
9 Dedication of the Lateran Basilica	10 St. Leo the Great, pope & doctor	11 St. Martin of Tours, bishop	12 St. Josaphat, bishop & martyr, (St. Theodore of Studion, abbot, OSB)	13 (St. Frances Xavier Cabrini)	14 (St. Nicholas Tavelic & companions)	15 St. Albert the Great, bishop & doctor
16 33rd Sunday in ordinary time "Stewardship Sunday" St. Margaret of Scotland St. Gertrude, virgin	17 St. Elizabeth of Hungary, religious St. Dionysius of Alexandria, bishop	18 Dedication of the Basilicas of Sts. Peter & Paul, apostles	19 All Saints of the SMOM (St. Mechthild, virgin, OSB)	20 (St. Edmund Rich)	21 Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary	22 St. Cecilia, virgin & martyr
23 Jesus Christ the King Sts. Clement I, pope & martyr St. Columban, abbot	24 St. Andrew Dung-Lac, priest & martyr, & companions, martyrs	25 St. Catherine of Alexandria, virgin & martyr	26 (St. Silvester, abbot, OSB)	27 (St. James Intercisus)	28 (St. Catherine Labouré, virgin)	29 (St. Brendan)
30 1st Sunday of Advent St. Andrew, apostle	Including the General Roman Calendar, the Proper Calendar of the Order of St. Benedict , the Proper Calendar of the Order of Malta and the Proper Calendar for the Dioceses of South Africa + the African Saints brought to you by the Brotherhood of Blessed Gérard					



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7 2nd Sunday of Advent St. Ambrose, bishop & doctor	8 Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary	9 St. Juan Diego Cuauhtlatoatzin, hermit	10 St. Melchiades, pope & martyr (Our Lady of Loreto)	11 St. Damasus I, pope <i>Inkamana Abbey: Anniversary of the dedication of the church Prefecture Apostolic of Zululand elevated to Vicariate Apostolic of Eshowe in 1923</i>	12 Our Lady of Guadalupe	13 St. Lucy, virgin & martyr (St. Odilia, virgin, OSB, patron of the Missionary Benedictines)
14 3rd Sunday of Advent "Gaudete" St. John of the Cross, religious & doctor	15 (St. Valerian)	16 (St. Adelaide) RSA: Day of Reconciliation	17 Advent weekday 17 December (St. Olympias)	18 Advent weekday 18 December (St. Rufus) 32 years Blessed Gérard's Poor Sick Fund	19 Advent weekday 19 December (St. Anastasius I, pope)	20 Blessed Scubilion, religious
21 4th Sunday of Advent St. Peter Canisius, priest & doctor	22 (St. Flavian)	23 St. John of Kanty, priest	24 Vigil of Christmas "Christmas Eve"	25 The Birth of the Lord "Christmas"	26 St. Stephen, first martyr RSA: Day of Goodwill	27 St. John, apostle & evangelist
28 Holy Family Holy Innocents, martyrs	29 St. Thomas Becket, bishop & martyr	30 6 th day in the octave of Christmas	31 St. Sylvester I, pope	Including the General Roman Calendar, the Proper Calendar of the Order of St. Benedict, the Proper Calendar of the Order of Malta and the Proper Calendar for the Dioceses of South Africa + the African Saints brought to you by the Brotherhood of Blessed Gérard · P O Box 440 · Mandeni 4490 · Republic of South Africa · Phone +27 82 492 4043 http://bbg.org.za · bbg@bbg.org.za		

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- a **group of idealists**, resolved to live our faith according to our motto "tuitio fidei et obsequium pauperum", which means "Protection of faith and service to the poor".
- an **instrument of the Church** to serve the Lord in the poor and to bring God's love to the needy through our service.



We serve the needy irrespective of their creed, colour of skin, sexual orientation and political affiliation.

We serve an impoverished community. Therefore we render all our services free of charge and **have to rely solely on donations and grants to finance our work.**



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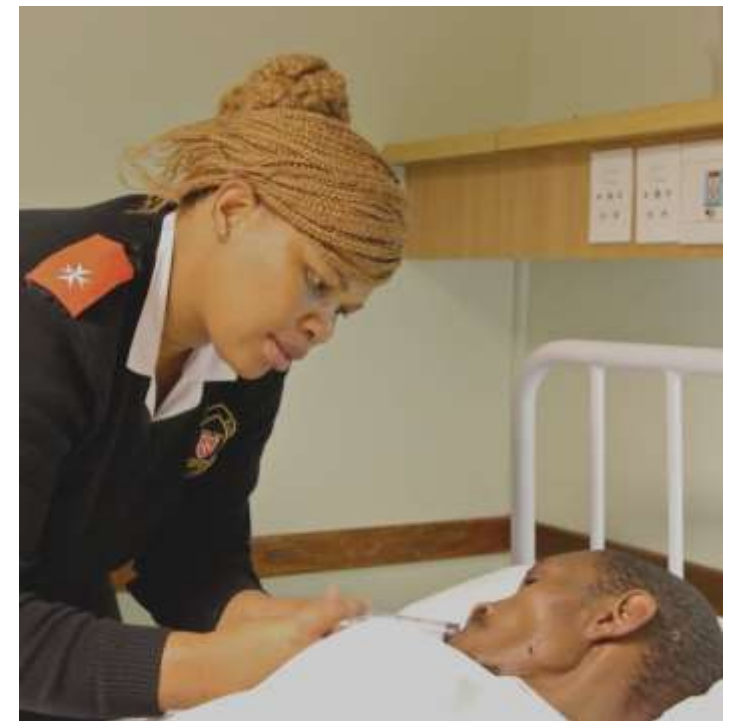
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Poor Sick Fund

We provide poverty relief by helping sick people from our local community, if they cannot afford urgently needed medical treatment.



Relief Fund

We provide poverty relief by helping people in our local community in genuine cases of immediate need.

Relief & Social Care



Bursary Fund

We provide poverty relief by giving bursaries to poor pupils and students of our local community.



Antiretroviral Treatment

We provide free Highly Active Anti-Retroviral Treatment (HAART) as comprehensive medical care including regular medical examinations, blood monitoring, on-going prevention or treatment of opportunistic infections, medical and psychosocial counselling and dispensing of the drugs.



AIDS Treatment



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We provide **residential Palliative Care** for terminally ill patients in our **Inpatient Unit**. We can admit up to 40 patients, which makes us the largest inpatient hospice in South Africa.

We send out mobile home-nursing teams, which supplement and support the family's home based care through hands-on-training and additional aids in the home situation of the respective patient. This includes the assessment of patients at home and proper medical home care.



Palliative Care



Malnutrition Clinic

We provide a health care service to poor and needy persons by running a clinic, where we examine, treat and feed malnourished infants and teach their parent/carer in proper baby care and nutrition.



Child and Youth Care Centre

We look after, counsel and give a home to sick and healthy "Orphans and Vulnerable Children" (OVCs).



Early Childhood Development Centre

We provide "edu-care" and an early childhood development service for underprivileged pre-school children.



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