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# Editorial: A Season of Gratitude and New Beginnings



The JHIA community gathered for a heartfelt farewell celebration in honour of Fr. Jean Luc Enyegue, SJ, whose years of service, leadership, and pastoral care have shaped the Institute in remarkable and enduring ways. Although the day coincided with the Commission for University Education (CUE) visit to Hekima University College—a moment of great institutional significance—our invited guests still made time to join us.

In his opening remarks, Fr. Norbert Litoing, SJ, expressed our collective gratitude: gratitude to the guests for their presence despite a challenging schedule, and gratitude to Fr. Jean Luc for making time to be with us one more time in the midst of an already full transition period.

The afternoon was warm, reflective, and deeply personal. One by one, colleagues, friends, and collaborators expressed their appreciation for Fr. Jean-Luc's impact on their professional and personal journeys. As part of these tributes, several symbolic gifts were offered: a pair of shoes, a hoodie, a rosary, a belt, and a cap—each carrying its own gesture of affection and remembrance.

On behalf of the staff, a small delegation—Sr. Carine, Ella, Philip, Jeff, and Denis—offered a pair of shoes together with socks and shoe polish, accompanied by these words:

*“As a token of our appreciation, we wanted to offer you something small yet meaningful — a reminder of our gratitude, our affection, and our prayers for your new mission. We present you with this pair of shoes — and with it, a simple prayer from all of us at JHIA.*

*May our good God guide your every step as you begin this new mission, and may He protect you from rough paths and hidden stones along the way, just as the sole of this shoe protects the foot.*

*Leadership often calls for difficult decisions — some of which may not be easy or popular. With the pair of socks included, we pray that God's grace may cushion you from the pressures and friction that accompany such responsibilities.*

*And with the shoe polish, may the Lord continually renew, refresh, and sustain you. May your spirit be polished daily with wisdom, patience, and perseverance.”*

These words were not merely symbolic; they reflected the profound respect and genuine affection the community holds for Fr. Jean-Luc.

When he finally took the floor, Fr. Jean Luc was visibly moved. Overwhelmed by emotion, he expressed deep gratitude to the staff of JHIA, the academic and administrative team from Hekima, and the many friends and colleagues who have supported him throughout his journey. He reminded us that JHIA and Hekima will always remain close to his heart, and that his time here had shaped him as much as he had shaped the Institute.

In closing, he expressed confidence and consolation in leaving the Institute in the capable hands of Fr. Norbert Litoing, SJ, assuring us that the mission continues with strength and dedication.

By The Editorial Team - JHIA

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His strength is beautifully balanced by deep compassion; he understands that a solid home foundation fuels professional growth. Because he cares profoundly about family, he never lets personal struggles hinder your performance. Always ready with a listening ear, his guidance brings comfort, clarity, and the confidence to turn overwhelming problems into

solvable challenges—often, after a good night's rest and a supportive word. His aim isn't comfort; it is your complete transformation.

Comfort may anchor the present, but disciplined struggle builds the future. Under his care, you are not just a professional in training but a person being



formed. He holds up a mirror that reflects not who you are now, but the resilient, capable individual you are destined to become.

The Luo community has a word for such a person: *Jowi*. “*Jowi*” literally means buffalo, symbolizing strength, courage, and leadership. He expects you to be resilient and self-reliant, not to seek external praise. He empowers you to take ownership and excel in your work.

Thank you for being so much more than a boss.

By Philip O. Opiyo,  
*Librarian - JHIA*

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I first met Fr. Jean Luc in 2016, when I joined the Historical Institute. At that time, he was a doctoral student at Boston University, moving between books, archives, and research materials with an energy that made the rest of us wonder if we should go back to school too. Little did I know that our paths would cross again in a much deeper and more impactful way.

In 2018, he formally joined JHIA as the Interim Director—a role that, in true Jesuit spirit, often comes with unexpected opportunities for deeper service. And indeed, he embraced it fully and wholeheartedly. He became

our Director, and from that point on, he brought structure, consistency, and a renewed sense of purpose to our daily work.

From the very beginning, it was clear that Fr. Jean Luc is an exceptionally organized man. He is always punctual and treats

the morning hours with the same seriousness that archivists treat rare manuscripts. As staff, we quickly learned that visits to his office should begin strictly after 11:00 a.m.—not out of fear, but out of respect for his concentration. Once those hours passed, however, his door was always open, his mind attentive, and his guidance invaluable.

Working with him has always been a balance of fatherly concern and firm expectations. He is approachable, kind, and genuinely interested in the well-being of everyone around him. Nevertheless, he also values discipline, particularly when it comes to deadlines. If work was delayed, he never raised his voice or created tension. Instead, he invited you in, explained what needed improvement, guided you back on track, and, importantly, embraced our weaknesses. He helped us identify them, understand them, and—step by step—overcome them. At the end of such conversations, he would always conclude: “I am a priest; my business is to show the way.” Those words carried wisdom, compassion, and reassurance—words that many of us have held onto during challenging moments.

His commitment to staff development has been unwavering. Under his leadership, each of us benefited in one way or another—through training opportunities, exposure to new skills, or the structures he worked hard to establish. He believed in empowering his team so that the Institute would stand strong long into the future. One of the clearest demonstrations of his commitment to the Institute came during an important transition period in 2018. At a moment when the Institute was undergoing its usual administrative adjustments, Fr. Jean Luc made a special trip from the DRC to Nairobi to issue our contract letters in person. He wanted to reassure us directly that our contributions were valued and that JHIA still counted on us. That thoughtful gesture spoke volumes about his leadership and his heart.

Later, during the COVID-19 pandemic, he again showed extraordinary care and support, guiding and reassuring staff during an unprecedented and challenging time. Fr. Jean Luc often reminded us of a simple truth: “Jesuits will come and go, but you—the collaborators—remain. The continuity of JHIA depends on your daily work and efforts.” This was a constant reminder that encouraged us to take pride in our roles, handle responsibilities with care, and remember that we are custodians of an institution whose mission stretches far beyond our own time.

Conversations with him have always been more than just work discussions. They begin with a sincere question: “How are you? And how is your family?” Only after ensuring your well-being did the discussion

move to tasks. This simple habit revealed the depth of his pastoral spirit and genuine concern for people.

Under his leadership, the Institute experienced remarkable growth and renewal. He strengthened communication through new publications and digital platforms, expanded our research resources, and enhanced training opportunities for archivists and librarians across the region. He also supported the establishment of key academic and historical initiatives that continue to shape scholarly engagement at JHIA.

Many significant works were published during his tenure, reflecting his commitment to promoting research, preserving history, and elevating African and Jesuit scholarship. These accomplishments are not just milestones—they are lasting contributions that will continue to shape the Institute for years to come. As he now moves on to his next assignment, we want him to know that he leaves behind not just a more organized, resilient, and connected institution, but a team that is deeply grateful and motivated.

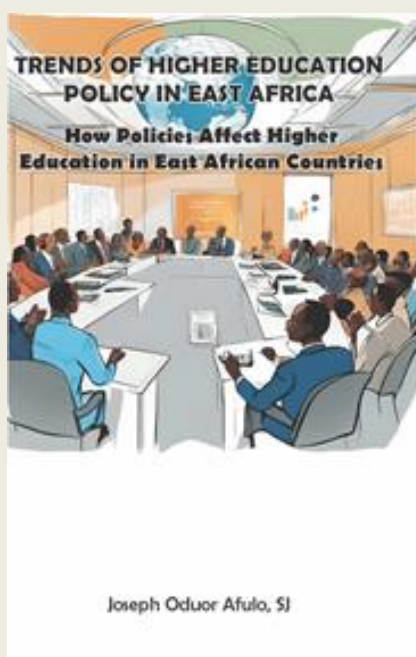
We will remember his guidance, his humour, his calm firmness, and his extraordinary ability to blend academic leadership with

pastoral care. Most importantly, we will remember how he embraced our weaknesses and helped us grow into stronger, more confident collaborators. Fr. Jean-Luc, thank you for walking this journey with us.

By Geoffrey Obatsa,  
*Administrative Assistant - JHIA*

Thank you for supporting us, challenging us, encouraging us, and believing in us. We assure you that JHIA will remain in our hearts, just as we know it will remain in yours. We wish you every blessing in your new mission, and may God continue to guide and strengthen you in all you do. Thank you.

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### **Trends of Higher Education Policy in East Africa** **How Policies Affect Higher Education in East African Countries**

Author: Joseph Oduor Afulo, SJ., Extent: xvii+ 344p.  
Publisher: Jesuit Historical Institute in Africa,  
Nairobi, 2024. ISBN: 978-9966-1860-4-1.

**Book Price: Ksh 1,500 | US \$ 12 | Eur. 12**

### **L'Avènement du Christ comme christologie politique** **Essai de lecture de la mission salvatrice du Christ dans la Création**

Author: Joachim Zoundi, S.J. Extent: xvii+ 176p.  
Publisher: Jesuit Historical Institute in Africa, Nairobi,  
2024. Publication Status: Upcoming Publication ISBN:  
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# ORDO, BIRTHDAYS & MEMORIES

**Dec 1 Monday**

red

**Sts Edmund Campion, Robert Southwell, priests, and comp.,  
martyrs [SJ]**

Memorial

**Outside SJ churches, Mass of the occurring season.**

Mass of the memorial; preface of Advent I or of the saint.

[175] Isa 2:1-5 (or Isa 4:2-6 in Year A); Ps 122:1-2, 3-4ab, 4cd-5, 6-7, 8-9; Matt 8:5-11.

Hours of the saint.

**Birthdays**

Anyanzu Francis (AOR); Rasendrarivo Francois Xavier (MDG); Ezealigo Emeke E. (ANW); Rakotonirina Hasimbolatiana Armelin (MDG); Musonda Richard (SAP); Opiyo Vincent Stephen (AOR).

**Memories**

Spendel John (SAP/PME); Perez Alfredo (AOC); Schoenbrod Mathias (SAP); Brosig Carl (SAP).

**Dec 2 Tuesday**

violet

**Tuesday of the first week in Advent.**

Mass of the day. Preface of Advent I

[176] Isa 11:1-10; Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 12-13, 17; Luke 10:21-24.

Hours of the day.

**Birthdays**

De Silva Ajith (SAP); Mboma Mburaw. Jean (ACE) ; Dassou Kossi Selom E. (AOC); Rajaonarivo Francois Xavier (MDG).

**Memories**

O'Riordan Colm (SAP); Crouigneau Pierre (AOC).

**Dec 3 Wednesday**

white

**St Francis Xavier, priest [SJ]**

Feast

**Outside SJ churches, memorial; weekday readings.**

Mass of the feast; *Gloria*, preface of the feast.

[SJ-Lect 2013] [all as in LM 685] 1 Cor 9:16-19, 22-23; Ps 117:1bc, 2; Mt 16:15-20.

Hours of the feast; *Te Deum*

**Birthdays**

Okoth Evans Okoth (AOR); Valane Elias Jonata (SAP); Djerabe Rodrique (AOC).

**Memories**

Pion Gilles (AOR/GLC); Bonnet Andre (AOC); Wilcock Henry (SAP); O'Hea Jerome (SAP); Baron John (SAP); Soloman Louis (SA); De Fays Christian (ACE).

**Dec 4 Thursday**

violet

**Thursday of the first week in Advent.**

Mass of the day. Preface of Advent I

[178] Isa 26:1-6; Ps 118:1+8-9, 19-21, 25-27a; Matt 7:21, 24-27.

Hours of the day.

white

**St John Damascene, priest and doctor of the Church**

Optional

**Birthdays**

Heriniaina Jean Victorien (MDG); Lescene Gilbert (AOC); Wildart Jean-Marie (ACE).

**Memories**

Leboeuf Aloysius (SAP); Magan John (SAP) Tryers Thomas (SAP); Segers Joseph (ACE).

**Dec 5 Friday**

violet

**Friday of the first week in Advent.**

Mass of the day. Preface of Advent I

[179] Isa 29:17-24; Ps 27:1, 4, 13-14; Matt 9:27-31.

Hours of the day.

**Birthdays**

Andrianjanahary Mahafaly F. (MDG); Barutwanayo Felix (RWB); Bwanali George Mtaja (SAP); Foro Emmanuel (AOC); Mbala Mawete Crispin (ACE); Paul James (SAP); Umoh Paul Cosmas (ANW); Biringanine Olo'eyanya V. (ACE).

**Memories**

Eklou Komla Nicolas (AOC); Rousselot Xavier (AOC); William Higham (SAP).



**Dec 6 Saturday**

violet

**Saturday of the first week in Advent.**

Mass of the day. Preface of Advent I

[180] Isa 30:19-21, 23-26; Ps 147:1-2, 3-4, 5-6; Matt 9:35-10:1, 5a, 6-8.

Hours of the day.

white

*St Nicholas, bishop**Optional***Birthdays**

Attai Gabriel Ubong (ANW); Rakotozafy Angelo Francis Jose (MDG); Dique Jorge Jose (SAP); Tubulo Prosper (SAP).

**Memories**

Banfi Emmanuel (AOR/ITA); Lewis Cox (ANW); Lisewski Stephen (SAP/PMA); Lisewski Stephen (SAP).

**Dec 7 Sunday**

violet

**Second Sunday of Advent**Mass of the Sunday; the *Gloria* is omitted; Creed. Preface of Advent I.

Ritual and funeral Masses are prohibited.

[4] Isa 11:1-10; Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 12-13, 17; Rom 15:4-9; Matt 3:1-12.

Hours of the Sunday; *Te Deum*

Week 2 of the Psalter.

**Birthdays**

Rakotozafy Jean Noel Ambroise (MDG); Festus Amaechi Edeh (ANW); Randrianoelisoa Jean Remi Eugene (MDG); Shirima Valerian (AOR).

**Memories**

Smirzik Stefan (SAP/SVK); Turk Gerardus Franciscus Gerard (MDG).

**Dec 8 Monday**

white

**THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION OF THE BL. VIRGIN MARY  
(Patroness of the United States)****Solemnity****Holy Day of Obligation. In years this feast is transferred to****Monday, Dec 9, the obligation is not transferred.**Mass of the solemnity; *Gloria*, Creed, preface of the solemnity.

[689] Gen 3:9-15, 20; Ps 98:1, 2-3ab, 3bc-4; Eph 1:3-6, 11-12; Luke 1:26-38.

Hours of the solemnity; *Te Deum***Birthdays**

Gi-Longanzambi Emmanuel (ACE); Herimalala Hasinera Jaonah Marie Claude (MDG); Mejia Carlos Eduardo (ACE); Rugaragu B. Innocent (RWB); Mashini Levi (ACE).

**Memories**

Loyens William (SAP/ORE); Murphy Dermot (SAP/HIB); Clifford Lewis (SAP); Francis Donahoe (SAP); César Gonçalves Cavaleiro (SAP).

**Dec 9 Tuesday**

violet

**Tuesday of the second week in Advent.**

Mass of the day. Preface of Advent I

[182] Isa 40:1-11; Ps 96:1-2, 3+10ac, 11-12, 13; Matt 18:12-14.

Hours of the day.

white

*St Juan Diego Cuauhtlatoatzin, hermit**Optional***Birthdays**

Mugisho Nshombo Patrick (ACE); Wapa Stephen M. (SAP).

**Memories**

Quinn Kevin (SAP/HIB); Kraupa Apollonius (SAP/POL); Klay Marvin (SAP); Victor Falconer (SAP).n

**Dec 10 Wednesday**

violet

**Wednesday of the second week in Advent.**

Mass of the day. Preface of Advent I

[183] Isa 40:25-31; Ps 103:1-2, 3-4, 8+10; Matt 11:28-30.

Hours of the day.

white

*Our Lady of Loreto**Optional***Birthdays**

Lado Tonlieu Ludovic (AOC); Ndoki Ndimba Jean-Chr (ACE); Ranaivosolofa Ravo Noel (MDG); Tipeliua Bernardo D. (SAP).

**Memories**

Reilly William (ANW).



**Dec 11 Thursday**

violet

**Thursday of the second week in Advent.**

Mass of the day. Preface of Advent I

[184] Isa 41:13-20; Ps 145:1+9, 10-11, 12-13ab; Matt 11:11-15.

Hours of the day.

white

*St Damasus I, pope**Optional***Birthdays**

Bafuidinsoni Maloko-Mana (ACE); Rafanomezantsoa Jean Jose (MDG); Ratsimbazafy Fulgence (MDG); Andriamialison Franck Gerardin (MDG).

**Memories**

Markiewicz Vincent (SAP/POL); Raymond-Barker Charles (SAP).

**Dec 12 Friday**

white

**Our Lady of Guadalupe [USA, Canada-feast]**

Feast

Mass of the feast; *Gloria*, preface of the feast.

[690A] Zech 2:14-17 or Rev 11:19a; 12:1-6a, 10ab; Jud 13:18bcde, 19; Lk 1:26-38 or Lk 1:39-47.

Hours of the feast; *Te Deum***Birthdays**

Frederick Macamo Guidione F. (SAP); Ikechi J. Ikenna (ANW); Winguissone Amos Alberto (SAP).

**Memories**

Gartlan Ignatius (SAP).

**Dec 13 Saturday**

red

**St Lucy, virgin and martyr**

Memorial

Mass of the memorial; preface of Advent I or of the saint.

[186] Sir 48:1-4, 9-11; Ps 80:2ac+3b, 15-16, 18-19; Matt 17:9a, 10-13.

Hours of the saint.

**Birthdays**

Edeh Tobechukwu (ANW).

**Memories**

Apel John (SAP); Gits Fnnds (SAP); Johnson Donald (SAP).

**Dec 14 Sunday**

violet

or rose

**Third Sunday of Advent***Gaudete* SundayMass of the Sunday; the *Gloria* is omitted; Creed. Preface of Advent I.

Ritual and funeral Masses are prohibited.

[7] Isa 35:1-6a, 10; Ps 146:6-7, 8-9a, 9b-10; Jas 5:7-10; Matt 11:2-11.

Hours of the Sunday; *Te Deum*

Week 3 of the Psalter.

Organ may be played solo; flowers may decorate the altar today. (PS 25, 2002 GIRM 305, 313).

**Birthdays**

Bindanda Kiala J-Claude (ACE); Ganza Jean Baptiste (RWB); Mvondo Peter De-Sybel (MDG); Ndlovu Busani B. (SAP); Ossama Nicolas (AOC); Rakotondranoro Theophile (MDG); Ranomenjanahary Frederic Emmanuel (MSG).

**Memories**

Hardy Henry (SAP); Etherington Edward (SAP); Ashton Thomm (SAP).

**Dec 15 Monday**

violet

**Monday of the third week in Advent.**

Mass of the day. Preface of Advent I

[187] Num 24:2-7, 15-17a; Ps 25:4bc-5ab, 6+7bc, 8-9; Matt 21:23-27.

Hours of the day.

**Birthdays**

Byebalilo Deusdedit (AOR); Niyokwizera Jean Bosco (RWB); Nkeramihigo Theoneste (RWB).

**Memories**

Causse Julius (SAP); John Ignatius Conway (SAP).

**Dec 16 Tuesday**

violet

**Tuesday of the third week in Advent.**

Mass of the day. Preface of Advent I

[188] Zeph 3:1-2, 9-13; Ps 34:2-3, 6-8, 17-18, 19+23; Matt 21:28-32.

Hours of the day.

<b>Birthdays</b>	D'Souza Sydney (AOR); Von Nidda Roland (SAP); Mumbere Vitunda Emery (ACE); Zougmore Jean-Paul (AOC).
<b>Memories</b>	Bulsiewicz Ladislaus (SAP/POL); Hector Joseph (SAP).
<b>Dec 17 Wednesday</b> violet	<p><b>17 December.</b>  Mass of 17 December; preface of Advent II  [193] Gen 49:2, 8-10; Ps 72:1-2, 3-4ab, 7-8, 17; Matt 1:1-17.  Hours of 17 December  The "Christmas Novena" begins today. Special texts in Mass &amp; Office, including the "O Antiphons" at Evening Prayer and as the Alleluia Verse at Mass.</p> <p>The weekday readings for the eight days before Christmas are proper to each day, except on the Fourth Sunday of Advent. On the Fourth Sunday of Advent, the weekday readings for that date are omitted, "but they may be anticipated or used later on another day during the week, especially to avoid duplicating the Sunday readings" (cf. rubric before Dec 17 in the weekday Lectionary, no. 193).</p> <p>These weekdays are privileged, so any memorial is considered to be optional. If it is commemorated, at Mass the opening prayer of the memorial is used in place of the seasonal text. At the Office of Readings, after the weekday readings, one may add the Hagiographical Reading of the memorial, the responsory and the concluding prayer. At Morning and Evening Prayer, the prayer of the saint may be added (with its antiphon) after the prayer of the day (omitting the conclusion). (cf. Gen. Intro. Lit. Hours, 238-39.)</p>
<b>Birthdays</b>	Ciervide Joaquin (AOC/ACE); Oluwadare Micheal (ANW).
<b>Memories</b>	O'Keeffe Philip (SAP); Lovell William (SAP); Mandiangunu Mukwats (ACE); Zverevashen Ignatius (SAP); Henrique Borrel (SAP).
<b>Dec 18 Thursday</b> violet	<p><b>18 December.</b>  Mass of 18 December; preface of Advent II  [194] Jer 23:5-8; Ps 72:1-2, 12-13, 18-19; Matt 1:18-25.  Hours of 18 December</p>
<b>Birthdays</b>	Muntanga Chilima (SAP); N'Guessan Sess Julien (AOC); Tekadiomona Nima (ACE).
<b>Memories</b>	Lino Norberto (SAP).
<b>Dec 19 Friday</b> violet	<p><b>19 December.</b>  Mass of 19 December; preface of Advent II  [195] Judg 13:2-7, 24-25a; Ps 71:3-4a, 5-6ab, 16-17; Luke 1:5-25.  Hours of 19 December</p>
<b>Memories</b>	Logan Joseph (SAP/ORE); Garnier Francis (SAP); Rutayisire Emmanuel (ACE); Woda Francis (SAP); Lopes Manuel Alves (SAP).
<b>Dec 20 Saturday</b> violet	<p><b>20 December.</b>  Mass of 20 December; preface of Advent II  [196] Isa 7:10-14; Ps 24:1-2, 3-4ab, 5-6; Luke 1:26-38.  Hours of 20 December</p>
<b>Birthdays</b>	Isango Mbilizi Tryphon (ACE); Konda di Mbala Guill (ACE); Lecuit Pierre (ACE); Loua Zaoro Hyacinthe (AOC); Garcia Miguel Angel (AOR); Rabemananjara Andre (MDG); Samedi Joseph (AOC).
<b>Memories</b>	Meier Francis X. (SAP/HEL); Tamkavaitis Stanislaus (SAP); McNamara Patrick (SAP); Wathelet Paul (ACE).

**Dec 21 Sunday**

violet

**Fourth Sunday of Advent**Mass of the Sunday; the *Gloria* is omitted; Creed. Preface of Advent II.

Ritual and funeral Masses are prohibited.

[10] Isa 7:10-14; Ps 24:1-2, 3-4, 5-6; Rom 1:1-7; Matt 1:18-24.

Hours of the Sunday; *Te Deum*

Week 4 of the Psalter.

In the Office of Readings, the readings are those of the date. The

Benedictus and Magnificat antiphons are those of the date.

**Birthdays**

Olowu Christian E. (ANW); Zakavelo Jose Christophe (MDG); Besa Laban (SAP).

**Memories**

Indkeu Jean (SAP/RAN); De Oliveira Joseph (SAP/BRs); Meyer Henry (SAP); Jones Stanislaus (SAP); Erdozain William (SAP); Shoniwa Dominic (SAP).

**Dec 22 Monday**

violet

**22 December.**

Mass of 22 December; preface of Advent II

[198] 1 Sam 1:24-28; 1 Sam 2:1, 4-5, 6-7, 8abcd; Luke 1:46-56.

Hours of 22 December

**Birthdays**

Biriato Joaquim Lucas (SAP); Keaney Joseph (SAP); Niyibizi Olivier (RWB); Randrianarisoa Jean Etienne (MDG); Topia M. Jacques -Giscard (ACE); Kwenya Johnbosco Owino (AOR).

**Memories**

O'Reilly Michael (SAP); Hannan Michael (SAP); Mavwela Nzazi Joseph (ACE); Verwilghen Antoon (ACE/BOL); Bonabom Isidor K. (ANW); Arthur Everard (SAP); Józef Oleksy (PME/SAP); Robert L. Erickson (UWE/SAP).

**Dec 23 Tuesday**

violet

**23 December.**

Mass of 23 December; preface of Advent II

[199] Mal 3:1-4, 23-24; Ps 25:4-5ab, 8-9, 10+14; Luke 1:57-66.

Hours of 23 December

white

*St John of Kanty, priest*

Optional

**Birthdays**

Ggita Allan (AOR); Ochen Anthony O. (AOR); Posse S. Inoque (SAP); Vata Diambabza (ACE); Turyakira John (AOR); Kpalafio L. Didier (ACE); Mushagalusa Emmanuel (ACE); Thibinyane Tatolo (SAP).

**Memories**

Doghle Alexis (ANW).

**Dec 24 Wednesday**

violet

**24 December.**

Mass of 24 December; preface of Advent II

[200] 2 Sam 7:1-5, 8b-11, 14a, 16; Ps 89:2-3, 4-5, 27+29; Luke 1:67-79.

Hours of 24 December

Evening Prayer I and Vigil Mass of Christmas.

Night Prayer is said only by those not attending Office of Readings and Midnight Mass.

**CHRISTMAS SEASON****Birthdays**

Hinvo Noel Semassa (AOC); Muzinga m. Emmanuel (ACE); Rakoto Jean Baptiste (MDG); Ndlovu Elphas Tafadzwa (SAP).

**Memories**

Ralaizafy Zacharie (MDG).

**Dec 25 Thursday**

white

**THE NATIVITY OF THE LORD  
(Christmas)**

Solemnity

**Holy Day of Obligation**

Holy Day of Obligation

Priests may celebrate or concelebrate three Masses as long as they are

celebrated at the proper times (2002 GIRM 204c). Mass of the Vigil, Midnight, Dawn or Day Mass; *Gloria*, Creed. For pastoral reasons, the texts of the Vigil Mass may be used at any of the Christmas Masses and any set of readings may be chosen.

Readings:

Vigil Mass: [13] Is 62:1-5; Ps 89:4-5,16-17,27,29; Acts 13:16-17, 22-25; Mt1:1-25 or Mt 1: 18-25

Midnight Mass: [14] Is 9:1-6; Ps 96:1-3, 11-13; Tit 2:11-14; Lk 2:1-14

Dawn Mass: [15] Is 62:11-12; Ps 97:1, 6, 11-12; Tit 3:4-7; Lk 2:15-20

Mass During the Day: [16] Is 52:7-10; Ps 98: 1-6; Heb 1:1-6; Jn 1:1-18 or 1:1-5, 9-14

All genuflect in the creed at "...and became man." (2011 transl.)

Christmas Preface I - III

Special *Communicantes* in Roman Canon (throughout octave.)

Hours of Christmas; *Te Deum*.

Before Mass at midnight on Christmas it is appropriate that the Office of Readings be celebrated as a vigil. (GILH, n. 215) At the conclusion of this celebration, the Martyrology (Proclamation of the Birth of Christ) may be sung. See the text provided in the U.S. *Roman Missal*.

<b>Birthdays</b>	Gurumombe Emmanuel (SAP); Hounsa Gbenoukpo Leon (AOC); Gbadjolbe Defaing (AOC); Kanziama M. Herve-Noel (ACE); Ngolo Omega Chrisange (ACE); Ndorimana Emmanuel (RWB); Ndorimana Emmanuel (RWB); Bento Jorge Zeca (SAP).
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**Dec 26 Friday**  
red

**St Stephen, first martyr**

Feast

Mass of the feast; *Gloria*.

Christmas Preface I - III

Special *Communicantes* in Roman Canon.

Morning hours of the feast; *Te Deum*; Evening Prayer of Octave of Christmas.

[696] Acts 6:8-10; 7:54-59; Ps 31:3cd-4, 6ab+8ab, 16bc+17; Matt 10:17-22.

<b>Birthdays</b>	Luamba Luk. Philippe (ACE); Mbaya Ngoy Stephane (ACE); Ondieki Thomas Machuki (AOR); Mwanzia Lawrence (AOR).
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<b>Memories</b>	Sorelle Ernest (AOR/GLC); Cruz-Mermy Elie (AOC); Kono Damien Come (AOC); Pieper Gerhard (SAP) Arnaldo de Lacerda (SAP); Manuel Sequeira (SAP).
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**Dec 27 Saturday**  
white

**St John, apostle and evangelist**

Feast

Mass of the feast; *Gloria*.

Christmas Preface I - III

Special *Communicantes* in Roman Canon.

Morning hours of the feast; *Te Deum*; Evening Prayer of Octave of Christmas.

[697] 1 John 1:1-4; Ps 97:1-2, 5-6, 11-12; John 20:1a, 2-8.

<b>Birthdays</b>	Beugre Grah P. Patrick (AOC); Kinzamba Jeremie (ACE); Ndong'a Otieno R. (AOR); Sedlmair Vitus (AOR/GER); Djimasra Aime (AOC); Mutunga Dominic (AOR); Usman Benedict A. (ANW).
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<b>Memories</b>	Bick Charles (SAP/BRI); Hartmann Andrew (SAP).
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**Dec 28 Sunday**  
white

**THE HOLY FAMILY OF JESUS, MARY, AND JOSEPH**

Feast

Mass of the feast; *Gloria*, Creed. Christmas Preface I - III.

Special *Communicantes* in Roman Canon.



[17] Sir 3:2-6, 12-14; Ps 128:1-2, 3, 4-5; Col 3:12-21 or (U.S.) Col 3:12-17; Matt 2:13-15, 19-23.  
Hours of the feast. *Te Deum*.

## Birthdays

Batuhola Munkanu Alex (ACE); Isaki Guy (ACE); Sciuchetti Elio (MDG); Tcheumtchoua Nzaloi William (AOC); Hamda Woldegabriel (AOR).

## Memories

McCann Charles (SAP); McCann Charles (SAP); Smulders William (SAP); De Carvalho Lima Jose (SAP); Charles Bick (SAP); José Neto Luís de Gonzaga (SAP).

**Dec 29 Monday**

white

### Fifth day in the Octave of Christmas

Mass of the day; *Gloria*; preface of Christmas I - III; Special *Communicantes* in Roman Canon.

[202] 1 John 2:3-11; Ps 96:1-2a, 2b-3, 5b-6; Luke 2:22-35.

Hours of the day. *Te Deum*.

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*St Thomas Becket, bishop and martyr*

Optional

## Birthdays

Bere Mathieu (AOC); Mchopa Emmanjuel Y. (AOR); Safeca Kusecala Pedro (ACE).

## Memories

Wargny Jean-Baptiste (AOC); Daignault Alphonse (SAP); Brown Robert (SAP); Teixeira Jose Manuel (SAP); Winandy Jean (ACE).

**Dec 30 Tuesday**

white

### Sixth day in the Octave of Christmas

Mass of the day; *Gloria*; preface of Christmas I - III; Special *Communicantes* in Roman Canon.

[203] 1 John 2:12-17; Ps 96:7-8a, 8b-9, 10; Luke 2:36-40.

Hours of the day. *Te Deum*.

## Birthdays

Guirione Julio Silverio (SAP); Manyanga Raymond (AOR); Nguewadjim Nadjalta (AOC); Tienan Zoro Patrick Cesaie (AOC).

## Memories

O'Meara Thomas (SAP/HIB); Rodrigues Faustino (SAP); Rogers Edward (SAP/ZIM).

**Dec 31 Wednesday**

white

### Seventh day in the Octave of Christmas

Mass of the day; *Gloria*; preface of Christmas I - III; Special *Communicantes* in Roman Canon.

[204] 1 John 2:18-21; Ps 96:1-2, 11-12, 13; John 1:1-18.

Hours of the day. *Te Deum*.

white

*St Sylvester I, pope*

Optional

## Birthdays

Alidjinou Agossou Lucien (AOC); Azuefack Philippe (AOC); Berilengar Dathol Antoine (AOC); Glynn Robert J. (SAP/CFN); Kabore Albert (AOC); Kasirori Sylvester (SAP); Kpehounton Francois (AOC); Loua Pierre (AOC); Ratoingar Nahounoum (AOC); Taptue Michel Alain (AOC); Yamou Joseph (AOC); Yameogo Sidpayete Gautier (AOC); Zongo Rasengwiende Richard (AOC); Kanyinda Luyeye Francois (AOC); Djegolbe M. Irene (AOC).

## Memories

de Moura João José (SAF) ; Bougaardt Ivan (SAP/SAF); De Gastines Francois (AOC); Depoorter Carlos (ACE) ; Faustino Rodrigues (SAF); Domingos da Silva (SAF).

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