Lent 2021 Calendar in the Year of Saint Joseph
For Missionary Children and Families

The Missionary Childhood Association, one of the ***Pontifical Mission Societies,*** is for young Missionary Disciples. The purpose of MCA is to promote daily prayer, sacrifice and sacrificial giving for the growth and sharing of each child's faith. MCA is the Church's official Charity for children's overseas missions, and its members help more than 4 million children worldwide each year.

The MCA motto is *Children Helping Children.*

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Missionary Children, like this girl in Kenya, help other kids in need around the world through their prayers and sacrifices.			February 17 Ash Wednesday Ask God to bless your Lenten journey.	18 Read about forgiveness: Matthew 18: 21-22. What does Jesus say?	19 *Sacrifice* Give up a special treat and save an offering for MCA.	20 Wake up early and help around the house!
21 *Go to Mass!* To prepare for Mass, read the Gospel for today, Mark 1: 12-15	22 What are the Corporal & Spiritual Works of Mercy? Discuss with your family how you can live them out.	23 *Jesus loves you!* Find a way to share that love with someone today.	24 Pray a Hail Mary or a decade of the Rosary for the children of Asia	25 Pray a Hail Mary for children who cannot go to school. Make a donation for every classroom you enter today.	26 *Sacrifice* Give up a special treat and say a prayer for a child in Papua New Guinea.	27 Pick one habit that is keeping you from holiness. Start trying to break this habit during Lent.
28 *Go to Mass!* Reflect on today's Gospel, Mark 9: 2-10	1 Remember to give thanks for the food you eat and to pray for children who are hungry.	2 Pray for all who are preparing for Baptism at the Easter Vigil.	3 Pray a Hail Mary or a decade of the Rosary for the children of Europe	4 Share with your family what you learned this week!	5 *Sacrifice* Give up a special treat and say a prayer for a child living in a refugee camp.	6 Help a friend study a subject that they find difficult.
7 *Go to Mass!* Reflect on today's Gospel, John 2: 13-25	8 Pray a Hail Mary or a decade of the Rosary for the children of Africa.	9 Say a prayer of thanks for your home.	10 Pray a Hail Mary or a decade of the Rosary for the children of the Pacific Islands.	11 Today is the Feast of St. Joseph, the Earthy Father of Jesus and Husband of Mary.	12 *Sacrifice* Give up a special treat and say a prayer for a child in Cuba.	13 Reflect on your Lenten sacrifice. Have you maintained it?
14 *Go to Mass!* Reflect on Gospel, John 3: 14-21	15 Cheer up someone who is feeling sad.	16 Read about the poor widow in Luke 21:1-4. What did she do?	17 Saint Patrick's Day Pray to this Mission Saint to bring others to Jesus.	18 Offer to help a brother, sister or friend with their chores. It's more fun to work together!	19 *Sacrifice* Feast of Saint Joseph Pray extra to him today.	20 Think about decisions you made this week. What would you change if you could?
21 *Go to Mass!* Reflect on today's Gospel, John 12: 20-33	22 *"Adopt"* a child in the Missions & give to MCA.	23 Pray a Hail Mary or a decade of the Rosary for kids in the Americas.	24 Help out at home without being asked.	25 Feast of the Annunciation of Our Lord	26 *Sacrifice* Give up a special treat and say a prayer for a child in Syria.	27 Say a special prayer for loved ones who have died.
28 Palm Sunday *Go to Mass!* Read & Reflect Mk 14: 1-15, 47	29 Don't watch TV tonight. Instead reflect on the week ahead. Put ***25¢*** in your Mission Bank for each show you skip.	30 Pray three Hail Marys for all the Religious Sisters who work in the Missions.	31 Help make a simple dinner for your family. Thank God together for all His gifts.	1 Holy Thursday Jesus washes the disciples' feet; we must also serve others. Try to attend Mass tonight.	2 Good Friday Pray the Stations of the Cross and reflect upon God's great love for us.	3 Holy Saturday Pray for all who are preparing for Baptism at the Easter Vigil.