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August 2026 ... *one for each saintly preacher memorialized this month*

- Aug 1 – St. Alphonsus Liguori ... [on preaching with apostolic simplicity](#) (pp. 17-62)
- Aug 4 – St. John Vianney ... [Sermons of the Curé d'Ars for the Sundays of the Year](#)
- Aug 8 – St. Dominic ... Joseph Ellul, O.P., "[Master Dominic and the Grace of Preaching](#)"
- Aug 20 – St. Bernard ... Robert Fastiggi, "[Lessons from the Sermons of St. Bernard](#)"
- Aug 28 – St. Augustine ... Andrew Hofer, "[A Reflection on Augustine's Preaching](#)"

July 2026 ... *more on the preaching of Pope Benedict XVI*

- [Kevin Jones](#) – "Benedict XVI: Thinker, Preacher, Saint? Scholars and Former Students Discuss Legacy" *EWTN News* (1/1/2023)
- [Bruce Marshall](#) – "Reading the Gospels with Benedict XVI," *First Things* (10/1/2011)
- [Nicolas Massman](#) – "Benedict XVI: A Communicative Style in Dialogue with Culture," *Church, Communication and Culture* 8:1 (2023): 1-5
- [George Weigel](#) – "Benedict XVI: Master Preacher," *The Catholic Difference* (3/6/2013)

June 2026 ... *for the consecration of the USA to the Sacred Heart of Jesus*

- [Msgr. Roger Landry](#) – "The 350th Anniversary of the Great Apparition of the Sacred Heart," *National Catholic Register* (6/16/25)
- [Msgr. Roger Landry](#) – "Consecration to the Sacred Heart of Jesus," *Catholic Preaching* (audio homily, 3/22/26)
- [Archbishop Alexander Sample](#) – "Reflection on the Consecration to the Sacred Heart," *USCCB* (5/8/26)
- [Bishop David Bonnar](#), "As the U.S. turns 250, let's rediscover our devotion to the Sacred Heart," *America: The Jesuit Review* (5/22/26)
- [Rev. Thomas Dailey, OSFS](#) – "Priestly Ministry by Way of the Sacred Heart of Jesus," *Homiletic & Pastoral Review* (5/26/26)

May 2026 ... for the celebration of World Communications Day

- [Pope Leo XIV](#) - "Preserving Human Voices and Faces," Message for World Communications Day 2026
- [Pope Leo XIV](#) - Dialogue between the Holy Father and the priests of Rome (2/19/26)
- [Jim Morin](#) - "A Disembodied Gospel" (The Lamp, 3/27/26)
- [Andrew McGowan](#) - "Preaching, Plagiarism, and AI" (*Ghost in the Machine: The Ethics of A.I., Spring 2024*)
- [Kenny Jahng](#), "Pro's and Con's of Using AI for Sermon Writing" (*Exponential*, 9/3/24)

April 2026 ... for the celebration of Easter

- [Pope Francis](#) – “We must look for him elsewhere”
- [Bishop Robert Barron](#) – “Something happened on Easter”
- [Msgr. Roger Landry](#) – “Running, seeing, believing”
- [Fr. Mike Schmitz](#) – “What never dies”
- [Fr. Joshua Whitfield](#) – “Don’t be bad Catholics!”

March 2026 ... for the Solemnity of St. Joseph

- Vatican News, “[The Spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary](#)”
- Fr. Gary Caster, “[St. Joseph: A Father for All Ages](#),” *St. Anthony Messenger* (2023)
- John Cavadini, “[The Fatherly Heart of St. Joseph](#),” *Church Life Journal* (2021)
- Fr. Basil Cole, O.P., “[St. Joseph’s Role in the Spiritual Life](#),” *Catholic Culture* (2007)

February 2026 ... for the beginning of the Lenten season

- Bishop Robert Barron, “[Three Questions to Ask Yourself During Lent](#),” Word on Fire video (3/9/25)
- Patrick Gill, “[Preaching Repentance as Participation](#),” *Homiletic & Pastoral Review* (1/26/26)
- Richard Gribble, CSC, “[Lent: A Time for Conversion](#),” *Homiletic & Pastoral Review* (3/4/14)

January 2026 ... celebrating three “Doctors of the Church” this month!

January 2 – St. Basil the Great

- Fr. Luke A. Veronis - “[Starting the New Year with Inspiration from St. Basil the Great](#)”

January 24 – St. Francis de Sales

- Fr. Thomas Dailey, OSFS - "[The Soulful Homily](#)," *Homiletic & Pastoral Review* (May 2000)

January 28 – St. Thomas Aquinas

- Dr. Randall Smith - "[What Lessons Do Thomas Aquinas's Sermons Hold for Modern Preachers](#)," *Homiletic & Pastoral Review* (June 2017)

December 2025 ... with merry wishes from CPI for a Blessed Christmas season to all preachers!

- Bishop Robert Barron, "[St. John's Christmas Sermon](#)," Word on Fire website (12/21/2011)
- Michael Heinlein, "[A Walk through the Christmas Season](#)," Simply Catholic website (9/3/23)
- Matt Woodley, "[Top 10 Christmas Sermons](#)," Preaching Today website

October/November 2025 ... celebrating John Henry Newman who, on November 1, was declared a Doctor of the Church and co-Patron of the Church's educational mission

- Christopher Blum, "[Newman the Doctor](#)," *What We Need Now* substack (8/12/25)
- Matthew Muller, "[How the Newest Doctor of the Church Enriched Our Faith](#)," *Media & Culture* (8/6/25)
- Cyril O'Regan, "[What Makes John Henry Newman a Doctor of the Church?](#)" *Church Life Journal* (8/5/25)
- Joseph Pearce, "[The Legacy of John Henry Newman](#)," *Faith & Culture* (9/27/18)
- Brenden Thompson, "['The Newman Touch': A Vision for the Laity from the Newest Doctor of the Church](#)," *Word on Fire* (11/1/25)

July/August 2025 ... celebrating the Solemnity of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary

- [John Bombaro](#) – "Something about Mary" (1517: Christ for You, 10/24/24)
- [Fr. Mike Schmitz](#) – "Assumed into Heaven" (homily, 2024)
- [Fr. Billy Swan](#) – "Mary's Assumption and Human Dignity" (Word on Fire article, 2024)

June 2025 ... celebrating the Solemnity of the Sacred Heart of Jesus

- [Bishop Robert Barron](#) – "The Heart of God Himself" (sermon at Thomas Aquinas College, 2020)
- [Msgr. Roger Landry](#) – "The Center of Our Faith" (homily at Sacred Heart Convent of the Sisters of Life in Manhattan, 2019)

- [Rev. Thomas Dailey, OSFS](#) – *Behold This Heart: St. Francis de Sales and Devotion to the Sacred Heart* (Sophia Institute, 2020)

May 19, 2025 ... Beginning of the Petrine Ministry of the Bishop of Rome, *POPE LEO XIV*

- [2009](#) – Johannes van Oort. “Augustine, His Sermons, and Their Significance.” *HTS Teologiese Studies/Theological Studies* 65/1.
- [2012](#) – Michael Dominic O’Connor, O.P. “Preaching to the Whole Person: Classical Wisdom for the New Evangelization.” *Homiletic & Pastoral Review* (10/25/12).
- [2013](#) – Phillip Campbell. “St. Augustine’s Rules for Good Homilies.” *Unam Sanctam Catholicam* (4/7/13).
- [2015](#) – John A. Sybert. “Redeeming Rhetoric: Augustine’s Uses of Rhetoric in His Preaching Ministry.” *Eleutheria: John W. Rawlings School of Divinity Academic Journal*, 4/1, pp. 18-34.
- [2016](#) – John Cavadini. “Augustine’s Homiletic Meteorology.” *Church Life Journal* (7/11/16).
- [2017](#) – Daniel Cardo. “Straight Talk from Hippo: How St. Augustine’s Sermons Speak Volumes to Today’s Preachers.” *Adoremus Bulletin* (1/12/17).
- [2021](#) – Charles G. Kim. “*Via Humilitatis Agendo*: St. Augustine’s Sacramental Theology of Preaching.” *Pro Ecclesia: A Journal of Catholic and Evangelical Theology*, 30/2, pp. 163-176.
- [2022](#) – Ryan Tinetti. “The Preacher’s Toolbox: Augustine’s Purposes of Preaching.” *1517-Christ for You* (11/26/22).

May 10, 2025 ... on the preaching legacy of *Pope Francis*

- Gregory Heille, O.P. with Ricardo Silva, S.J. – “[What made Pope Francis a great preacher.](#)” PREACH: The Catholic Homilies Podcast (47 minutes), 5/12/25.
- Vatican News Service. “[The Homilies at Santa Marta, at the Origins of Francis’ Teaching.](#)” (4/27/25 – Google translation)

April 2025

- Fr. Gregory Heille, O.P. – “[Pope Francis: Instantly on Message.](#)” interview with Calvin Institute on Christian Worship (August 2, 2018)
- Kevin Duffy – “[Pope Francis and the Search for Solutions to the Bad Homily Phenomenon.](#)” *Church Life Journal* (March 27, 2023)

March 2025

- [Msgr. Michael Heintz](#) – “The Privilege, Joy and Burden of Preaching.” *The Priest* (11/15/23)

- [Fr. Frederick Miller](#) - Reflections on the Triduum: Holy Thursday, Good Friday, Holy Saturday." *Homiletic & Pastoral Review* (3/13/13).
- [Carolyn Pirtle](#) – "The Triduum in Art." McGrath Institute Blog posts (April 2021).