

## **Anti-Trafficking Calendar**

Host a parish-wide event, prayer service, or activity on one or several of these dates to raise awareness of human trafficking and to call for an end to the exploitation and abuse of our fellow brothers and sisters

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	January
Entire Month	National Slavery and Human Trafficking Prevention Month
11	National Human Trafficking Awareness Day
February	
1	National Freedom Day
8	Feast Day of Saint Josephine Bakhita and the International Day of Prayer and Awareness against Trafficking
	April
Second Week	National Crime Victims' Rights Week (NCVRW)
	May
22	National Day of Prayer and Remembrance for Mariners and People of the Sea
	June
12	World Day Against Child Labor
	July
30	World Day Against Trafficking in Persons
	November
25	International Day for the Elimination of Violence Against Women
	December
2	International Day for the Abolition of Slavery
6	Anniversary of the ratification of the 13th Amendment
10	Human Rights Day
18	International Migrants Day



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Interested in the background of each calendar day? Read below!

#### <u>January</u>

Entire month: National Slavery and Human Trafficking Prevention Month

In 2010, President Obama proclaimed January as National Slavery and Human Trafficking Prevention Month. Since then, the U.S. government continues its pledge to combat human trafficking.

January 11: National Human Trafficking Awareness Day

In 2007, the U.S. Senate passed a resolution declaring January 11 as Human Trafficking Awareness Day, encouraging Americans to raise awareness of trafficking and its signs, and to learn about our slavery footprint.

#### <u>February</u>

February 1: National Freedom Day

- On February 1, 1865, President Abraham Lincoln signed a resolution that would later become the 13<sup>th</sup> Amendment which outlawed slavery.
- This day, largely advanced by Richard Robert Wright Sr., a former slave, celebrates and defends the freedoms that all Americans have a constitutional and inalienable right to enjoy.

**February 8**: Feast Day of Saint Josephine Bakhita & the International Day of Prayer and Awareness against Trafficking

- The Patron Saint of Sudan, St. Bakhita, was enslaved as a child and later sold to an Italian diplomat in Italy, where she valiantly asserted her freedom with the help of the Canossian Sisters. She lived out the rest of her life as a Canossian Sister, sharing her empowering testimony of human freedom and dignity.
- The International Day of Prayer and Awareness against Trafficking is an invitation to us all to become educated about the horrors of trafficking and the impact it has on victims, and to take action against modern day-slavery.



#### <u>April</u>

Second Week of April: National Crime Victims' Rights Week (NCVRW)

• This week is dedicated to learning about victimization and the effects it has on individuals, families, and friends, and to promote laws, policies, and programs to help victims of crime, including survivors of human trafficking.

#### May

May 22: National Day of Prayer and Remembrance for Mariners and People of the Sea

This day of prayer and remembrance invites us to raise awareness about the pastoral and social needs of those who work in fishing and seafood processing, especially those who are exploited and enslaved.

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June 12: World Day Against Child Labor

 Created in 2002, this day brings attention to child labor's global extent and the efforts and actions necessary to eliminate it.

#### <u>July</u>

July 30: UN World Day Against Trafficking in Persons

 Proclaimed by the United Nations General Assembly, this day urges us to recommit to the fight against human trafficking and calls on governments to implement policies to assist and protect victims, and bring traffickers to justice.

## **November**

**November 25**: International Day for the Elimination of Violence Against Women

The goal of this day is to raise awareness of the violence that women around the world are subject to, especially given the fact that this violence is often hidden.

## <u>December</u>

**December 2**: International Day for the Abolition of Slavery

 This day is focused on eradicating modern-day slavery, including labor and sex trafficking child labor, forced marriage, and the forced recruitment of children for use in armed conflict.

**December 6**: Anniversary of the Ratification of the 13<sup>th</sup> Amendment

 On December 6, 1865, the 13<sup>th</sup> Amendment was ratified, effectively outlawing slavery and involuntary servitude in the U.S.



## **December 10**: Human Rights Day

 December 10 commemorates the United Nations' adoption of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights in 1948 which, among other things, prohibits all form of slavery and servitude and asserts that we are all born free.

## **December 18**: International Migrants Day

• Though not all migrants are victims of trafficking nor are all trafficking victims migrants, many traffickers do exploit the vulnerabilities of migrants, immigrants, and refugees.