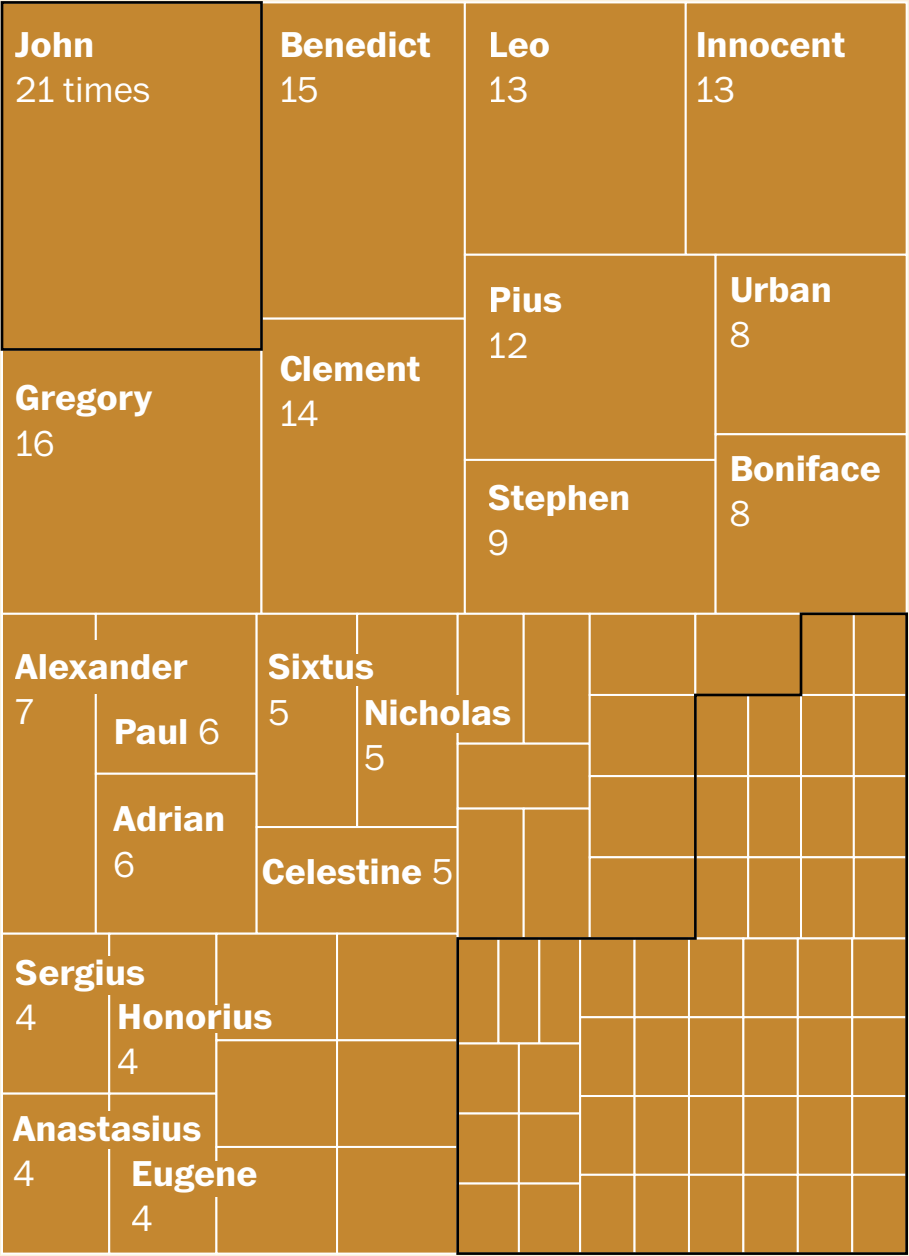


John, the popes' favorite name

John and Gregory are the most common names among the popes. In its more than 2,000 years of existence, the Catholic Church has had 264 pontiffs across 266 papacies, who have taken a total of 84 papal names.



Like Francis, 47 popes have adopted their name for the first time.