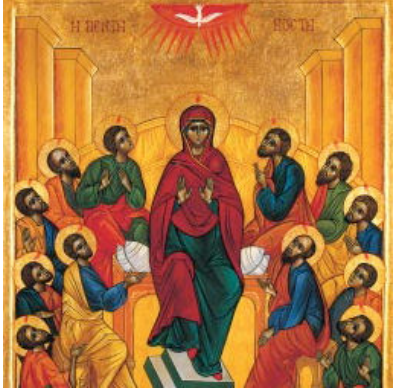


## SEPTEMBER 2008 FEAST DAYS

### Friday, September 5 — Mary, Queen of Apostles



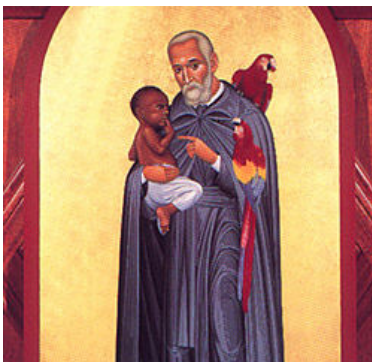
Blessed William Chaminade considered the retreat of 1818 as “foundational.” At the end of that retreat, Sept. 5, seven men made the first public profession of vows in the new Institute of Mary.

### Monday, September 8 — The Nativity of Mary



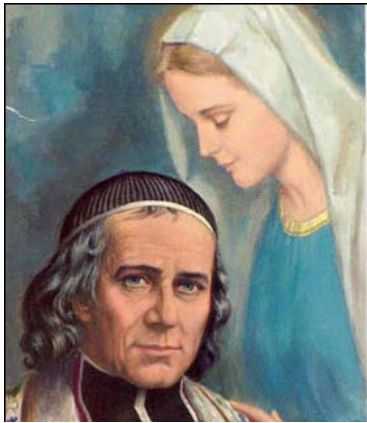
This feast originated in the Eastern Church and was commemorated in the West as early as the fifth century. No one is certain where Mary was born, but two traditions have survived from ancient times, one naming Nazareth and the other, Jerusalem. An occasion for praise and thanksgiving, the feast celebrates Mary’s personal sanctity and vocation as the mother of Jesus.

### Tuesday, September 9 — St. Peter Claver



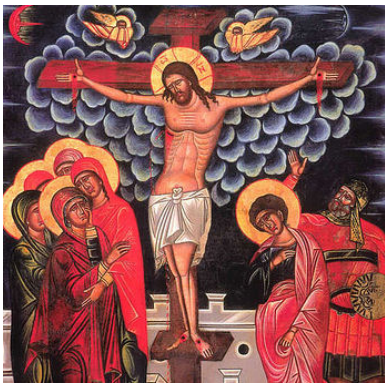
Born near Barcelona, Spain, in 1580, Peter Claver joined the Jesuits in 1600. He was sent to Cartagena (now Colombia) in South America. It was then the center of the slave trade, and Peter tended to newly arrived Africans with food, water and medicine. For nearly forty years, he ministered tirelessly to the slaves and pleaded with their owners to treat them humanely. In 1654, ill and neglected by his religious brothers, Peter Claver died. This celebration is now an obligatory memorial in the United States.

## Friday, September 12 — The Most Holy Name of Mary



This feast honoring the name of Mary was instituted by Pope Innocent XI in the 17<sup>th</sup> century. God the Father is glorified by the exalted role in salvation of the Blessed Virgin Mary. Thus, her name is one of honor, a holy name, a maternal name and a name responsive to the needs of the Church. It is the patronal feast of the Society of Mary.

## Sunday, September 14 — The Triumph of the Cross



This liturgical feast has been celebrated since early times. In the fourth century, two churches in Jerusalem were dedicated to the cross on this day and the occasion was commemorated annually. Dedicated in 335, they were destroyed by the Persians in 614. The present church of the Holy Sepulcher, one of the original churches, was built by the Crusaders in 1149.



On this day, we also remember Marie Thérèse de Lamourous, who helped Blessed Chaminade establish the Sodality of the Madeleine in Bordeaux and participated in the foundation of the Daughters of Mary Immaculate and the Miséricorde.

## Monday, September 15 — Our Lady of Sorrows



Formerly known as the “Seven Sorrows of Mary,” this feast was instituted in 1668 by the Servite Friars out of their devotion to Mary. In 1814, Pius VII extended the feast to the whole Western Church.

**Thursday, September 18 — Blesseds Carlos Eraña, Fidel Fuidio and Jesús Hita**



This day commemorates our three Marianist Brothers, who were martyred for their faith in 1936 during the religious persecution in Spain. They were beatified by Pope John Paul II on October 1, 1995.

**Saturday, September 20 — Sts. Andrew Kim Taegon, Paul Chong Hasang and Companions**



Today we honor 103 Koreans, clergy and lay, young and old, martyred between 1839-1867. During the persecutions of the mid-19<sup>th</sup> century there, more than 10,000 Christians were killed. They were canonized in 1984. Let us pray, in a special way, for the Marianist Family in Korea.

**Monday, September 29 — Michael, Gabriel and Raphael, Archangels**



Michael, Gabriel and Raphael are three of the seven archangels who stand before God and are venerated in both Jewish and Christian traditions. These biblical messengers signify God's transcendence and loving care: Michael (meaning *who is like God*), Gabriel (meaning *God's strength*) and Raphael (meaning *God's remedy*).