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## OUR MONTHLY THEME FOR THE MONTH OF AUGUST IS DEDICATED TO THE IMMACULATE HEART OF MARY

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The feasts on the General Roman Calendar celebrated during the month of August are:

This information on the special feast days were obtained from Catholic Culture.org.

1. Alphonsus Liguori, Memorial
2. Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time, Sunday
4. John Vianney, Memorial
5. Dedication of St. Mary Major, Opt. Mem.
6. Transfiguration, Feast
7. Sixtus II and companions; Cajetan, Opt. Mem.
8. Dominic, Memorial
9. Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time, Sunday
10. Lawrence, Feast
11. Clare of Assisi, Memorial
13. Pontian and Hippolytus, Opt. Mem.
14. Maximilian Kolbe, Memorial
15. Assumption, Solemnity
16. Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time, Sunday
19. John Eudes; St. Bernard Tolomei, Opt. Mem.
20. Bernard, Memorial
21. Pius X, Sunday
22. Queenship of Mary, Memorial
23. Twenty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time, Sunday
24. Bartholomew, Feast
25. Louis of France; Joseph Calasanz, Opt. Mem.
27. Monica, Memorial
28. Augustine, Memorial
29. Passion of Saint John the Baptist, Memorial
30. Twenty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time, Sunday

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*"The Eucharist, in the Mass and outside of the Mass, is the Body and Blood of Jesus Christ, and is therefore deserving of the worship that is given to the living God, and to Him alone" (St Pope John Paul II, Opening address in Ireland, Phoenix Park, September 29, 1979).*

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## NEW HOURS FOR EUCHARISTIC ADORATION IN THE CHAPEL

Eucharistic Adoration has started again Monday through Friday from 9 AM through 11:45 PM.

## THE MONTH OF AUGUST – THE IMMACULATE HEART OF MARY



In the midst of the second world war Pope Pius XII put the whole world under the special protection of our Savior's Mother by consecrating it to her Immaculate Heart, and in 1944 he decreed that in the future the whole Church should celebrate the feast of the Immaculate Heart of Mary. This is not a new devotion. In the seventeenth century, St. John Eudes preached it together with that of the Sacred Heart; in the nineteenth century, Pius VII and Pius IX allowed several churches to celebrate a feast of the Pure Heart of Mary. Pius XII instituted today's feast of the Immaculate Heart of Mary for the whole Church, so as to obtain by her intercession "peace among nations, freedom for the Church, the conversion of sinners, the love of purity and the practice of virtue" (Decree of May 4, 1944).

Three things made Francis of Caracciolo stand out from his wealthy Neapolitan friends: he was powerfully drawn to our Lord in the Blessed Sacrament, he fasted every Saturday in honor of the Virgin Mary, and he had a generous love for the poor. When he was seriously ill at the age of twenty-two, he vowed that if he were cured he would devote himself to the service of God and his fellow men. He became a priest and in 1588 joined the order of Minor Clerks Regular. Francis instituted perpetual adoration as one of the works of his Order. According to the 1962 Missal of St. John XXIII the Extraordinary Form of the Roman Rite, today is his feast. It is also the feast of Our Lady, Queen of Apostles.

## Immaculate Heart of Mary

The attention of Christians was early attracted by the love and virtues of the Heart of Mary. The Gospel itself invited this attention with exquisite discretion and delicacy. What was first excited was compassion for the Virgin Mother. It was, so to speak, at the foot of the Cross that the Christian heart first made the acquaintance of the Heart of Mary. Simeon's prophecy paved the way and furnished the devotion with one of its favourite formulae and most popular representations: the heart pierced with a sword. But Mary was not merely passive at the foot of the Cross; "she cooperated through charity", as St. Augustine says, "in the work of our redemption".

It is only in the twelfth, or towards the end of the eleventh century, that slight indications of a regular devotion are perceived in a sermon by St. Bernard (*De duodecim stellis*).

Stronger evidences are discernible in the pious meditations on the *Ave Maria* and the *Salve Regina*, usually attributed either to St. Anselm of Lucca (d. 1080) or St. Bernard; and also in the large book *De laudibus B. Mariae Virginis* (*Douai*, 1625) by Richard de Saint-Laurent.

In St. Mechtilde (d. 1298) and St. Gertrude (d. 1302) the devotion had two earnest adherents. A little earlier it had been included by St. Thomas Becket in the devotion to the joys and sorrows of Mary, by Blessed Hermann (d.1245), one of the first spiritual children of St. Dominic, in his other devotions to Mary, and somewhat later it appeared in St. Bridget's *Book of Revelations*.

St. Ambrose perceived in her the model of a virginal soul. St. Bernardine of Siena (d.1444) was more absorbed in the contemplation of the virginal heart, and it is from him that the Church has borrowed the lessons of the Second Nocturn for the feast of the Heart of Mary. St. Francis de Sales speaks of the perfections of this heart, the model of love for God, and dedicated to it his *Theotimus*.



In the second half of the sixteenth century and the first half of the seventeenth, ascetic authors dwelt upon this devotion at greater length. It was, however, reserved to St. Jean Eudes (d. 1681) to propagate the devotion, to make it public, and to have a feast celebrated in honor of the Heart of Mary, first at Autun in 1648 and afterwards in a number of French dioceses.

In 1799 Pius VI, then in captivity at Florence, granted the Bishop of Palermo the feast of the Most Pure Heart of Mary for some of the churches in his diocese. In 1805 Pius VII made a new concession, thanks to which the feast was soon widely observed. Such was the existing condition when a twofold movement, started in Paris, gave fresh impetus to the devotion. The two factors of this movement were first of all the revelation of the "miraculous medal" in 1830 and all the prodigies that followed,

and then the establishment at Notre-Dame-des-Victoires of the Archconfraternity of the Immaculate Heart of Mary, Refuge of Sinners, which spread rapidly throughout the world and was the source of numberless graces. On 21 July 1855, the Congregation of Rites finally approved the Office and Mass of the Most Pure Heart of Mary without, however, imposing them upon the Universal Church.

Excerpted from *Catholic Encyclopedia*, 1913 edition.

## REFLECTION BY DEACON BOB REPKE

### **August the Month of the Immaculate Heart**

The month of August is dedicated to the Immaculate Heart. Since the 16th century Catholic piety has assigned entire months to special devotions. The month of August is traditionally dedicated to the Immaculate Heart of Mary. The physical heart of Mary is venerated (and not adored as the Sacred Heart of Jesus is) because it is united to her person and is the seat of her love (especially for her divine Son), virtue, and inner life. Such devotion is an incentive to a similar love and virtue.

If asked to list Marian feast days in August, most Catholics would respond with only “the Assumption.”

If asked what other Marian feast days are in August, most Catholics would go blank. That is probably because the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary is a holy day of obligation in the United States, and so our attention is drawn to it because we are required to go to Mass that day. But there are other feast days of Mary throughout the month that we don't want to overlook.

Special days honoring Mary have been part of Catholic Tradition since the end of the first century.

Frescos of Mary both with and without Christ are found in the Roman catacombs. Since that time, devotion to Mary has grown to include holy days we customarily observe during the liturgical year. Marian feasts come under the doctrine of the Communion of Saints, in which we are called to honor those who have been raised up to perfection. Mary's role is primary to that of the saints, and so the Church assigns feasts in her honor to emphasize her role in salvation history.

The Marian feasts in August give us glimpses into the life of Mary and her role as Mother of God and Mediatrix of graces. There are many ways to commemorate Mary's feasts — from attending Mass, to making a holy hour or just saying an extra Rosary.

## **Aug. 2 - Our Lady of the Angels**

On this day we commemorate the dedication of the church of Portuincula (little portion of land), near Assisi, Italy. During St. Francis' life, there stood at this place a small ancient church that dated back to the sixth century. St. Francis loved this church because it was there that he recognized his vocation. In 1211, St. Francis acquired the church from the Benedictines, repaired it and made it the first church of the Franciscan Order. Since wonderful angelic voices frequently were heard there, it was called Our Lady of the Angels. Five years later, St. Francis received the Portuincula Indulgence from Pope Honorius as a gift for the chapel's dedication. On his deathbed, St. Francis placed the church into the special care of his fellow Franciscans, and in the 16th century, the little chapel was enshrined as the Basilica of St. Mary of the Angels. In 1921, Pope Benedict XV gave the privilege of the indulgence to all visitors for one year, and later legislation granted the indulgence to all the faithful on Aug. 2 of each year (or on the following Sunday) with permission of the local bishop.

## **Aug.5 - Our Lady of the Snows**

This day marks the Dedication of St. Mary Major Basilica in Rome, also known as Our Lady of the Snows. The memorial commemorates the dedication of the basilica originally erected on the Esquiline Hill in Rome by Pope Liberius in the fourth century. Some years later, Pope St. Sixtus III dedicated the church to Our Lady because the divine motherhood of Mary had just been proclaimed as an article of faith during the Council of Ephesus. The Basilica of St. Mary Major is the most significant Marian cathedral in the Western world.

The title Our Lady of the Snows dates to a legend of the Middle Ages that tells us of a rich, childless couple who wanted to make Mary the heiress of their fortune. They prayed continuously in order to discover Mary's wish for them. On the night of Aug. 4, the Blessed Virgin made her wish known to both the couple and Pope Liberius — she wanted a shrine built on the spot on the Esquiline Hill that they would see covered with snow the next morning. Accompanied by clergy and laity, the pope walked in procession to the spot and found a site covered with snow, in spite of the intense heat of August in Rome. Pope Liberius immediately ordered the building of the Marian church on that spot.

Pope St. Sixtus III had the original church replaced by a newer, larger one in 432, and observation of the feast of Our Lady of the Snows began in that church in 435. Henceforth, the feast was extended to all of Rome, and in 1568, Pope Pius V extended it to the universal Church. Inside the basilica is one of the most ancient pictures of Mary, *Salus Populi Romani* ("Salvation of the Roman People"), which Pope Francis has visited several times since his election. Tradition attributes the picture to St. Luke and replicas of it have spread throughout the world. It also is installed as an image of grace in Ingolstadt, Germany, under the title "Mother Thrice Admirable."

## **Aug. 13 - Our Lady, Refuge of Sinners**

This feast dates to the time of St. Germanus of Constantinople in the eighth century. This title depicts Mary as the New Eve. Eve was the instrument for the fall of humans into original sin and their

subsequent suffering. Mary, on the other hand is the instrument for the salvation of humans and their healing by her agreement to become the mother of the Redeemer. Mary's position as Jesus' mother gives her special intercessory abilities, particularly in interceding for his mercy for sinners.

### **Aug. 15 - The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary**

As far back as the fifth century, the Church in Jerusalem celebrated a feast of Mary on Aug. 15, which became known in the Eastern Church as "the day on which Holy Mary expired." In the seventh century it was introduced to the Western Church as the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary. It's one of the most ancient feasts of Mary and commemorates her death and her assumption, body and soul, into heaven. Although Mary's death is not documented, Tradition holds that she died at age 72 in either Ephesus or Jerusalem. Pope Pius XII proclaimed the dogma of the assumption on Nov. 1, 1950. A legend says that the apostles found flowers upon opening Mary's tomb.

### **Aug. 22 - Queenship of Mary**

Pope Pius XII decreed and instituted the feast of the Queenship of Mary on Oct. 11, 1954, in his encyclical, *Ad Caeli Reginam* ("To the Queen of Heaven"). Originally, the feast was celebrated on May 31 and was reassigned to Aug. 22 in the revised Roman Calendar of 1969.

"Mary, too, as mother of the divine Christ, as his associate in the redemption, in his struggle with his enemies and his final victory over them, has a share, though in a limited and analogous way, in his royal dignity. For from her union with Christ she attains a radiant eminence transcending that of any other creature; from her union with Christ she receives the royal right to dispose of the treasures of the Divine Redeemer's Kingdom; from her union with Christ finally is derived the inexhaustible efficacy of her maternal intercession before the Son and His Father," Pope Pius XII wrote (*Ad Coeli Reginam*, No. 39).

Whether we celebrate August's Marian feast days in a big way or a small one, taking time to reflect on their history and meaning can help us to better understand Mary's vital role in our salvation. Spending time with her — in private reflection or formal prayer — can increase our love for her and obtain for us graces for our sanctification.

## **PRAYER TO THE IMMACULATE HEART OF MARY**

O Immaculate Heart of Mary, Heavenly beauty and splendor of the Father, You are the most valued Heavenly treasure. New Eve, immaculate in soul, spirit and body, Created of the godly seed by the Spirit of God, You are the spiritual Mother of mankind. Pure Virgin, full of grace then and now, Your whole being was raised Heavenly in full glory, To be elevated above all the hosts within the Kingdom of God. O Heavenly Mother, Queen of Heaven and earth, I recognize the glory of your highest title, The Immaculate Heart of Mary! Loving Mother, dispenser of endless blessings, You who continuously intercedes on our behalf, please

present my need before your loving Son Jesus.

(In your own words, make your special request here. Do not just mention a word. Speak to the Immaculate Heart of Mary as you would speak to another person, begging your Heavenly Mother to plea to Jesus on your behalf, that you be granted this special request.)

O Immaculate Heart of Mary, I know that you are now presenting my need before Jesus, For you have never turned away those in dire need. Mother dearest, I await your favorable answer, submitting myself to the Divine will of the Lord, for all glories are His forever and ever.

## **CHAPLET OF THE IMMACULATE HEART OF MARY**

### **How to pray the Chaplet of the Immaculate Heart of Mary**

**This devotion is prayed on the popular 59 beads Marian Rosary.**

**Start by making the "Sign of the Cross" 5 times in veneration of the Saviour's 5 Holy Wounds.**

**On the large beads, say:**

**"Sorrowful and Immaculate Heart of Mary,  
Pray for those who seek refuge in you."**

**On the small beads, say:**

**"Holy Mother,  
save us through your Immaculate Heart's flame of love."**

**You finish the Chaplet by praying 3 "Glory be".**

## EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION ONLINE

Hello Dear Friends and Faithful Eucharistic Adorers,

The following Eucharistic Adoration sites are available online and in most cases are being streamed online "LIVE." Once you click on the link you will be able to easily see if they are LIVE and sometimes there is a display which indicates the number of Eucharistic Adorers who are watching and praying.

Please note that at times these "live" sites for Eucharistic Adoration are taken offline by the organization sponsoring the live site. Do not be discouraged, as sometimes, the site is taken down for maintenance.

1. <https://youtu.be/BKoweAT723g> (In Poland)
2. [Adoration at Our Lady of Guadalupe of The Blessed Sacrament](#) 24/7 Live  
Perpetual Adoration hosted by Our Lady of Guadalupe Catholic Church in Doral, FL
3. [Live Adoration from Tyburn Convent](#) From London England
4. [Adorecast – Live Perpetual Adoration](#) - This site has been closed temporarily due to the COVID-19 If you click on the link you'll notice the sign they have posted.
5. <https://www.ewtn.com/catholicism/adoration> available from 9 AM to 6 PM

## SCHEDULES AND MORE

**Eucharistic Adoration has started again Monday through Friday from 9 AM through 11:45 PM.**

*All individuals are encouraged to practice “Social Distancing”*

### TEAM CAPTAINS

## St. Joseph's Catholic Church: Eucharistic Adoration Day/Evening Captains

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This section of the Newsletter is dedicated to questions we receive from Adorers and our answers.

If you have a question specifically related to Eucharistic Adoration at St. Joseph's, our schedule or our current procedures, please do not hesitate to pose those questions. You may send your questions to [drrodacruz@yahoo.com](mailto:drrodacruz@yahoo.com).

We will do everything we can to provide you an answer, and we will post the Q & A in this section the following month.

Thank you, Rod Cruz