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Currently we are blest to be celebrating our 33rd year!

The Monthly Message of Our Blessed Mother from Medjugorje: July 25, 2026

"Dear children! While darkness and peacelessness rule in many hearts, you, little children, be prayer and my extended hands of love. Little children, place the Sacred Scripture in a visible place in your family and read it, so that it may be an encouragement for you to conversion and a new life; because satan is strong and seduces hearts. Your hearts, through my maternal Heart, I desire to commend to the Heart of my Son Jesus, so that He, the Risen One, may reign in you and joy may begin to reign in you and around you. Thank you for having responded to my call."

See a rose . . . . Pray a Rosary!

BISHOP LUCIA NOVENA PRAYER FOR AN END TO THE CORONAVIRUS PANDEMIC www.syrdio.org:
O Mary, full of grace, Patroness of this nation and Mother of the Church, in this time of illness and worldwide need we seek your intercession for the human family before your Son's throne of grace and mercy. We ask for strength in adversity, health in weakness, and comfort in sorrow. Help us, O Blessed Mother, to be filled with confidence and trust in the tender compassion of our God. Let us not be afraid, like our own Saint Marianne Cope, who entrusted her life and ministry among the outcasts of society into the care of our Divine Physician. Continue to watch over all who are sick as well as those who care for them and give wisdom to all who are seeking a cure. We ask this through Christ, our Lord. Amen.

HEAVEN CALLS—IS YOUR RINGER ON ?
Blessing and prayers to all our friends, supporters and newsletter subscribers of the Central NY Marian Center.

The month of September is dedicated to the Seven Sorrows of Mary. Devotion to the sorrows of the Virgin Mary dates from the twelfth century, when it made its appearance in monastic circles under the influence of St. Anselm and St. Bernard.

The month of September is dedicated to Our Lady of Sorrows, whose memorial the Church celebrates on September 15. September falls during the liturgical season known as **Ordinary Time**, which is represented by the liturgical color green. This symbol of hope is the color of the sprouting seed and arouses in the faithful the hope of reaping the eternal harvest of heaven, especially the hope of a glorious resurrection. It is used in the offices and Masses of Ordinary Time.

Feast of the Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary
September 8, 2026

Mary was born to be the mother of the Savior of the world, the spiritual mother of all men, and the holiest of God's creatures. Because of her Son's infinite merits, she was conceived and born immaculate and full of grace. Through her, Queen of heaven and of

earth, all grace is given to men. Through her, by the will of the Trinity, the unbelieving receive the gift of faith; the afflicted are tendered the works of mercy; and the members of Christ grow in likeness of their Head. In Mary all human nature is exalted. We rejoice in her birthday, as the Church has done from the earliest times. This is one of the three birthdays in the Church Calendar, the Birth of Jesus (December 25), the Birth of John the Baptist (June 24) and the Birthday of Mary. All three were born without original sin, although Mary and **Jesus** were conceived without sin, and **St. John** was cleansed of original sin while in the womb at the **Visitation of Mary.**

On Our Lady's birthday the Church celebrates the first dawning of redemption with the appearance in the world of the Savior's mother, Mary. The **Blessed Virgin** occupies a unique place in the history of salvation, and she has the highest mission ever commended to any creature. We rejoice that the **Mother of God is our Mother**, too. Let us often call upon the **Blessed Virgin** as "Cause of our joy", one of the most beautiful titles in her litany.

Since September 8 marks the end of summer and beginning of fall, this day has many thanksgiving celebrations and customs attached to it. In the older form of the *Roman Ritual* there is a blessing of the summer harvest and fall planting seeds for this day. Excerpted from *The Holyday Book* by Fr. Francis Weiser, SJ

Feast of the Exaltation of the Holy Cross
September 14, 2026

This feast was observed in Rome before the end of the seventh century. It commemorates the recovery of the Holy Cross, which had been placed on Mt. Calvary by St. Helena and preserved in Jerusalem, but then had fallen into the hands of Chosroas, King of the Persians. The precious relic was recovered and returned to Jerusalem by Emperor Heralius in 629.

The lessons from the Breviary tell us that Emperor Heraclius carried the Cross back to Jerusalem on his shoulders. He was clothed with costly garments and with ornaments of precious stones. But at the entrance to Mt. Calvary a strange incident occurred. Try as hard as he would, he could not go forward. Zacharias, the Bishop of Jerusalem, then said to the astonished monarch: "Consider, O Emperor, that with these triumphal ornaments you are far from resembling Jesus carrying His Cross."

The Emperor then put on a penitential garb and continued the journey.

Triumph of the Cross

This day is also called the Exaltation of the Cross, Elevation of the Cross, Holy Cross Day, Holy Rood Day, or Roodmas. The liturgy of the Cross is a triumphant liturgy. When Moses lifted up the bronze serpent over the people, it was a foreshadowing of the salvation through Jesus when He was lifted up on the Cross. Our Mother Church sings of the triumph of the Cross, the instrument of our redemption. To follow Christ we must take up His cross, follow Him and become obedient until death, even if it means death on the cross. We identify with Christ on the Cross and become co-redeemers, sharing in His cross.

We made the Sign of the Cross before prayer which helps to fix our minds and hearts to God. After prayer we make the Sign of the Cross to keep close to God. During trials and temptations our strength and protection is the Sign of the Cross. At Baptism we are sealed with the Sign of the Cross, signifying the fullness of redemption and that we belong to Christ. Let us look to the cross frequently, and realize that when we make the Sign of the Cross we give our entire self to God, mind, soul, heart, body, will, thoughts.

O cross, you are the glorious sign of victory. Through your power may we share in the triumph of Christ Jesus.

Memorial of Our Lady of Sorrows September 15, 2026

Devotion to the Seven Sorrows of Our Lady has its roots in Sacred Scripture and in Christian piety, which always associates the Blessed Mother with her suffering Son. Today's feast was introduced by the Servites in order to intensify devotion to Our Lady's Sorrows. In 1817 Pius VII, suffering grievously in exile but finally liberated by Mary's intercession, extended the feast to the universal Church.

Our Lady of Sorrows

This feast dates back to the 12th century. It was especially promoted by the Cistercians and the Servites, so much so that in the 14th and 15th centuries it was widely celebrated throughout the Catholic Church. In 1482 the feast was added to the Missal under the title of "Our Lady of Compassion." Pope Benedict XIII added it to the Roman Calendar in 1727 on the Friday before Palm Sunday. In 1913, Pope Pius X fixed the date on September 15.

The title "Our Lady of Sorrows" focuses on Mary's intense suffering during the passion and death of Christ.

"The Seven Dolors," the title by which it was celebrated in the 17th century, referred to the seven swords that pierced the **Heart of Mary.**

The feast is like an octave for the birthday of **Our Lady on September 8th. Excerpted from *Our Lady of Sorrows* by Fr. Paul Haffner** (*Inside the Vatican*, September 2004)

This feast is dedicated to the spiritual martyrdom of Mary, Mother of God, and her compassion with the sufferings of her **Divine Son, Jesus**. In her suffering as co-redeemer, she reminds us of the tremendous evil of sin and shows us the way of true repentance. May the numerous tears of the **Mother of God** be conducive to our salvation; with which tears Thou, O God, art able to wash away the sins of the whole world.

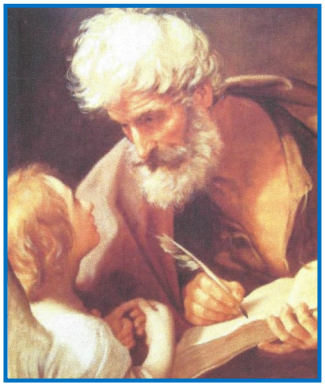
As Mary stood at the foot of the Cross on which Jesus hung, the sword of sorrow Simeon had foretold pierced her soul. Below are the seven sorrows of Mary:

1 The prophecy of Simeon *(Luke 2:25-35)*
2 The flight into Egypt *(Matthew 2:13-15)*
3 Loss of the Child Jesus for three days *(Luke 2:41-50)*
4 Mary meets Jesus on his way to Calvary *(Luke 23:27-31; John 19:17)*
5 Crucifixion and Death of Jesus *(John 19:25-30)*
6 The body of Jesus being taken from the Cross *(Psalm 130; Luke 23:50-54; John 19:31-37)*
7 The burial of Jesus *(Isaiah 53:8; Luke 23:50-56; John 19:38-42; Mark 15:40-47)*

Feast of St. Matthew, Apostle and Evangelist September 21, 2026

At the time that Jesus summoned him to follow Him, Matthew was a publican, that is, a tax-collector for the Romans. His profession was hateful to the Jews because it reminded them of their subjection; the publican, also, was regarded by the pharisees as the typical sinner. **St. Matthew** is known to us principally as an Evangelist. He was the first to put down in writing our Lord's teaching and the account of His life. His Gospel was written in Aramaic, the language that our Lord Himself spoke.

No one was more shunned by the Jews than a publican, who was a Jew working for the Roman enemy by robbing his own people and making a large personal profit. Publicans were not allowed to trade, eat, or even pray with others Jews.



One day, while seated at his table of books and money, Jesus looked at Matthew and said two words: "Follow me." This was all that was needed to make Matthew rise, leaving his pieces of silver to follow Christ. His original name, "Levi," in Hebrew signifies "Adhesion" while his new name in Christ, Matthew, means "Gift of God." The only other outstanding mention of Matthew in the Gospels is the dinner party for Christ and His companions to which he invited his fellow tax-collectors. The Jews were surprised to see Jesus with a publican, but Jesus explained that he had come "not to call the just, but sinners."

St. Matthew is known to us principally as an Evangelist, with his Gospel being the first in the New Testament. His Gospel was written in Aramaic, the language that our Lord Himself spoke and was written to convince the Jews that their anticipated Messiah had come in the person of Jesus.

Not much else is known about Matthew. According to tradition, he preached in Egypt and Ethiopia and further places East. Some legends say he lived until his nineties, dying a peaceful death, others say he died a martyr's death.

Feast of Sts. Michael, Gabriel and Raphael, Archangels September 29, 2026

The liturgy celebrates the feast of these three archangels who are venerated in the tradition of the Church. Michael (*Who is like God?*) was the archangel who fought against Satan and all his evil angels, defending all the friends of God. He is the protector of all humanity from the snares of the devil. Gabriel (*Strength of God*) announced to Zachariah the forthcoming birth of John the Baptist, and to Mary, the birth of Jesus. His greeting to the Virgin, "Hail, full of grace," is one of the most familiar and frequent prayers of the Christian people. Raphael (*Medicine of God*) is the archangel who took care of Tobias on his journey.

The *Catechism of the Catholic Church* teach-

es us that, **"The existence of the spiritual, noncorporeal beings that Sacred Scripture usually calls "angels" is a truth of faith. The witness of Scripture is as clear as the unanimity of Tradition."**

Angels are pure, created spirits. The name angel means servant or messenger of God. Angels are celestial or heavenly beings, on a higher order than human beings. Angels have no bodies and do not depend on matter for their existence or activity. They are distinct from saints, which men can become. Angels have intellect and will, and are immortal. They are a vast multitude, but each is an individual person. Archangels are one of the nine choirs of angels listed in the Bible.

St. Michael

The name of the archangel Michael means, in Hebrew, *who is like unto God?* and he is also known as **"the prince of the heavenly host."** He is usually pictured as a strong warrior, dressed in armor and wearing sandals. His name appears in Scripture four times, twice in the Book of Daniel, and once each in the Epistle of St. Jude and the Book of Revelation. From Revelation we learn of the battle in heaven, with St. Michael and his angels combatting Lucifer and the other fallen angels (or devils). We invoke St. Michael to help us in our fight against Satan; to rescue souls from Satan, especially at the hour of death; to be the champion of the Jews in the Old Testament and now Christians; and to bring souls to judgment.

This day is referred to as "Michaelmas" in many countries and is also one of the harvest feast days. In England this is one of the "quarter days", which was marked by hiring servants, electing magistrates, and beginning of legal and university terms. This day also marks the opening of the deer and other large game hunting season. In some parts of Europe, especially Germany, Denmark, and Austria, a special wine called "Saint Michael's Love" (Michelsminne) is drunk on this day. The foods for this day vary depending on nationality. In the British Isles, for example, goose was the traditional meal for Michaelmas, eaten for prosperity, France has waffles or *Gaufres* and the traditional fare in Scotland used to be St. Michael's Bannock (*Struan Micheil*) a large, scone-like cake.

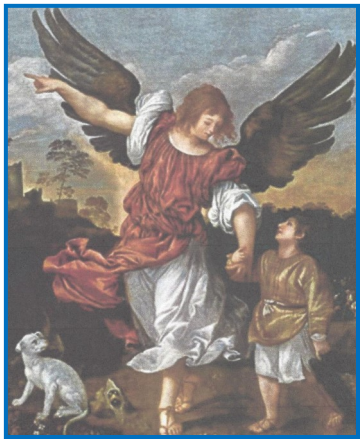
St. Gabriel

St. Gabriel's name means **"God is my strength"**. Biblically he appears three times as a messenger. He had been sent to Daniel to explain a vision concerning the Messiah. He appeared to Zachary when he was offering incense in the Temple, to foretell the birth of his son, St. John the Baptist. St. Gabriel is most known as the angel chosen by God to be the messenger of the Annunciation, to announce to mankind the mystery of the Incarnation.

The angel's salutation to our Lady, so simple and yet so full of meaning, *Hail Mary, full of grace*, has become the constant and familiar prayer of all Christian people.

St. Raphael

The name means "God is my Health."



St. Raphael is one of seven angels "who enter and serve before the **Glory of the Lord**" **(Tob 12:15).** The meaning of **Raphael's** name reflects the fact that he touched Tobit's eyes in order to heal them of blindness. In the third antiphon of the **Office of Readings**, we are reminded that **Raphael** stands before **God: "I am the angel Raphael, I stand in the presence of the Lord; as for you, bless the Lord, and proclaim his wonderful deeds."**

Our knowledge of the Archangel Raphael comes to us from the book of Tobit. His mission as wonderful healer and fellow traveler with the youthful Tobias has caused him to be invoked for journeys and at critical moments in life. Tradition also holds that Raphael is the angel that stirred the waters at the healing sheep pool in Bethesda.

There is a great deal we can learn from the Archangels, who are powerful messengers, allies and friends of men.

The *Catechism of the Catholic church* reminds us that with their whole being the angels are servants to **God.** They "always behold the face of my **Father** who is in heaven" they are the "mighty ones who do his work, hearkening to the voice of his word" **(CCC No. 329; Mt 18:10).**

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Veneration of Relics on Feast Days 10 AM - 1 PM

Monday, September 14, Feast of the Exaltation of the Holy Cross - Relic of the True Cross given to Richard Bingold by Father Peter Mary Rookey

Wednesday, September 23, Memorial of St. Pius of Pietrelcina (Padre Pio) –Third Class relic medal and prayer card of Padre Pio

Tuesday, September 29, Saints Michael, Gabriel and Raphael, Archangels – Relic stone from the Apparition Grotto of St. Michael the Archangel, Monte Gargano, Italy

<u>Speaker/Events/Rosary</u>

Tuesday, September 8, 11:00AM - Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary – Join us for the Rosary

Tuesday, September 15, 11:00AM - Memorial of Our Lady of Sorrows – Pray with us, the Rosary of Our Lady of Sorrows

Sunday, September 20, 1:00PM - Vince Larkin, a popular Charismatic speaker will talk with us about "Is this from You, Lord?" and discernment regarding that question

Tuesday, September 29, 6:30PM - Carol Puschaver, St Michael's Ministry, will speak about the Archangels. Veneration of the St. Michael Cave relic stone will take place from 10AM-1PM and during Carol's Presentation. Carol will also invite you to the St. Michael Angelic Mission, led by Fr. Peter Prusakiewicz, CSMA. The Mission will be held October 5-7 at Christ the King Church, Liverpool.

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We're still a work in progress but we now have air, carpet in the upstairs prayer rooms, and a working coffee maker. Our current hours are Monday: 10:30AM-12:30; 6:30PM-7:45PM; Tuesday & Thursday: 10:00-1:00; Friday: 10:00-2:00. Interested in spending a couple of volunteer hours extending our M, Tu, Th, F time? You'd be in great company with our saints relics. See inside for some September special dates.

Please pray for the Marian Center: *Holy Mary, "chosen to be the Mother of God and your mother"; *Jesus gave you to us at the Cross. We pray for your intercession that the mission given by God to the Central New York Marian Center will be fulfilled. May we, your children, give our Fiat for His Will to be done. Queen of the Most Holy Rosary, pray for us. Our Lady of Fatima, pray for us. Our Lady of Lourdes, pray for us. Queen of Peace, Queen of Divine Mercy,** pray for us. Amen.* *spoken by Our Lady in her February 2, 2020 message **From 12/31/19 homily of Archbishop Luigi Pezzuti.

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