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SEPTEMBER 2004

This month is traditionally dedicated to *The Holy Cross*

01 Wed	Feria
02 Thurs	Feria
03 Fri	St Gregory the Great, <i>Pope & Doctor</i> <i>Anniversary of the Death in 1120 of Blessed Gerard, Founder O.N.</i>
04 Sat	Feria, or Saturday Mass of the Blessed Virgin Mary
05 SUN	+ <u>TWENTY THIRD SUNDAY OF THE YEAR</u> <i>Ps Wk 3</i> <i>Gloria, Creed, Preface of Sundays of the Year</i>
06 Mon	Feria
07 Tues	Feria
08 Wed	** <u>THE BIRTH OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY,</u> <u>VENERATED IN OUR ORDER AS 'OUR LADY OF</u> <u>PHILERMO' (The Victory Mass)</u> <i>Gloria, Creed, Preface of the Blessed Virgin Mary</i> <i>Throughout our Order, Our Lady's Birthday is kept with great solemnity in thanksgiving for the raising of the Great Siege of Malta on this day in 1565. At Valletta, in the Order's Church of St John the Baptist, there was venerated an ancient icon of our Lady which had originally been brought from Jerusalem to the shrine on Mount Phileremos on Rhodes (hence the title). An exact copy is now one of the treasures of the Basilica of St Mary of the Angels at Assisi.</i> <i>Pope Sergius I (687-701), following Eastern tradition introduced this feast, which traces the privileges of Our Lady to Christ, her son. Our Lady's Birthday is closely linked with the coming of the Messiah: it is the promise, the preparation and the fruit of salvation. Mary was the dawn before the Sun of Justice and the herald to all the world of the joy brought by our Saviour.</i>

Common of the Blessed Virgin Mary

Prayer:

Father of Mercy,
give your people help and strength from Heaven.
The birth of the Virgin Mary's Son
was the dawn of our salvation.

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May this celebration of her birthday
bring us closer to lasting peace.
Grant this through our Lord Jesus Christ your Son,
who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,
one God for ever and ever.

09 Thurs	St Peter Claver, <i>Priest</i>
10 Fri	Feria
11 Sat	Feria, <i>or</i> Saturday Mass of the Blessed Virgin Mary
12 SUN	+ <u>TWENTY FOURTH SUNDAY OF THE YEAR</u> <i>Ps Wk 4</i> <i>Gloria, Creed, Preface of Sundays of the Year</i>
13 Mon	St John Chrysostom, <i>Bishop & Doctor</i>
14 Tues	THE EXALTATION OF THE HOLY CROSS <i>Gloria, 1st and 2nd Readings, Creed, Proper Preface or of the Passion I.</i>
15 Wed	Our Lady of Sorrows <i>Proper Readings, Preface of the Blessed Virgin Mary</i>
16 Thurs	SS Cornelius, <i>Pope</i>, and Cyprian, <i>Bishop, Martyrs</i>
17 Fri	Feria, <i>or</i> St Robert Bellarmine, <i>Bishop & Doctor</i>
18 Sat	Feria
19 SUN	+ <u>TWENTY FIFTH SUNDAY OF THE YEAR</u> <i>Ps Wk 1</i> <i>Gloria, Creed, Preface of Sundays of the Year</i>
20 Mon	SS Andrew Kim Taegon, <i>Priest</i>, Paul Chong Hasong and Companions, <i>Martyrs</i>
21 Tues	ST MATTHEW, <i>Apostle & Evangelist</i>
22 Wed	Feria
23 Thurs	St Pio of Pietreclina (Padre Pio), <i>Priest</i> (** SS Zachary and Elizabeth, Parents of St John the Baptist) <i>Common of Holy Men</i>

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Prayer:

O God, by whose grace Zachary and Elizabeth became the parents of the herald of Your Son, grant to us through their intercession the grace to love You above all things and so to inherit what You have promised. We ask this through our Lord Jesus Christ your Son, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God for ever and ever.

24 Fri	Feria
25 Sat	Feria, or Saturday Mass of the Blessed Virgin Mary
26 SUN	+ TWENTY SIXTH SUNDAY OF THE YEAR <i>Ps Wk 2</i> <i>Gloria, Creed, Preface of Sundays of the Year</i>
27 Mon	St Vincent de Paul, Priest
28 Tues	Feria, or St Wenceslaus, Martyr, or Blessed Lawrence Ruiz & Companions, Martyrs <i>Anniversary of the Death of HH Pope John Paul I in 1978</i>
29 Wed	SS MICHAEL, GABRIEL & RAPHAEL, Archangels <i>Gloria, 1st or 2nd Readings, Preface of the Angels</i>
30 Thurs	St Jerome, Priest & Doctor

FROM A XIIIth CENTURY KNIGHT'S MISSAL

**Behold most kind Jesus, now I see you before me Whom I have long desired ;
Behold most merciful King, now I hold You Whom I have long hoped for ;
Your unworthy servant, I beg You to allow this joyful receiving
of your Body and Blood here on earth, to become the means of my being one day
joined to you in Heaven.**

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Hail for all eyes Most Holy Body and Blood, my utmost delight for all eternity.