

# THE SAINT JAMES EXPERIENCE

## The Saint James Cathedral-Basilica Twenty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time September 8, 2024



**SAINT JAMES  
CATHEDRAL-BASILICA**

### SCHEDULE:

*Weekday Mass: Monday to Friday 12:00 PM*

*Sunday Mass: 11:00 AM*

*Adoration of The Blessed Sacrament: Friday 11:00 AM*

### OFFICE HOURS:

*Monday to Friday 9:00 AM-3:00 PM*

*(Closed on Holidays & For Special Events)*

*Most Reverend Robert J. Brennan, D. D., Bishop*

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## FROM THE ADMINISTRATOR AT SAINT JAMES CATHEDRAL-BASILICA

### To the Faithful parishioners of St. James Cathedral Parish,

I am grateful to Bishop Robert Brennan for the opportunity to introduce myself as your new administrator. Hard as it is to believe it is time for the start of a new school year; it is truly the most wonderful time of the year! For students, parents, administrators, teachers, and staff, the new academic year is a chance for a new beginning filled with opportunities for growth, learning, and development. After almost 52 years of teaching may I offer these reflections?

A new school year allows each student a “do-over.” It’s a chance to set new goals, adopt better study habits, and improve academic performance. Students and teachers bring all their past experiences with them and may use them to make positive changes. This opportunity is incredibly motivating; it encourages students and teachers to strive for excellence.

Returning to school also means renewing friendships and making new ones. Social interactions are crucial for children, adolescents, and adults to develop communication skills, empathy, and teamwork. The school environment offers a structured setting where students and faculty can learn and develop social skills, build relationships, and build a sense of community.

Each new school year brings new academic subjects, ways of viewing the world, and social challenges. These ongoing challenges are essential for intellectual development. Educators play an essential role in guiding students through their personal and academic journeys, providing the knowledge and skills needed to succeed in the future.

As much as students dislike the order of the school day, they need it! The structure of the school day helps students develop a routine, which is vital for time management and self-discipline. These skills are not only important for academic success but also for personal growth and future career preparation. A consistent routine helps students balance their academic responsibilities with extracurricular activities and personal interests.

A new school year also offers parents the opportunity to engage more deeply in their children’s education. Attending school events, meeting teachers, and participating in school activities can strengthen the parent-child relationship and provide valuable insights into the child’s academic and social development. Parents need to attend the opening of school night so that they can meet the adults who will spend the entire day with their children.

May I end with this reflection? The start of a new school year is a time of excitement and opportunity. It’s a period that fosters growth, learning, and development, setting the stage for a successful and fulfilling academic experience. Embracing this new beginning with enthusiasm and a positive attitude makes all the difference in a student’s educational experience. All of God’s blessings for the start of the new academic year!

Many Blessings,

*Fr. Joseph R. Gibino*





**READING I : [Isaiah 35:4-7a](#)**

**(Proclaimed in Spanish)**

Thus says the LORD: Say to those whose hearts are frightened: Be strong, fear not! Here is your God, he comes with vindication; with divine recompense he comes to save you. Then will the eyes of the blind be opened, the ears of the deaf be cleared; then will the lame leap like a stag, then the tongue of the mute will sing. Streams will burst forth in the desert, and rivers in the steppe. The burning sands will become pools, and the thirsty ground, springs of water.

**Response: TE ALABAMOS, SEÑOR**

**RESPONSORIAL PSALM : [146:6-7, 8-9, 9-10](#)**



**READING II : [James 12:1-5](#)**

My brothers and sisters, show no partiality as you adhere to the faith in our glorious Lord Jesus Christ. For if a man with gold rings and fine clothes comes into your assembly, and a poor person in shabby clothes also comes in, and you pay attention to the one wearing the fine clothes and say, "Sit here, please," while you say to the poor one, "Stand there," or "Sit at my feet," have you not made distinctions among yourselves and become judges with evil designs? Listen, my beloved brothers and sisters. Did not God choose those who are poor in the world to be rich in faith and heirs of the kingdom that he promised to those who love him?

**GOSPEL: [Mark 7:31-37](#)**

Again Jesus left the district of Tyre and went by way of Sidon to the Sea of Galilee, into the district of the Decapolis. And people brought to him a deaf man who had a speech impediment and begged him to lay his hand on him. He took him off by himself away from the crowd. He put his finger into the man's ears and, spitting, touched his tongue; then he looked up to heaven and groaned, and said to him, "Ephphatha!" – that is, "Be opened!" – And immediately the man's ears were opened, his speech impediment was removed, and he spoke plainly. He ordered them not to tell anyone. But the more he ordered them not to, the more they proclaimed it. They were exceedingly astonished and they said, "He has done all things well. He makes the deaf hear and the mute speak."

**23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time B - Gloria**

Open: [846](#) - All are welcome

Offertory: [824](#) - God Made from One Blood

Communion: [915](#) - One bread, one body

Recession: [646](#) - God is working his purpose out

Postlude: *Festal March* - William Lloyd Webber 1914-1982

Postlude: *Erbarm Dich Mein* - Johann Sebastian Bach 1685-1750



# PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS

## TWENTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME SEPTEMBER 8, 2024

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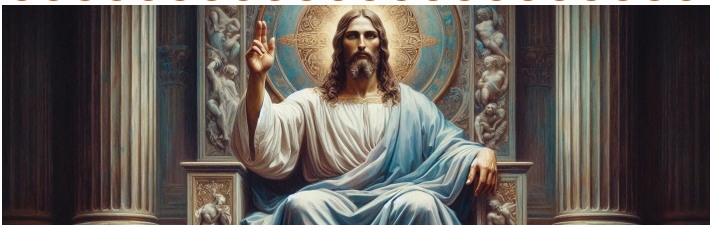
His Eminence  
Timothy  
Cardinal Dolan  
Benediction

2:00 pm: Veneration of Blessed Carlo Acutis Relic  
3:00 pm: Holy Hour, Confession, Rosary  
4:00 pm: Holy Mass at St. Patrick's Cathedral  
4:45-5:45 pm: Eucharistic Procession Through Manhattan  
5:50 pm: Benediction  
6:15 pm: Event Concludes  
6:15-8:30 pm: Veneration of Blessed Carlo Acutis Relic

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We remember 9/11, honoring the fallen and the heroes. Their bravery and sacrifice remain in our hearts, inspiring us to stand united.

### SECOND COLLECTION FOR CATHOLIC UNIVERSITY OF AMERICA September 8, 2024

Proceeds from the second collection on Sunday, September 8<sup>th</sup> will go to the **The Catholic University of America**. Please consider fostering the seeds of faith with your continued generosity.

## MASS INTENTIONS

### SUNDAY: September 8, 2024

Mamie White

### MONDAY: September 9, 2024

Lourdes Mecker Scott & Family

### TUESDAY: September 10, 2024

Amy Malaven & Ronald Fabricante

### WEDNESDAY: September 11, 2024

Lorraine Pronek

### THURSDAY: September 12, 2024

Andrea J. Flateau

### FRIDAY: September 13, 2024

In Thanksgiving to St. James

### LECTORS

September 8, 2024  
Diane Wilson & Mireyda Reyes

September 15, 2024  
Mary Pradt & Elina Cruz

### COFFEE HOUR

September 8, 2024 (Enjoy your Summer)  
No Coffee Hour

September 15, 2024  
**Coffee Hour**





## YOUR DAILY CAMINO

### 8<sup>th</sup> SEPTEMBER- SUNDAY

“And looking up to heaven, He sighed deeply and said to the man, “Ephphatha,” which means, “Be opened and released!”

~Mark 7: 34

### 9<sup>th</sup> SEPTEMBER- MONDAY

“To love God as He ought to be loved, we must be detached from all temporal love. We must love nothing but Him, or if we love anything else, we must love it only for His sake.”

~Saint Peter Claver

### 10<sup>th</sup> SEPTEMBER- TUESDAY

“Do you know, my son, with what little understanding the world is ruled?”

~Pope Julius III

### 11<sup>th</sup> SEPTEMBER- WEDNESDAY

“Grief is the price we pay for love.”

~Queen Elizabeth II (message on 9/11)

### 12<sup>th</sup> SEPTEMBER- THURSDAY

“Truly we are passing through disastrous times, when we may well make our own the lamentation of the Prophet: “There is no truth, and there is no mercy, and there is no knowledge of God in the land” (Hosea 4:1). Yet in the midst of this tide of evil, the Virgin Most Merciful rises before our eyes like a rainbow, as the arbiter of peace between God and man.”

~Pope Saint Pius X

### 13<sup>th</sup> SEPTEMBER- FRIDAY

“Remember That No Matter How Cool You Think You May Be, You Are Not Cool Enough To Look Down On Any One...Ever.”

~Paul Walker

### 14<sup>th</sup> SEPTEMBER- SATURDAY

“The bee is more honored than other animals, not because she labors, but because she labors for others.”

~Saint John Chrysostom



## WEEKLY PRAYERS

(SAINTS OBVIOUS AND UNFAMILIAR)

### PRAYER OF SAINT PETER CLAVER

St Peter Claver, you were a faithful imitator of the example of Jesus in the midst of his own people. Teach us to bear witness to him, to become better people and not to ignore our fellow human beings, especially those who suffer because of their condition. We ask this of you through Jesus, the Christ, our Lord, and our God, who lives with the Father and the Holy Spirit today and for ever. Amen.

### PRAYER OF THE BIRTH OF MARY

God, give Your servants heavenly grace, so that as the Birth of the Blessed Virgin marked the beginning of salvation, the feast of her Nativity may serve to obtain peace for the world. Amen.

### PRAYER OF SAINT NICHOLAS OF TOLENTINO

O God, source of strength and courage, you gave your beloved preacher, Saint Nicholas of Tolentino, the conviction of faith to the very end. Grace us with the ability to translate your teaching into action, remain patient amid hardship, serve the poor and those who suffer, and live as your true and faithful servants. Amen.

### SAINT JOHN CHRYSOSTOM'S PRAYER FOR FORGIVENESS

Wherefore I pray thee, have mercy upon me and forgive my transgressions both voluntary and involuntary, of word and of deed, of knowledge and of ignorance; and make me worthy to partake without condemnation of thine immaculate Mysteries, unto remission of my sins and unto life everlasting. Amen.

### PRAYER OF THE MOST HOLY NAME OF MARY

O Almighty God, Who beholds Thy servants earnestly desiring to place themselves under the shadow of the name and protection of the Most Holy Virgin Mary, grant, we beseech You, that by her charitable intercession, we may be delivered from all evil on earth, and may arrive at everlasting joys in Heaven, through Jesus Christ Our Lord. Amen.



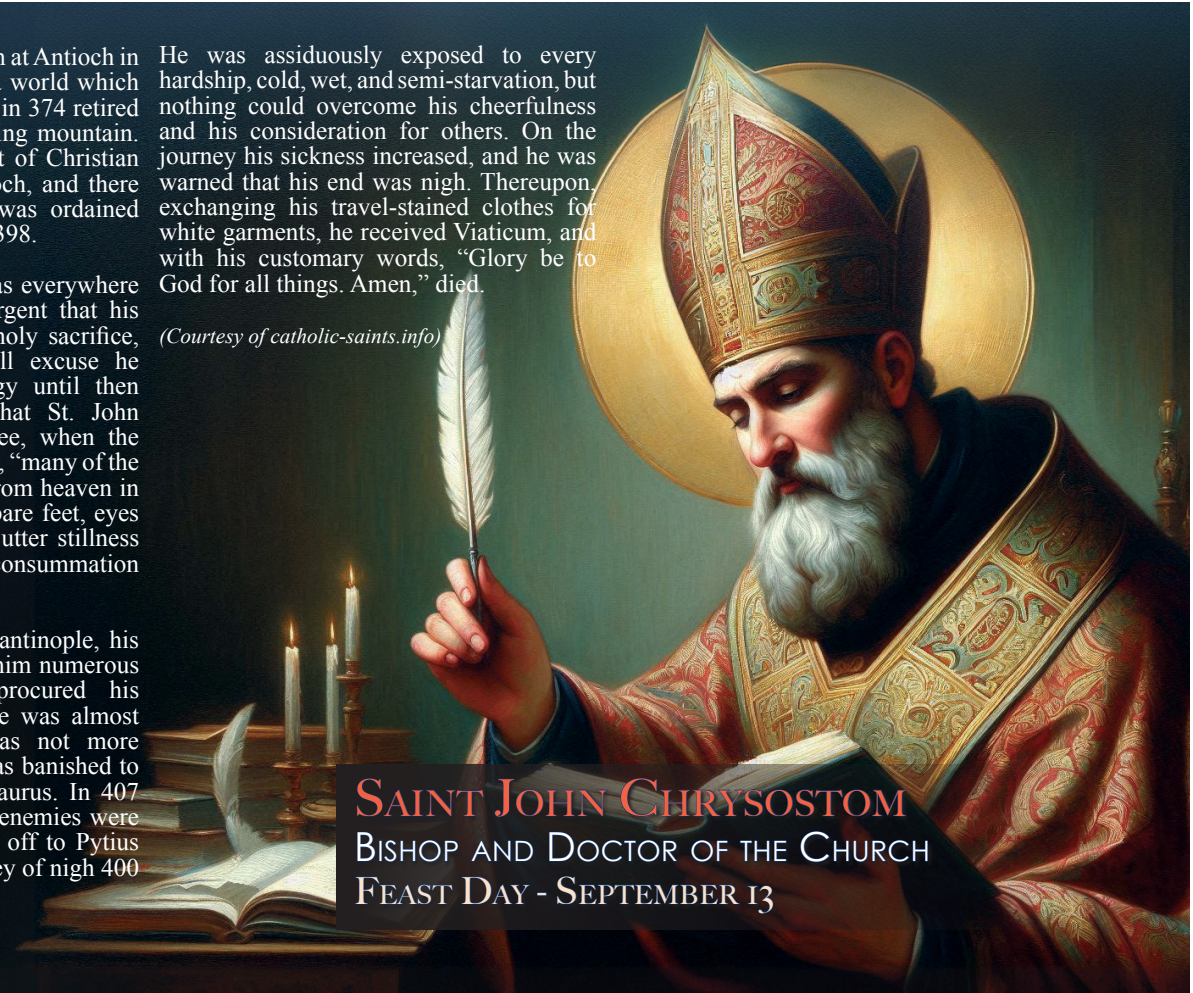
St. John Chrysostom was born at Antioch in 344. In order to break with a world which admired and courted him, he in 374 retired for six years to a neighbouring mountain. Having thus acquired the art of Christian silence, he returned to Antioch, and there labored as priest, until he was ordained Bishop of Constantinople in 398.

The effect of his sermons was everywhere marvellous. He was very urgent that his people should frequent the holy sacrifice, and in order to remove all excuse he abbreviated the long Liturgy until then in use. St. Nilus relates that St. John Chrysostom was wont to see, when the priest began the holy sacrifice, "many of the blessed ones coming down from heaven in shining garments, and with bare feet, eyes intent, and bowed heads, in utter stillness and silence, assisting at the consummation of the tremendous mystery."

Beloved as he was in Constantinople, his denunciations of vice made him numerous enemies. In 403 these procured his banishment; and although he was almost immediately recalled, it was not more than a reprieve. In 404 he was banished to Cucusus in the deserts of Taurus. In 407 he was wearing out, but his enemies were impatient. They hurried him off to Pytius on the Euxine, a rough journey of nigh 400 miles.

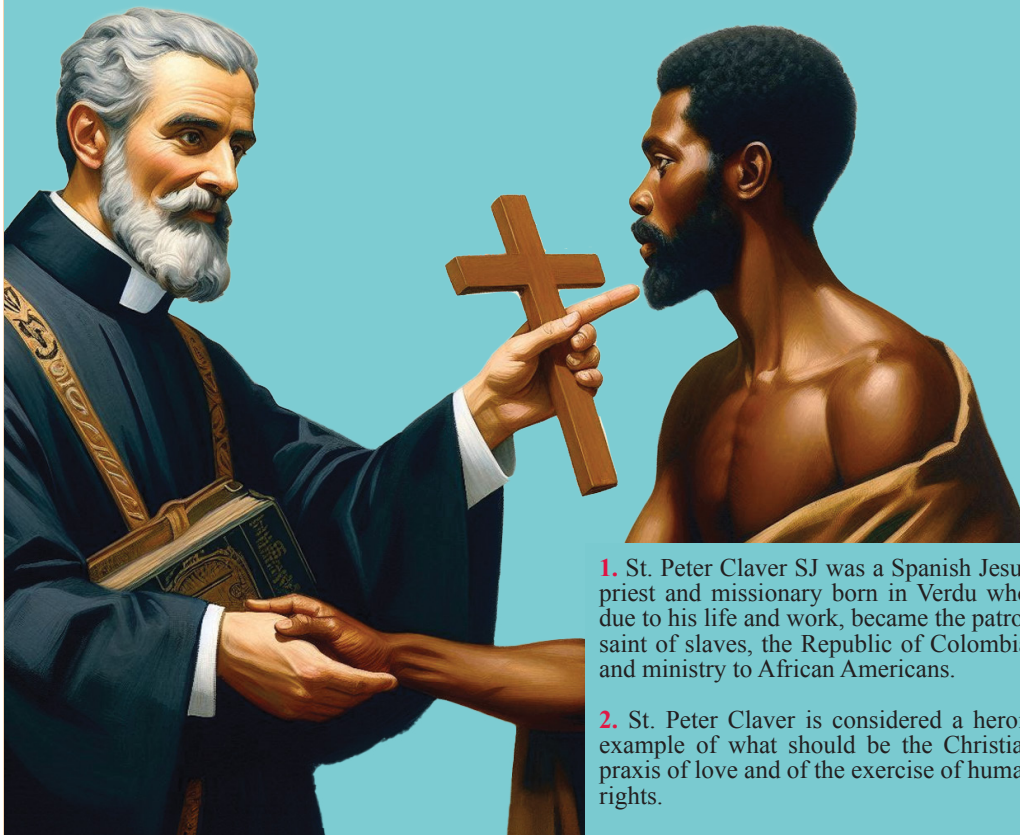
He was assiduously exposed to every hardship, cold, wet, and semi-starvation, but nothing could overcome his cheerfulness and his consideration for others. On the journey his sickness increased, and he was warned that his end was nigh. Thereupon, exchanging his travel-stained clothes for white garments, he received Viaticum, and with his customary words, "Glory be to God for all things. Amen," died.

*(Courtesy of catholic-saints.info)*



**SAINT JOHN CHRYSOSTOM**  
BISHOP AND DOCTOR OF THE CHURCH  
FEAST DAY - SEPTEMBER 13

## INTERESTING FACTS ABOUT SAINT PETER CLAVER FEAST DAY - SEPTEMBER 9



**1.** St. Peter Claver SJ was a Spanish Jesuit priest and missionary born in Verdu who, due to his life and work, became the patron saint of slaves, the Republic of Colombia, and ministry to African Americans.

**2.** St. Peter Claver is considered a heroic example of what should be the Christian praxis of love and of the exercise of human rights.

**3.** St. Peter Claver was born 70 years after King Ferdinand of Spain set the colonial slavery culture into motion by authorizing the purchase of 250 African slaves in Lisbon for his territories in New Spain.

**4.** Later, as a student at the University of Barcelona, St. Peter Claver was noted for his intelligence and piety.

**5.** Rodriguez felt that he had been told by God that St. Peter Claver was to spend his life in service in the colonies of New Spain, and he frequently urged the young student to accept that calling.

**6.** St. Peter Claver volunteered for the Spanish colonies and was sent to the New Kingdom of Granada, where he arrived in the port city of Cartagena in 1610.

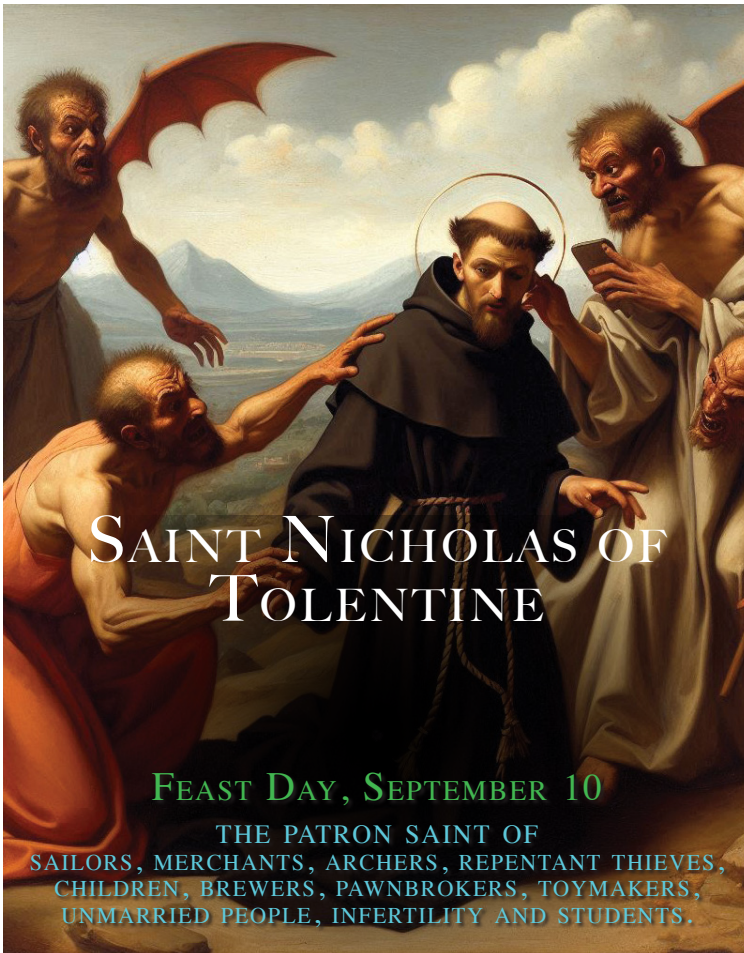
**7.** Sandoval devoted himself to serving the slaves for 40 years before Peter Claver arrived to continue his work. **8.** Whereas Sandoval had visited the slaves where they worked, St. Peter Claver preferred to head for the wharf as soon as a slave ship entered the port.

**9.** St. Peter Claver wore a cloak, which he would lend to anyone in need.

**10.** St. Peter Claver saw the slaves as fellow Christians, encouraging others to do so as well.

*(Courtesy of factsnippet.com)*





## SAINT NICHOLAS OF TOLENTINE

FEAST DAY, SEPTEMBER 10

THE PATRON SAINT OF  
SAILORS, MERCHANTS, ARCHERS, REPENTANT THIEVES,  
CHILDREN, BREWERS, PAWNBROKERS, TOYMAKERS,  
UNMARRIED PEOPLE, INFERTILITY AND STUDENTS.

St. Nicholas of Tolentine (1245-1305) was a simple priest and Augustinian friar who touched the lives of many. His spirit of prayer, penance, austerity of life and devotion to the Holy Souls were notable. His preaching brought many to Christ. Nicholas Gurutti was born in 1245 in Sant'Angelo, Pontano, Macerata, Italy. His family was rather poor. He joined the Augustinian Order while a young man, after hearing the inspired preaching of Reginaldo da Monterubbiano, Prior (local superior) of the Augustinian monastery in Sant'Angelo.

As a priest and religious, he was full of charity towards his brother Augustinians as well as towards the people to whom he ministered. He visited the sick and cared for the needy. He was a noted preacher of the Gospel. He gave special attention to those who had fallen away from the Church. People considered him a miracle worker. He often fasted and performed other works of penance. He spent long hours in prayer. The story is told that, one day, having fasted for a long time, St. Nicholas was physically weak. While at prayer, Jesus told him to eat some bread marked with a cross and soaked in water in order to regain his strength. Thus arose the Augustinian custom of blessing and distributing St. Nicholas Bread in his memory.

Another story relates that St. Nicholas, while asleep in bed, heard the voice of a deceased friar he had known. This friar told St. Nicholas that he was in Purgatory, and urged him to celebrate the Eucharist for him and other souls there, so that they would be set free by the power of Christ. St. Nicholas did so for seven days. The friar again spoke to St. Nicholas, thanking him and assuring him that a large number of souls were now with God. Because of this St. Nicholas was proclaimed patron of the souls in Purgatory. He is also considered the patron saint against epidemic disease and against fires.

During most of his adult life, St. Nicholas lived in Tolentine, Italy. There he died September 10, 1305. Canonized in 1446 by Pope Eugene IV, St. Nicholas is the first Augustinian friar to be canonized after the Grand Union of the Order of St. Augustine in 1256. The remains of St. Nicholas are preserved at the Shrine of Saint Nicholas in the city of Tolentine.

*(Courtesy of midwestaugustinians.org)*

## NATIVITY OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

**1. Date of Celebration:** While many Christians celebrate the Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary on September 8, Eastern Orthodox Christians often celebrate it on September 8 (Julian calendar), which corresponds to September 21 in the Gregorian calendar.

**2. Historical Records:** There are no direct historical records or biblical accounts detailing the birth of Mary. Most of what is known comes from apocryphal texts and Church tradition.

**3. Early Christian Feasts:** The celebration of Mary's birth is one of the earliest Marian feasts in the Christian liturgical calendar, with roots tracing back to the 6th century.

**4. Annunciation to Anna:** According to some apocryphal sources, Anna, Mary's mother, received a divine annunciation about Mary's forthcoming birth, similar to the Annunciation of the angel Gabriel to Mary.

**5. The Protoevangelium of James:** This early Christian text, written in the 2nd century, provides a detailed account of Mary's birth and early life, though it is not considered canonical by most Christian denominations.

**6. Dedication to the Temple:** Some traditions hold that Mary was dedicated to the Temple in Jerusalem as a young child, a practice not explicitly found in the Bible but rooted in early Christian beliefs.

**7. Mary's Early Life:** The idea that Mary lived in the Temple and was raised there is a tradition based on the Protoevangelium of James and early Christian writings, which is not mentioned in the canonical scriptures.

**8. Church of St. Anne:** The Church of St. Anne in Jerusalem, traditionally believed to be the site of Mary's birth, was built in the 12th century by the Crusaders on the site where Christians believe Mary's home was located.



FEAST DAY  
SEPTEMBER 8