

Marian/Marianist Days and Feast Days

July 2020

| Date | Feast | Description |
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| 1 | Most Sacred Heart of Jesus | <p><i>"The Lord loved you." "Love is of God ... God is love." Scripture's words of love come on a day celebrating the human and divine love of Jesus. On this day, the Eucharist is celebrated for our fellow brothers and all those closely associated with the Society of Mary. During the week that follows a special remembrance is made at a Eucharist for the deceased members of the groups mentioned above.</i></p> <p>NACMS</p> |
| | <p><u>For a Holy Heart</u> Lord, grant me a holy heart that sees always what is fine and pure and is not frightened at the sight of sin, but creates order wherever it goes. Grant me a heart that knows nothing of boredom, weeping, and sighing. Let me not be too concerned with the bothersome thing I call "Myself."</p> <p>Lord, give me a sense of humor, and I will find happiness in life and profit for others.</p> <p>St. Thomas More Marianist Family Prayer Book</p> | |
| 9 | Mary, Queen of Peace | <p><i>This feast commemorates the Blessed Virgin Mary, who is often represented holding a dove and an olive branch, symbols of peace. The memorial feast celebration has two dates: July 9 and January 24. While January 24 is the feast day in Hawaii and in some churches of the United States, the rest of the world uses July 9, the date when the original statue of Our Lady of Peace was crowned by the Archbishop of Paris in the name of Pope Saint Pius X.</i></p> <p><i>The story of celebration begins in the early 1500s in France, when a statue of Our Lady of Peace was presented as a wedding gift to a young bride. This statue was known as Virgin of Joyeuse and it became the family heirloom. Later, the statue was given to the Capuchin community, which erected a large chapel for those who sought Mary's intercession. The original wooden statue of Blessed Virgin Mary is kept at the Congregation of the Sacred Hearts of Jesus and Mary in France. A larger bronze replica is hoisted above the altar at the Cathedral of Our Lady of Peace. And the last, the third one, replica stands outside the cathedral.</i></p> <p>NACMS</p> |
| | <p>Lord, make me an instrument of your peace: where there is hatred, let me sow love; where there is injury, pardon; where there is doubt, faith; where there is despair, hope;</p> | |

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| | <p>where there is darkness, light; and where there is sadness, joy.</p> <p>O Divine Master, grant that I may not so much seek to be consoled as to console, to be understood as to understand, to be loved as to love. for it is in giving that we receive, it is in pardoning that we are pardoned, and it is in dying that we are born to eternal life.</p> <p style="text-align: right;"><i>Lord, Make Me an Instrument</i> <i>St. Francis of Assisi</i> <i>Marianist Family Prayer Book</i></p> |
| 11 | <p>St. Benedict</p> <p><i>Since the text of 1885, the Constitutions of the Society of Mary list the feast of St. Benedict, "our patriarch," as one of those to be especially commemorated.</i> <i>Marianist Family Prayer Book, 2nd Ed. NACMS</i></p> |
| | <p>Loving God, You made Benedict an outstanding guide to teach us all how to live in your service. Grant that by preferring your love to everything else, we may walk in the way of your commandments. 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. Amen.</p> <p style="text-align: right;"><i>Marianist Family Prayer Book, 2nd Ed.</i> <i>NACMS</i></p> |

August

- 1 St. Alphonsus Liguori
- 4 St. John Vianney
- 13 Blessed Jakob Gapp
- 15 Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary
- 22 Queenship of Mary