

SEPTEMBER

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**Saint Gregory the Great,
Pope and Doctor of the Church**

Memorial [635]

St. Gregory (540–604) abandoned his position in the Roman government to become a monk and used his wealth to found six monasteries, meanwhile serving as a papal legate to Constantinople. When elected Pope, he instituted liturgical reforms and organized missions; due to him, missionaries were first sent to England.

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

Beátus Gregórius, in cáthedra Petri sublimátus, semper spéciem Dómini quærébat, atque in sollemnitate illius amóris habitábat.

Blessed Gregory, raised upon the throne of Peter, | sought always the beauty of the Lord | and lived in celebration of that love.

COLLECT

O God, who care for your people with gentleness
and rule them in love,
through the intercession of Pope Saint Gregory,
endow, we pray, with a spirit of wisdom
those to whom you have given authority to govern,
that the flourishing of a holy flock
may become the eternal joy of the shepherds.
Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son,
who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, for ever and ever.

Readings from the Common of Pastors: For a Pope (p.2080) or from the
Common of Doctors of the Church (p.2084) or

FIRST READING ➔ p.2221 [722] 2 Cor 4:1–2, 5–7

RESPONSORIAL PSALM ➔ p.2241 [874] Ps 96:1–2a, 2b–3, 7–8, 10

ALLELUIA ➔ p.1268 [403] Jn 15:15b

GOSPEL ➔ p.394 [38 (Short Form ▼▲)] Lk 22:24–30

PRAYER OVER THE OFFERINGS

Grant our supplication, we pray, O Lord,
that this sacrifice we present in celebration of Saint Gregory
may be for our good,

since through its offering
you have loosed the offenses of all the world.
Through Christ our Lord.

COMMUNION ANTIPHON**Lk 12: 42**

Fidélis servus et prudens, quem constituit Dóminus super familiam suam,
ut det illis in témpore trítici mensúram.

**This is the steward, faithful and prudent, | whom the Lord set
over his household | to give them their allowance of food at
the proper time.**

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Through Christ the teacher, O Lord,
instruct those you feed with Christ, the living Bread,
that on the feast day of Saint Gregory
they may learn your truth
and express it in works of charity.
Through Christ our Lord.

SEPTEMBER 8**THE NATIVITY OF****THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY** **Feast [636]**

This feast commemorates the birth of her who was
to be the Mother of the Savior because the Blessed
Virgin Mary occupies a unique place in salvation his-
tory. Our Lord reserved for her the highest mission
ever entrusted to any creature.

**ENTRANCE ANTIPHON**

Cum iucunditáte Nativitátem beátæ Mariæ Vir-
ginis celebrémus, ex qua ortus est sol iustítia, Christus Deus noster.

**Let us celebrate with joy the Nativity of the Blessed Virgin
Mary, | for from her arose the sun of justice, Christ our God.**

The Gloria in excelsis (Glory to God in the highest) is said.

COLLECT

Impart to your servants, we pray, O Lord,
the gift of heavenly grace,
that the feast of the Nativity of the Blessed Virgin
may bring deeper peace
to those for whom the birth of her Son
was the dawning of salvation.

Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son,
who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, for ever and ever.

FIRST READING (1st Option)**Mi 5:1–4a***The time when she who is to give birth has borne.*

A reading from the Book of the Prophet Micah

The LORD says: | You, Bethlehem-Ephrathah, | too small to be among
the clans of Judah, | From you shall come forth for me | one who
is to be ruler in Israel; | Whose origin is from of old, | from ancient
times. | (Therefore the Lord will give them up, until the time | when
she who is to give birth has borne, | And the rest of his brethren
shall return | to the children of Israel.) | He shall stand firm and
shepherd his flock | by the strength of the LORD, | in the majestic
name of the LORD, his God; | And they shall remain, for now his
greatness | shall reach to the ends of the earth; | he shall be peace.

FIRST READING (2nd Option)**Rom 8:28–30***For those he foreknew he also predestined.*

A reading from the Letter of Saint Paul to the Romans

Brothers and sisters: | We know that all things work for good for
those who love God, | who are called according to his purpose. |
For those he foreknew he also predestined | to be conformed to the
image of his Son, | so that he might be the firstborn | among many
brothers. | And those he predestined he also called; | and those he
called he also justified; | and those he justified he also glorified.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM**Ps 13:6ab, 6c**

Gaudens gaudébo in Dómino.

R. (Is 61:10) **With delight I rejoice in the Lord.**

Though I trusted in your mercy,
let my heart rejoice in your salvation. **R.**

Let me sing of the LORD, "He has been good to me." **R.**

ALLELUIA

Felix es, sacra Virgo María, et omni laude digníssima, quia ex te ortus est
sol iustítiae, Christus Deus noster.

R. Alleluia, alleluia. Blessed are you, holy Virgin Mary, deserv-
ing of all praise; from you rose the sun of justice, Christ our
God. **R. Alleluia, alleluia.**

GOSPEL (Long Form)**Mt 1:1–16, 18–23***For it is through the Holy Spirit that this child has been conceived in her.*

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew

The book of the genealogy of Jesus Christ, | the son of David, the son of Abraham.

Abraham became the father of Isaac, | Isaac the father of Jacob, | Jacob the father of Judah and his brothers. | Judah became the father of Perez and Zerah, | whose mother was Tamar. | Perez became the father of Hezron, | Hezron the father of Ram, | Ram the father of Amminadab. | Amminadab became the father of Nahshon, | Nahshon the father of Salmon, | Salmon the father of Boaz, | whose mother was Rahab. | Boaz became the father of Obed, | whose mother was Ruth. | Obed became the father of Jesse, | Jesse the father of David the king.

David became the father of Solomon, | whose mother had been the wife of Uriah. | Solomon became the father of Rehoboam, | Rehoboam the father of Abijah, | Abijah the father of Asaph. | Asaph became the father of Jehoshaphat, | Jehoshaphat the father of Joram, | Joram the father of Uzziah. | Uzziah became the father of Jotham, | Jotham the father of Ahaz, | Ahaz the father of Hezekiah. | Hezekiah became the father of Manasseh, | Manasseh the father of Amos, | Amos the father of Josiah. | Josiah became the father of Jechoniah and his brothers | at the time of the Babylonian exile.

After the Babylonian exile, | Jechoniah became the father of Shealtiel, | Shealtiel the father of Zerubbabel, | Zerubbabel the father of Abiud. | Abiud became the father of Eliakim, | Eliakim the father of Azor, | Azor the father of Zadok. | Zadok became the father of Achim, | Achim the father of Eliud, | Eliud the father of Eleazar. | Eleazar became the father of Matthan, | Matthan the father of Jacob, | Jacob the father of Joseph, the husband of Mary. | Of her was born Jesus who is called the Christ.

Now this is how the birth of Jesus Christ came about. | When his mother Mary was betrothed to Joseph, | but before they lived together, | she was found with child through the Holy Spirit. | Joseph her husband, since he was a righteous man, | yet unwilling to expose her to shame, | decided to divorce her quietly. | Such was his intention when, behold, | the angel of the Lord appeared to him in a dream and said, | "Joseph, son of David, | do not be afraid to take Mary your wife into your home. | For it is through the Holy Spirit | that this child has been conceived in her. | She will bear a son and you are to name him

Jesus, | because he will save his people from their sins." | All this took place to fulfill | what the Lord had said through the prophet: | *Behold, the virgin shall be with child and bear a son, | and they shall name him Emmanuel, |* which means "God is with us."

GOSPEL (Short Form)**Mt 1:18–23**

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A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew

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PRAYER OVER THE OFFERINGS

May the humanity of your Only Begotten Son
come, O Lord, to our aid,
and may he, who at his birth from the Blessed Virgin
did not diminish but consecrated her integrity,
by taking from us now our wicked deeds,
make our oblation acceptable to you.
Through Christ our Lord.

Or:

As we celebrate with joy
the Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary,
we bring you our offerings, O Lord,
and we humbly pray to be given strength
by the humanity of your Son,
who from her was pleased to take flesh.
Who lives and reigns for ever and ever.

Preface I of the Blessed Virgin Mary (and on the Nativity), p. 752, or II, p. 752.

COMMUNION ANTIPHON**Is 7:14; Mt 1:21**

Ecce Virgo páriet Fílium, qui salvum fáciat pópulum suum a peccátis eórum.
Behold, the Virgin will bear a son, | who will save his people from their sins.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

May your Church exult, O Lord,
 for you have renewed her with these sacred mysteries,
 as she rejoices in the Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary,
 which was the hope and the daybreak of salvation
 for all the world.
 Through Christ our Lord.

The Solemn Blessing formula, p. 828, may be used.

SEPTEMBER 9**[In the Dioceses of the United States]****Saint Peter Claver, priest and religious****Memorial [636A]**

Born near Barcelona, St. Peter (1580–1654) was a Jesuit missionary who ministered to African slaves as they arrived at the South American seaport of Cartagena. Enduring the derision of the slave traders, he fed the hungry, cared for the sick and dying, preached the Gospel, and baptized converts for nearly forty years.

From the Common of Pastors: For One Pastor (p. 2074), or from the Common of Holy Men and Women: For Those Who Practiced Works of Mercy (p. 2095).

COLLECT

O God, who made Saint Peter Claver a slave of slaves
 and strengthened him with wonderful charity and patience
 as he came to their help,
 grant, through his intercession,
 that, seeking the things of Jesus Christ,
 we may love our neighbor in deeds and in truth.
 Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son,
 who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
 one God, for ever and ever.

SEPTEMBER 12***The Most Holy Name of Mary*****Optional Memorial [BVM 21]**

God the Father is glorified by the exalted role of the Blessed Virgin Mary. Thus, her name is a name of honor, to be venerated and called upon with trust and devotion.