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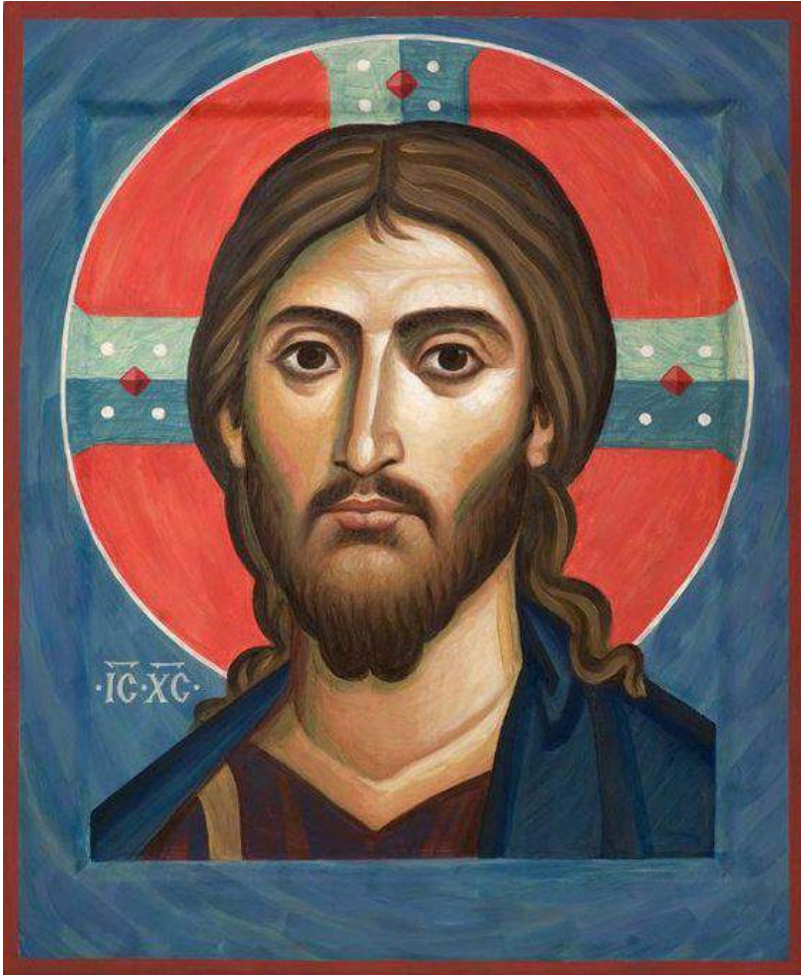


# MARY, MOTHER OF GOD

## January, 1st

*Num 6:24-26*

The LORD bless you and keep you! The LORD let his face shine upon you, and be gracious to you! The LORD look upon you kindly and give you peace!



Icon of Jesus

# CONVERSION OF SAINT PAUL, APOSTLE

## January, 25th

*Acts 22:9*

My companions saw the light but did not hear the voice of the one who spoke to me.



The Conversion of St. Paul



## PRESENTATION OF THE LORD

February, 2nd

*Lc 2:34-35*

And Simeon blessed them and said to Mary his mother, "Behold, this child is destined for the fall and rise of many in Israel, and to be a sign that will be contradicted (and you yourself a sword will pierce) so that the thoughts of many hearts may be revealed."



Votre coeur o Mère divine

## CHAIR OF SAINT PETER, APOSTLE

February, 22nd

*Mt 16:18-19*

And so I say to you, you are Peter, and upon this rock I will build my church, and the gates of the netherworld shall not prevail against it. I will give you the keys to the kingdom of heaven. Whatever you bind on earth shall be bound in heaven; and whatever you loose on earth shall be loosed in heaven."



Pope John Paul II

## SAINT JOSEPH, HUSBAND OF MARY

March, 19th

*Mt 1:20b-21*

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."



Georges de la Tour, The dream of St. Joseph, 1640 (Musée des Beaux-Arts, Nantes)

## ANNUNCIATION OF THE LORD

March, 25th

*Lc 1:31-33*

Behold, you will conceive in your womb and bear a son, and you shall name him Jesus. He will be great and will be called Son of the Most High, and the Lord God will give him the throne of David his father, and he will rule over the house of Jacob forever, and of his kingdom there will be no end."



Silouan, Moeder Gods van het Teken, 2008

## SAINT MARK, EVANGELIST

April, 25th

1 Pet 5:10

The God of all grace who called you to his eternal glory through Christ (Jesus) will himself restore, confirm, strengthen, and establish you after you have suffered a little.

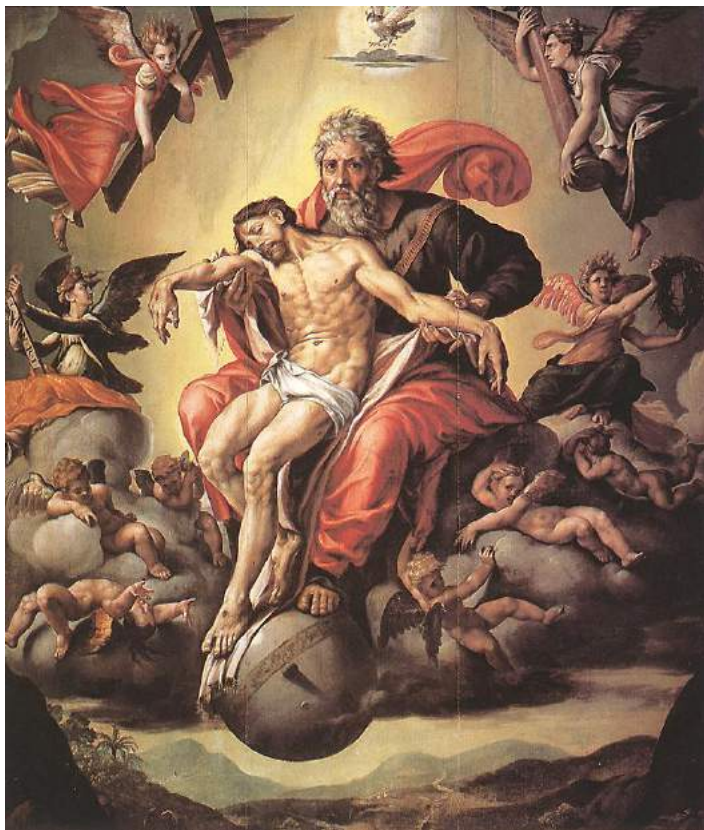


Chris Koelle, The History of Redemption - And after you have suffered a little while - ©Chris Koelle

## **SAINTS PHILIP AND JAMES, APOSTLES** **May, 3rd**

*Jn 14:8-10*

Philip said to him, "Master, show us the Father, and that will be enough for us." Jesus said to him, "Have I been with you for so long a time and you still do not know me, Philip? Whoever has seen me has seen the Father. How can you say, 'Show us the Father'? Do you not believe that I am in the Father and the Father is in me? The words that I speak to you I do not speak on my own. The Father who dwells in me is doing his works.



Pieter Coecke van Aelst, Trinity, first half of 16th century (Prado Museum)

## **SAINT MATTHIAS, APOSTLE**

**May, 14th**

*Jn 15:9-10*

As the Father loves me, so I also love you. Remain in my love. If you keep my commandments, you will remain in my love, just as I have kept my Father's commandments and remain in his love.



GAB, Sacred Heart, 2006 - ©GAB

## VISITATION OF THE VIRGIN MARY TO ELIZABETH

May, 31st

*Lc 1:39-47*

During those days Mary set out and traveled to the hill country in haste to a town of Judah, where she entered the house of Zechariah and greeted Elizabeth. When Elizabeth heard Mary's greeting, the infant leaped in her womb, and Elizabeth, filled with the holy Spirit, cried out in a loud voice and said, "Most blessed are you among women, and blessed is the fruit of your womb. And how does this happen to me, that the mother of my Lord should come to me? For at the moment the sound of your greeting reached my ears, the infant in my womb leaped for joy. Blessed are you who believed that what was spoken to you by the Lord would be fulfilled." And Mary said: "My soul proclaims the greatness of the Lord; my spirit rejoices in God my savior.



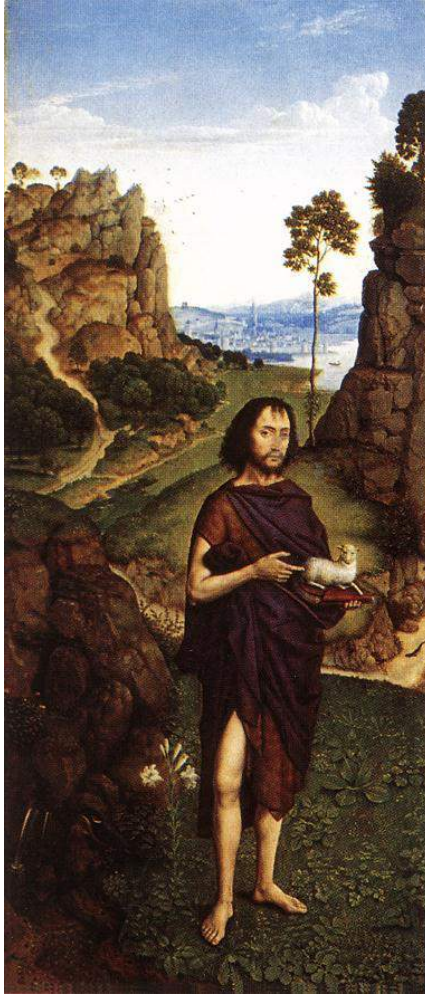
Brigid Marlin, The Visitation of Elizabeth by Mary, 2005 - ©Brigid Marlin



## **BIRTH OF SAINT JOHN THE BAPTIST** **June, 24th**

*Lc 1:80*

The child grew and became strong in spirit, and he was in the desert until the day of his manifestation to Israel.



Dirk Bouts, St John the Baptist, 1420 (Leuven)

## SAINTS PETER AND PAUL, APOSTLES

June, 29th

*Mt 16:19*

I will give you the keys to the kingdom of heaven. Whatever you bind on earth shall be bound in heaven; and whatever you loose on earth shall be loosed in heaven."



Pietro Perugino, Jesus Handing the Keys to Peter, 1481-82 (Sistine Chapel, Vatican City)

## SAINT THOMAS, APOSTLE

July, 3rd

*Jn 20:29*

Jesus said to him, "Have you come to believe because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and have believed."



Paolo Bartoli, San Tomasso - ©Paolo Bartoli

## SAINT JAMES, APOSTLE

July, 25th

*Mt 20:20-23*

Of the sons of Zebedee approached him with her sons and did him homage, wishing to ask him for something. He said to her, "What do you wish?" She answered him, "Command that these two sons of mine sit, one at your right and the other at your left, in your kingdom." Jesus said in reply, "You do not know what you are asking. Can you drink the cup that I am going to drink?" They said to him, "We can." He replied, "My cup you will indeed drink, but to sit at my right and at my left (, this) is not mine to give but is for those for whom it has been prepared by my Father."



Veronese, Le Christ rencontrant la femme et les fils de Zébédée, 3e quart 16e siècle (Musée de Grenoble)

## TRANSFIGURATION OF THE LORD

August, 6th

*Mt 17:2-5*

And he was transfigured before them; his face shone like the sun and his clothes became white as light. And behold, Moses and Elijah appeared to them, conversing with him. Then Peter said to Jesus in reply, "Lord, it is good that we are here. If you wish, I will make three tents here, one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah." While he was still speaking, behold, a bright cloud cast a shadow over them, then from the cloud came a voice that said, "This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased; listen to him."



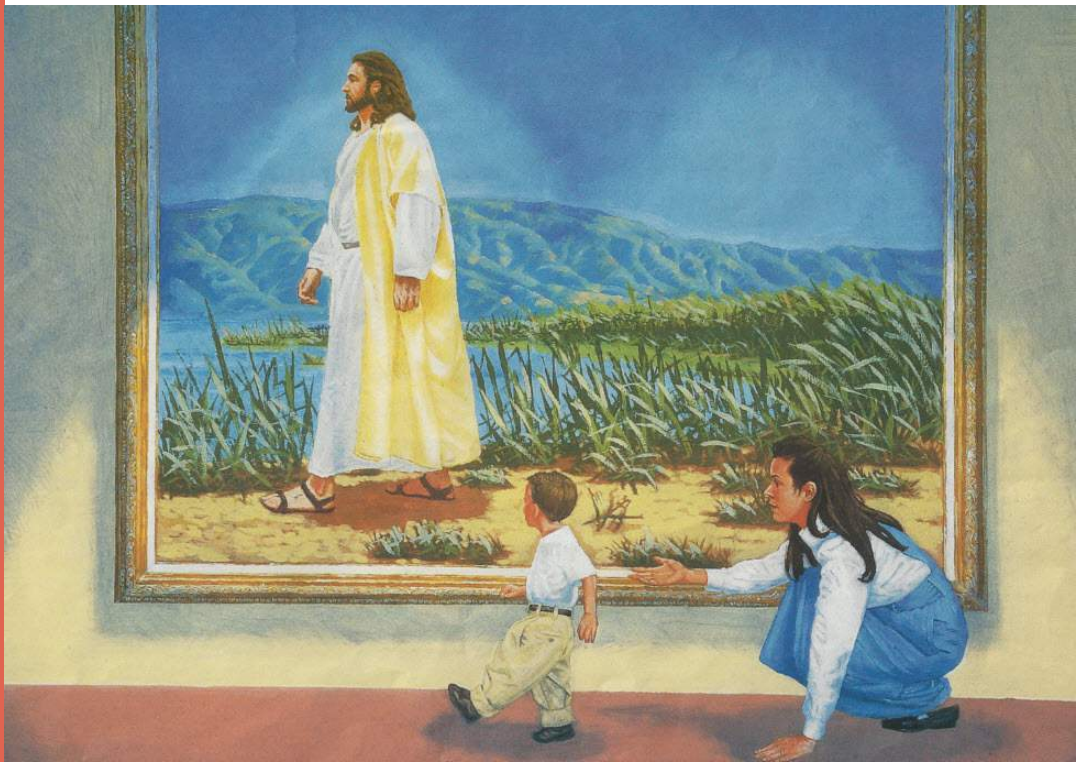
The transfiguration of Christ

# **SAINT LAWRENCE, DEACON AND MARTYR**

## **August, 10th**

*Jn 12:26*

Whoever serves me must follow me, and where I am, there also will my servant be. The Father will honor whoever serves me.



Walking with Jesus

# ASSUMPTION OF THE VIRGIN MARY INTO HEAVEN

August, 15th

*Rev 12:3-4*

Then another sign appeared in the sky; it was a huge red dragon, with seven heads and ten horns, and on its heads were seven diadems. Its tail swept away a third of the stars in the sky and hurled them down to the earth. Then the dragon stood before the woman about to give birth, to devour her child when she gave birth.



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## **SAINT BARTHOLOMEW, APOSTLE** **August, 24th**

*Jn 1:50-51*

Jesus answered and said to him, "Do you believe because I told you that I saw you under the fig tree? You will see greater things than this." And he said to him, "Amen, amen, I say to you, you will see the sky opened and the angels of God ascending and descending on the Son of Man."



Sitting under a tree



## BIRTH OF THE VIRGIN MARY

September, 8th

*Mt 1:23*

"Behold, the virgin shall be with child and bear a son, and they shall name him Emmanuel," which means "God is with us."



Traditional greek icon, De ontmoeting van Joachim en Anna (Private collection)

## TRIUMPH OF THE HOLY CROSS

September, 14th

*Num 21:8*

And the LORD said to Moses, "Make a saraph and mount it on a pole, and if anyone who has been bitten looks at it, he will recover."



Anthony Van Dyck, Moses and the Brazen Serpent, 1620 (Museo del Prado, Madrid)

## **SAINT MATTHEW, APOSTLE AND EVANGELIST - FEAST**

**September, 21st**

*Mt 9:9*

As Jesus passed on from there, he saw a man named Matthew sitting at the customs post. He said to him, "Follow me." And he got up and followed him.



Caravaggio, The calling of Saint Matthew, 1599-1600 (San Luigi dei Francesi, Rome)

# MICHAEL, GABRIEL, AND RAPHAEL, ARCHANGELS

September, 29th

*Dan 7:13*

As the visions during the night continued, I saw One like a son of man coming, on the clouds of heaven; When he reached the Ancient One and was presented before him.



John August Swanson, Entry into the City

## SAINT LUKE, EVANGELIST

October, 18th

*Lc 10:1-5*

Others whom he sent ahead of him in pairs to every town and place he intended to visit. He said to them, "The harvest is abundant but the laborers are few; so ask the master of the harvest to send out laborers for his harvest. Go on your way; behold, I am sending you like lambs among wolves. Carry no money bag, no sack, no sandals; and greet no one along the way. Into whatever house you enter, first say, 'Peace to this household.'"



Disciples sent out two by two

# SAINTS SIMON AND JUDE, APOSTLES

October, 28th

*Lc 6:13-16*

When day came, he called his disciples to himself, and from them he chose Twelve, whom he also named apostles: Simon, whom he named Peter, and his brother Andrew, James, John, Philip, Bartholomew, Matthew, Thomas, James the son of Alphaeus, Simon who was called a Zealot, and Judas the son of James, and Judas Iscariot, who became a traitor.



Andy Rash, Jesus and the Apostles, 2011 - ©Andy Rash

# ALL SAINTS

## November, 1st

*1 Jn 3:1-3*

'See what love the Father has bestowed on us that we may be called the children of God. Yet so we are. The reason the world does not know us is that it did not know him. Beloved, we are God's children now; what we shall be has not yet been revealed. We do know that when it is revealed we shall be like him, for we shall see him as he is. Everyone who has this hope based on him makes himself pure, as he is pure.



Mass attended by all the angels, saints and our blessed departed souls

## COMMEMORATION OF ALL THE FAITHFUL DEPARTED (ALL SOULS)

November, 2nd

*Lc 23:53-55*

After he had taken the body down, he wrapped it in a linen cloth and laid him in a rock-hewn tomb in which no one had yet been buried. It was the day of preparation, and the sabbath was about to begin. The women who had come from Galilee with him followed behind, and when they had seen the tomb and the way in which his body was laid in it.



Pietro Lorenzetti, Lamentation, 1310-1329 (Basilica Inferiore, Assisi)

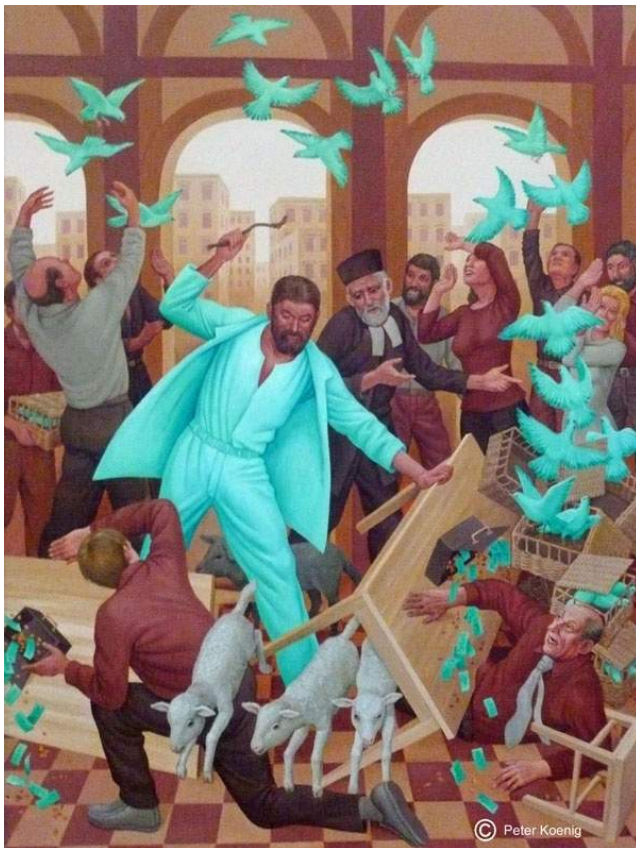


## DEDICATION OF THE BASILICA OF ST. JOHN LATERAN IN ROME

November, 9th

*Jn 2:13-16*

Since the Passover of the Jews was near, Jesus went up to Jerusalem, as well as the money-changers seated there. He made a whip out of cords and drove them all out of the temple area, with the sheep and oxen, and spilled the coins of the money-changers and overturned their tables, and to those who sold doves he said, "Take these out of here, and stop making my Father's house a marketplace."



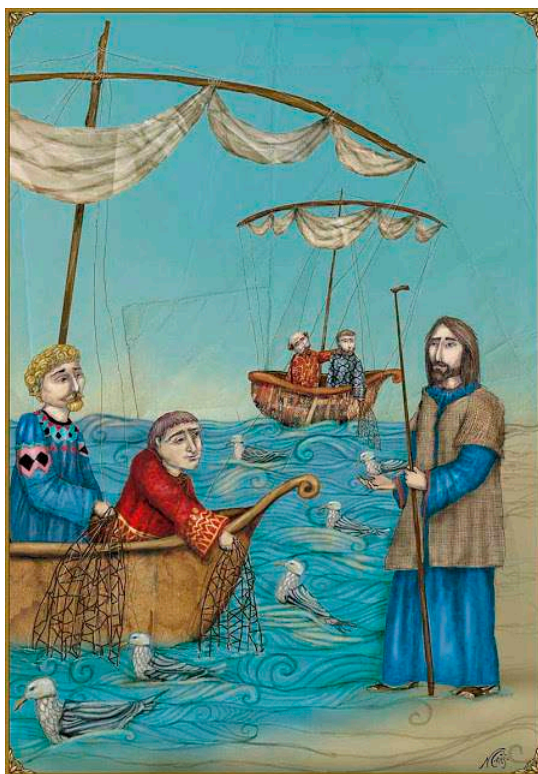
Peter Koenig, Cleansing of the Temple (Parish of St. Edward's, Kettering) - ©Peter Koenig

## SAINT ANDREW, APOSTLE

November, 30th

*Mt 4:18-22*

As he was walking by the Sea of Galilee, he saw two brothers, Simon who is called Peter, and his brother Andrew, casting a net into the sea; they were fishermen. He said to them, "Come after me, and I will make you fishers of men." At once they left their nets and followed him. He walked along from there and saw two other brothers, James, the son of Zebedee, and his brother John. They were in a boat, with their father Zebedee, mending their nets. He called them, and immediately they left their boat and their father and followed him.



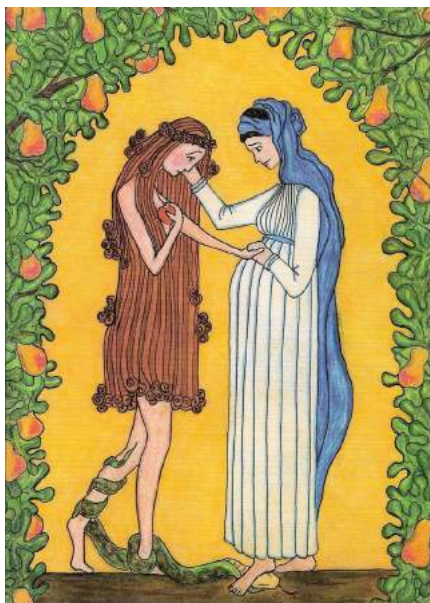
Nerina Canzi, CON SUS AMIGOS ,LOS APÓSTOLES, 2015 - ©Nerina Canzi

# IMMACULATE CONCEPTION OF THE VIRGIN MARY

December, 8th

*Gen 3:15-20*

I will put enmity between you and the woman, and between your offspring and hers; They will strike at your head, while you strike at their heel. To the woman he said: I will intensify your toil in childbearing; in pain you shall bring forth children. Yet your urge shall be for your husband, and he shall rule over you. To the man he said: Because you listened to your wife and ate from the tree about which I commanded you, You shall not eat from it, Cursed is the ground because of you! In toil you shall eat its yield all the days of your life. Thorns and thistles it shall bear for you, and you shall eat the grass of the field. By the sweat of your brow you shall eat bread, Until you return to the ground, from which you were taken; For you are dust, and to dust you shall return. The man gave his wife the name “Eve,” because she was the mother of all the living.



Sister Grace OCSO, Mary Consoles Eve, 2005 - ©Sisters of the Mississippi Abbey

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