

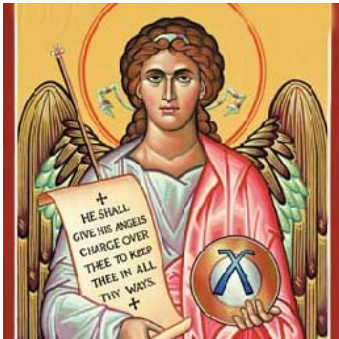
## OCTOBER 2009 FEAST DAYS

### Thursday, October 1 — Saint Thérèse of the Child Jesus



Thérèse entered the Carmel of Lisieux at age 15. Because of tuberculosis, her activities were limited. She pioneered the ideal of the “little way,” fidelity in the small things, trust and complete self-surrender to God. Her autobiography, *The Story of a Soul*, is a modern spiritual classic. Though her life spanned only 24 years, her faith and simplicity were remarkable. She was canonized in 1925 and named a Doctor of the Church in 1997.

### Friday, October 2 — Memorial of the Guardian Angels



We commemorate the anniversary of October 2, 1817, when the first meeting of those who had decided to embrace religious life in a new Institute gathered at Chaminade’s residence at Villa St. Laurent.

### Tuesday, October 6 — Blessed Marie-Rose Durocher



A native of Quebec, Marie-Rose established the first Canadian sodality for young women. The Bishop of Montreal invited her to found a new congregation dedicated to religious education, the Sisters of the Holy Names of Jesus and Mary. Today the outreach of the congregation is worldwide. She was beatified in 1982.

### **Wednesday, October 7 — Memorial of Our Lady of the Rosary**



This feast was established in 1573 by Pope Pius V in gratitude for the victory of the Christians over the Turks at Lepanto. It was extended to the universal church in 1716.

### **Sunday, October 11 — 28th Sunday in Ordinary Time/Marianist World Day of Prayer**



On this Sunday the Marianist Family throughout the world joins in prayer. We unite with the Marianist Family in the Democratic Republic of the Congo. With them, we pray at the Shrine of Our Lady of Peace in the center of the city of Kinshasa. The shrine opened in July 2001, and it is a special place of mediation, of meditation, of listening to the Word of God, and of the celebration of the sacraments. It is a unique place of pilgrimage and of prayer for peace — in the Democratic Republic of the Congo and in the world.

### **Monday, October 12 — Feast of Our Lady of the Pillar**



This is a feast celebrated in memory of the graces received by Father Chaminade at the shrine of Our Lady of the Pillar during his exile in Spain (1797-1800), especially that of the inspiration to create the Marianist Family and to found the Society of Mary and the Marianist Sisters.

### **Thursday, October 15 — Saint Teresa of Jesus**



Of the many women who have exercised leadership roles in the Church, Teresa must be considered among the greatest. With Peter of Alcantara and John of the Cross, she founded the reformed (Discalced) Carmelite orders of nuns and friars. Several of her written works are considered classics of spiritual literature. A great mystic and a strong, intelligent and active leader, Teresa was canonized in 1622. In 1970 she became the first woman to be declared a Doctor of the Church.

## Sunday, October 18 — 29th Sunday in Ordinary Time/World Mission Sunday



The Church joins in prayer on this Sunday for its mission to announce the Good News. This year's special theme is: "Receive the Spirit — Be Witnesses." Let us pray that we can be genuine witnesses of God's love and compassion in all we say and do.

## Monday, October 19 — Sts. John de Brébeuf, Isaac Jogues and Companions



These men were Jesuits and Oblate missionaries to the Huron and Iroquois Indians in North America. Isaac was tomahawked to death by the Iroquois on Oct. 18, 1646, near Albany. John was savagely mutilated and slain on March 16, 1649, near Georgian Bay.

## Wednesday, October 28 — Saints Simon and Jude



The names of Simon and Jude appear in New Testament lists of the apostles, but little else is known about them. Traditionally, both apostles suffered martyrdom. In a later tradition, Jude became a patron saint of "hopeless cases."