

Welcome to September and the start of a brand new school year! This month we are celebrating the monthly virtue: **FAITH.** Believing in God and all He has revealed. "He said to them, 'Why are you afraid, you of little faith?' Then he got up and rebuked the winds and the sea, and it became perfectly calm." (Matt. 8:26)

Throughout September Kolbe students will learn about faith through these inspiring exemplars: **St. Martha, St. Jerome, and St. Augustine.** 

We are called as parents and teachers to instill these virtues into our home and community as well. Here are a few creative ideas to help you celebrate and live with your family and community the mystery of Christ throughout the Liturgical Year.

Ad majorem Dei gloriam!

## LITURGICAL LIVING AT HOME

Elementary

- In honor of the **Nativity of the Blessed Virgin** on September 8<sup>th</sup>, celebrate Mama Mary's birthday with a party! You can serve blue-themed foods, like blueberries, create paper flower decorations, or collect a bouquet of wildflowers. Mary's birthday is one of only three celebrated in the liturgical calendar, with the others being Jesus and John the Baptist on June 24<sup>th</sup>.
- Ask your priest to bless a crucifix, holy water font, or sacred image for your home or bedroom, and use it as a reminder to pray each time you enter the space.

Middle School

- In celebration of the feast of The Exaltation of the Holy Cross on September 14<sup>th,</sup> take a moment to learn about St. Helena and her journey to the Holy Land, where she discovered the Holy Cross. Here is an educational video from EWTN: <a href="https://youtu.be/oCLOneJmQ1c?si=6PQqKkWXOQtBf">https://youtu.be/oCLOneJmQ1c?si=6PQqKkWXOQtBf</a> m9
- Create a creative method to **memorize** the Nicene Creed or Apostles' Creed, then share your performance with your family.







SEPTEMBER feast days

St. Gregory the Great (September 3)

The Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary (September 8)

St. Peter Claver (September 9)

St. John Chrysostom (September 13)

The Exaltation of the Holy Cross (September 14)

Our Lady of Sorrows (September 15)

For a complete list see the September Feast Day Calendar below.

LET US Pay

## ST. PIO PRAYER OF TRUST AND CONFIDENCE

O Lord, we ask for a boundless confidence and trust in Your divine mercy, and the courage to accept the crosses and sufferings which bring immense goodness to our souls and that of Your Church.

Help us to love You with a pure and contrite heart, and to humble ourselves beneath Your cross, as we climb the mountain of holiness, carrying our cross that leads to heavenly glory.

May we receive You with great faith and love in Holy Communion, and allow You to act in us, as You desire, for Your greater glory.

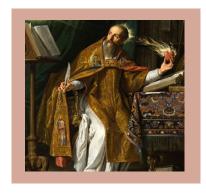
O Jesus, most adorable heart and eternal fountain of Divine Love, may our prayer find favor before the Divine Majesty of Your Heavenly Father. Amen.



## SEPTEMBER FEAST DAY CALENDAR

Sun	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thurs	Fri	Sat
	1	2	St. Gregory the Great	4	5	6
7	The Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary	St. Peter Claver	10	11	12	St. John Chrysostom
The Exaltation of the Holy Cross	Our Lady of Sorrows	Sts. Cornelius and Cyprian	17	18	19	Sts. Andrew Kim Tae-gŏn, Paul Chŏng Ha-sang, and companions
21	22	St. Pius of Pietrelcina	24	25	26	St. Vincent de
28	Sts. Michael, Gabriel, and Raphael, Archangels	St. Jerome				

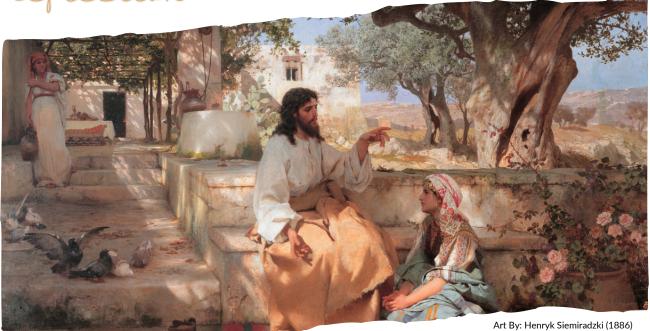






Christ in the House of Martha and Mary





Reflect on the image of Christ, Martha, and Mary. Then, read the story in **Luke**10:38-42 and answer the questions below as a family.

1.	How does this story highlight being <b>fully present</b> where we are?
<b>2</b> .	Describe a time when you chose to spend time playing or working instead of spending time with God?
3.	What are some ways you can incorporate spending more time with God and His word both alone and together as a family?

