Some Thoughts for September 2026
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September, how did you sneak up on us so quickly? Seems like a few days ago summer was just starting. Now we're thinking about returning to school, changing seasons, and for some reason I'm already thinking about pumpkin pie. The gemstone for September is the blue sapphire and its flowers are the aster and morning glories. Thank you Jesus for the beautiful month of September. Here are some of the feasts and saints we honor this month:

On the 3rd we honor St. Gregory the Great. He was Pope in the 6th century and extended the papacy for the protection of the poor and the preservation of the peace. St. Gregory please pray for Pope Leo and us. We celebrate the birthday of our blessed Mother on the 8th. Happy Birthday Dear Holy Mother! On the 9th, St. Peter Claver, a Spaniard from the 1500's. He brought peace and comfort to the slaves. May Our Lady and St. Peter pray for us!

Let us not forget September 11, 2021. May God have mercy on the many people who lost their life and for all the families that suffered and are still suffering from all the cascading effects of it.

We celebrate St. Matthew this month on the 21st, and thank him for his gospel. I especially enjoy his infancy narrative. Don't you just love reading about the visit of the Magi? St. Matthew pray for us. We commemorate St. Padre Pio on the 23rd. We love praying to him for favors and healings. He suffered the stigmata for 50 years and was known for his gifts of healing, his ability to read souls and his bi-locations. On You Tube I read his miracle healing prayer a lot. I find it very powerful and it surely brings me peace. St. Padre Pio, pray for us.

We celebrate the archangels on the 29th; St. Michael, St. Gabriel, and St. Raphael. St. Michael is mentioned in the book of Revelation when he was at war with the dragon, and dispelled Satan and his angels from heaven. St. Gabriel announced the birth of St. John the Baptist and the birth of Jesus to our Blessed Mother. St. Raphael is mentioned in the Book of Tobit. He guided Tobit's son Tobias thru foreign lands to recover his father's fortune and he dispelled evil spirits from Sara, Tobias' wife to be. He also healed Tobit of his blindness. Angels are a powerful gift from God and we pray to them each day and ask them for protection. St. Michael, St. Gabriel, and St. Raphael, please pray for us and for the USA.

On the 30th we celebrate St. Jerome from the 5th century. He translated the bible from Greek to Latin or the Vulgate. Well, enjoy this month and let's keep praying for each other and for our country. God bless us all. Enjoy September !

Love,
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