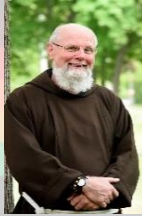


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**Healing Service**

Friday, August 25, 6:00 pm.  
Holy Family Church, Lewiston

**Eucharistic Adoration**

Suspended until further notice.

**RCIA, Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults**

Saturdays, 4:00 pm  
Hispanic Ministry's office, St. Croix St., Lewiston

**Spanish Masses**

**Augusta**

Every Saturday, 5:30 pm.  
St. Monica Chapel - 5 Kendall St.

**Brewer**

Every Sunday, 1:00 pm.  
St. Teresa Church - 425 South Main St.

**Cherryfield**

1st Sunday of the month, 1:00 pm.  
St. Michael Church - 51 Elm St

**Lewiston**

Every Saturday, 6:00 pm. – ( Live- Stream)  
Chapel Riviere – Holy Cross Church  
1080 Lisbon St.

**Pittsfield**

1st and 3rd Friday of the month, 12:00 m.  
St. Agnes Church - 238 Detroit Street

**Portland**

Every Sunday, 1:00 pm.  
Sacred Heart Church - 65 Mellen Street

**Sanford**

2nd and 4th Sunday of the month,  
5:00 pm, Holy Family Church - 66  
North Ave.

**Skowhegan**

Saturdays, 12:00 m  
Conference Room  
Kyes Motel - 137 W Front



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**September 2023**



**NATIVITY OF THE  
BLESSED VIRGIN MARY**

## 2023 LATINO FOOD FESTIVAL



### Saturday, September 23

Tacos, Tamales, Pupusas, Arepas, Rellenitos, Chicken Stew, Sodas, Flan and much more.

11:00 AM - until Food Runs Out!  
Enjoy a day of Latin Food, music, Traditional costumes and more...  
Proceeds to Benefit SHSD

Disfruta un día de Comida Latina, Musica, trajes típicos y mucho más. Desde las 11:00 a.m. hasta que la comida se acabe!  
Los fondos recaudados son a beneficio de la Parroquia Sagrado Corazón-Santo Domingo

<https://www.facebook.com/2023LatinoFestival/>

Location: **Cathedral Guild Hall, 307 Congress St. Portland, ME**  
Hosted by the Latino Community of Sacred Heart - St. Dominic Parish (SHSD)  
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On Saturday, August 5, Areli Garcia renewed her baptismal vows at the celebration of the Mass for her Fifteen Years, celebrated by Father Philip Tracy in St. Peter and Paul Chapel, Lewiston. Congratulations!!!



### World Day of Prayer for the Care of Creation September 1

Established in this way by Pope Francis in 2015, in line with the theme addressed in his encyclical "Laudato si," on the care of the common home. With this world day of prayer begins the so-called "Time of Creation", which is celebrated from this day until October 4, the feast of St. Francis of Assisi.



### Saint Teresa of Calcutta September 5

Mother Teresa of Calcutta was a Catholic nun, of Albanian origin naturalized **indian**, who founded the Congregation of the Missionaries of Charity in Calcutta in 1950. For more than 45 years, she served the poor, the sick and the orphans and the dying. After her death she was beatified by

Pope John Paul II. Her canonization was approved by Pope Francis in December 2015.



### Our Lady of Cooper Charity 8 de Septiembre

She is the Patroness of **Cuba**, crowned by John Paul II in 1998. Tradition tells that one morning in 1638 two indigenous people and a black slave boy sailed between Barajagua and Nipe, collecting salt, when they discovered on the waves an image of the Virgin Mary floating on a table where she said: "I am the Virgin of Charity".



### Our Lady of Coromoto September 11

Patroness of **Venezuela**. She is venerated both in the city of Guanare, where she appeared on September 8, 1652, and throughout the country. One day in 1651, Cacique Coromoto and

his wife were crossing a stream of water and saw a Lady of extraordinary beauty who told them in her language: "Go to the house of the whites and ask them to pour the water on their heads so they can go to heaven."



### The Holy Name of Mary September 12

The fact that the Blessed Virgin bears the name of Mary is the reason for this festivity, instituted with the aim that the faithful entrust to God, through the intercession of the Holy Mother, the needs of the Church, thank you for your omnipotent protection and countless benefits, especially those you receive through the graces and mediation of the Virgin Mary.



### Exaltation of the Holy Cross September 14

This is the day we remember and honor the cross on which our Lord Jesus Christ died. The consideration of that tree, on which our Saviour shed his most precious blood, evokes the mystery of divine love, given without measure for the redemption of the whole human race.



### Our Lady of Sorrows September 15

The devotion to Our Lady of Sorrows – also known as the "Sorrowful" – dates back to ancient times. This can be traced even to the origins of the Church, when Christians remembered the pains of Christ, always associated with those of his Mother Mary.



### Virgin of Mercedes September 24

"Patroness of the arms of the Republic of Perú. Her devotion dates back to the times of the foundation of Lima, around 1535, in which Her Heavenly Patroness, arrives with the Mercedarian Fathers.

### Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary September 8



The celebration of the feast of the Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary, was introduced in the West towards the

seventh century and was celebrated with a procession-litany, which ended in the Basilica of Santa Maria Maggiore (Rome).

The Gospel does not give us data of Mary's birth, but there are several traditions. Some, considering Mary a descendant of David, point to her birth in Bethlehem. Another Greek and Armenian current, points to Nazareth as the cradle of Mary.

The birth of Mary is at the confluence of the two Testaments, ending the stage of expectation and promises, and inaugurating the era of grace and salvation in Jesus Christ.

**Mary's birth is especially ordained for her mission as Mother of the Savior. His existence is indissolubly linked to that of Christ: He participates in a unique plan of predestination and grace. God's mysterious plan for the Incarnation of the Word also embraces Our Lady, who is his Mother. In this way, the birth of Mary, like that of her Divine Child, is inserted in the very heart of the History of Salvation.**

The Church celebrates Mary's birthday, exactly nine months after the Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception, on December 8. Dating has a liturgical purpose, remembering the mysteries associated with Mary, in the same way as the nine months between the Annunciation and Christmas.

The party has the joy of a pre-messianic announcement. This day is the prelude to universal joy, in which the winds that proclaim salvation have begun to blow. That is why our liturgy invites us to celebrate with joy the birth of Mary, for from her was born the sun of justice, Christ our Lord.

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