

TALKING ABOUT ORDINARY TIME >>>

Feasts of Mary and the Saints occur throughout the Church Year. Ordinary Time is the longest of all the Church seasons. It occurs over thirty-three or thirty-four Sundays. It is called Ordinary Time because all the Sundays are numbered in order. Ordinary Time is divided into two parts. The first is from the end of the Christmas season until Ash Wednesday. The second is from the end of the Easter season until the first Sunday of Advent, which begins the next cycle, or a new liturgical year. Following the Feast of the Holy Cross, the Church celebrates the Feast of Our Lady of Sorrows on September 15. This feast invites us to contemplate the suffering that Mary endured as the Mother of God.

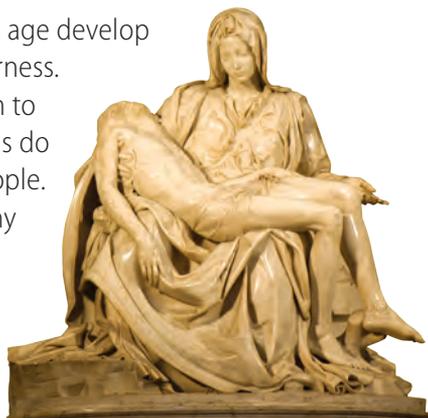
Scripture

 **Luke 2:33–35** describes the presentation of Jesus in the Temple and Simeon's prophecy to Mary. How has your faith helped you deal with any suffering?

HELPING YOUR CHILD UNDERSTAND >>>

Mary

- Usually at this age, children begin to take on role models. They may begin to see Mary as a role model for their own spiritual life.
- Most children at this age develop a strong sense of fairness. It is difficult for them to grasp that bad things do happen to good people. This can lead to many discussions about how one handles suffering and injustice as a Christian.



FEASTS OF THE SEASON >>>

Saint Mother Theodore Guérin

October 3

Saint Mother Theodore Guérin was a woman of many talents. Born in France, she accepted an assignment to travel to the Indiana wilderness. She taught, administered medicines, and founded several orphanages and schools. Her group prospered despite anti-Catholic feelings and difficulties on the frontier. She was canonized in 2006.

FAMILY PRAYER >>>



Pray this prayer as you gather for mealtime throughout September.

Mary Mother of Sorrows,

We pray for all those we know who are suffering—our family members and friends, and all those throughout the world, especially for those who have no one to help them. We ask you to intercede for them before God that he will send them what they need.

Amen.



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