

- 26 St. Evaristus.
- 27 Of the Vigil.
- 28 S S. Simon & Jude.
- 29 Imm. Conc.
- 30 XVI after Pentecost, Patronage of the Blessed Virgin.
- 31 Vigil of all Saints.

This month is especially devoted to honor the holy Angels. We should remember that each of us has an angel to protect us and we should never fail to say every day some prayer in honor of our holy Guardian Angel, were it only these short words: "Holy Guardian Angel, pray for me." Not long since a gentleman told us that whilst running in the dark of night on the railroad track he fell into a deep narrow ditch, walled on both sides, and how he was able to extract himself without injury he could not say, except that he had never failed to say a prayer to his Angel Guardian every day.

St. Frances had the happiness of enjoying the visible presence of her holy guardian angel under the appearance of a child shining with beauty and emitting such light, that as sometimes sufficed her to read her office at night. If she would yield to any useless words or thoughts he would disappear from her sight. When others would violate charity or the more delicate virtue he would express his displeasure by covering his face with his hands.

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## ST. MARK, BISHOP OF JERUSALEM, C.

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The apostle St. James, and his brother, St. Simeon, were the two first bishops of Jerusalem. Thirteen bishops who succeeded them were of the Jewish nation: the last called Judas, seems to have been crowned with martyrdom among the Christians whom Barchokebas massacred in 134. The Jews having received this Barchokebas as their king and messias, and broke into a second rebellion, the emperor Adrian destroyed all the buildings that had been erected at Jerusalem since Titus, and raised a new city near it which he commanded to be called *Ælia Capitolina*, which ever since the reign of Constantine the Great, has been honored with the old name of Jerusalem. The Jews being forbid by Adrian to come near the place, only Gentile Christians could dwell there, and Mark was the first bishop chosen from among the Gentiles to govern that church. He was a very learned and holy man, and after he sat twenty years is said to have died a martyr in 156.