

Holy See against the encroachments of the emperor Frederic II.; she triumphantly returned in the company of the Sovereign Pontiff, and died at seventeen, amidst the admiration of all Italy, where, to the present day, she is held in great veneration.—1261.

9.—St. Frances, Widow.—1440.

10. *Opening of the Novena in honor of St. Joseph.*
—See page 317.

12.—St. Gregory the Great, Pope and Dr.—604.

13.—St. Euphrasia, V. At the tender age of seven, she earnestly requested her parents to be permitted to serve God in the religious life. Her pious mother hearing this, wept with joy and, shortly after, granted her request.—410.

14.—St. Mathildis, Queen of Germany.—968.

17.—St. Patrick, Bishop, Apostle, and Patron of Ireland.—See page 331.

18.—St. Gabriel, Archangel.

St. Edward, M., King of England. He succeeded his father to the throne at the age of thirteen years, and was even then an accomplished model of all Christian virtues. His great love of purity and his fervor in prayer, rendered him the miracle of princes; while, by his prudence, clemency, modesty, charity, and compassion for the poor, he was the blessing and delight of his subjects.—978.

19.—St. Joseph, Spouse of the M. B. V.—See page 313.

20.—St. Joachim, Father of the M. B. Virgin.

21.—St. Benedict. Shocked at the licentiousness of some of the Roman youth with whom he was obliged to converse, he bade an eternal adieu to the world at the age of twelve years; he retired into solitude, and responding faithfully to divine grace, became the Patriarch of the monastic life in the West.—543.

25.—ANNUNCIATION OF THE M. B. VIRGIN.

31.—St. Benjamin, Martyr.—424.

Note.—Friday after the fourth Sunday in Lent,