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Her Foundations are upon the Holy Hills



Quod Semper, quod
Ubique, quod ab Omnibus
Creditum est teneamus

In necessariis Unitas,
In dubiis Libertas,
In omnibus Caritas.

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1	M		6. St. Nicholas, Bishop of Myra, A. D., 342, was famous for his zeal and piety, and is reported to have wrought many miracles. St. Nicholas was much invoked by sailors, and was also the patron of school children.
2	T		
3	W		
4	T		
5	F		
6	S	<i>Nicolas, Bp.</i>	
7	S	2nd Sun. in Advent.	8. Conception of the Virgin Mary. This feast was instituted by Anselm, Archbishop of Canterbury, upon occasion of William the Conqueror's fleet coming safely to shore after a great storm.
8	M	<i>Concept. of V. Mary</i>	
9	T		
10	W		
11	T		
12	F		
13	S	<i>Lucy, V. and M.</i>	13. St. Lucy, Virgin and Martyr, A. D., 305. She was a native of Syracuse, and having refused to marry a young nobleman, was accused by him of professing Christianity, and martyred with much cruelty.
14	S	3rd Sun. in Advent.	16. O Sapientia. This is the beginning of an anthem in honour of Christ's Advent, which used to be sung in the Church from this day until Christmas Eve.
15	M		
16	T	<i>O Sapientia.</i>	21. St. Thomas, the Apostle, surnamed Didymus, or the Twin, was probably a Galilean. He preached Christianity among the Eastern nations, and is said to have been the Apostle of India, and to have been martyred at the instigation of the Brahmins.
17	W		
18	T		
19	F		
20	S		25. The festival of Christmas is the greatest of all the feasts of the year, and has ever been kept with great solemnity and rejoicing.
21	S	{ 4th Sun. in Advent St. Thomas, Ap.	26. St. Stephen, the first Martyr, A. D., 33. He was one of the seven deacons appointed by the Apostles, and stoned to death in the year 33.
22	M		
23	T		
24	W		
25	T	Christmas-day.	27. St. John the Apostle and Evangelist, and the beloved disciple, was a Galilean, son of Zebedee and Salome, and brother to St. James the Great. St. John outlived all the other Apostles, and died at the age of 100 years.
26	F	S. Stephen, M.	
27	S	S. John, Evan.	28. Innocents' Day, called also Childermas-day, commemorates the slaughter of the children by Herod. Ancient writers always speak of them as Christian martyrs.
28	S	{ Innocents' Day. Sun. aft. Christmas	
29	M		
30	T		
31	W	<i>Silvester, Bp.</i>	31. St. Silvester, Bishop of Rome, A. D., 335. He is accounted the author of several rites and ceremonies of the Romish Church.