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Religious feasts

- 1 St. Peter's chains.
- 2 Octave of St. Ann.
- 3 The founding of St. Stephen's body.
- 4 St. Dominick.
- 5 St. Mary ad Nives. This is the church of St. Mary Major, so called because both in antiquity and dignity it is the first church in Rome among those dedicated to God in honor of the Blessed Virgin. It is also called St. Mary ad Nives, which signifies St Mary at snows. Because there is a popular tradition that the Mother of God chose this place for a church under her invocation by a miraculous fall of snow in summer. It is sometimes called the Liberian Basilica; because it was during the pontificate of Pope Liberius that this church was built by a patrician named John about the year 435. This noble patrician and his wife having immense wealth and no heirs, made fervent prayers to the Blessed Virgin to know the best way to employ their substance. In the month of August she appeared to them both separately and told them she wished a church built in her honor in the place they would find covered with snow.
- 6 The Transfiguration of Our Lord.
- 7 Sunday St. Cajetan.
- 8 St. Cyriac & companions, Martyrs.
- 9 St. Alphonse de Ligorì.
- 10 St. Lawrence, Martyr.
- 11 St. Philamene V. M.
- 12 St. Clare V.—13 the St. Iohn Regis.
- 14 Tenth Sunday after Pentecost.
- 15 Assumption of the B. Virgin.
- 16 St. Roch.
- 16 Octave of St. Lawrence.
18. St. Hyacinth.
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