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July the 2nd is the feast of the Visitation of the Blessed Virgin. On this day the Blessed Virgin having conceived the Infant Jesus in her chaste womb hastened to visit her cousin St. Elizabeth, because she had understood from the Holy Ghost that she miraculously conceived a child. It was St. John the Baptiste. Elizabeth was enlightened on the mystery of the Incarnation and on the eminent dignity of Mary, she exclaimed:— "Whence is this to me that the mother of my God should come to me?" Mary declaired her own nothingness and pronounced her noble hymn:— "My soul doth magnity the Lord etc."

The third of July is the fourth Sunday after Pentecost and the feast of the Precious Blood. But in the diocese of Ottawa it is the solemnity of SS. Peter and Paul. The 26th is the feast of St. Ann the mother of the Blessed Virgin. It is a very solemn feast in all this province though the solemnity is postponed till the following Sunday.

The principal historical events of this month are: July 3rd the foundation of Quebec city, by Champlain in 1608. The 4th, the foundation of Three Rivers by De la Violette under the direction of Champlain in 1634.

The 6th, execution of Sir Thomas More, chancellor of England. He was beheaded under Henry VIII. in 1635 for refusing to take the oath of supremacy. On the 14th, 1870, Papal infallibility was declared by the Council of the Vatican.

On the 28th 1856, died St Ignatius founder of the order of the Jesuits.