

**This Week's Message
from Fr. Amesse
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I wonder if Mary will be upset by those who do not remember her birthday, September 8. Our Lady will not be bothered. She, like her husband, does not like the limelight.

Why is Mary's birthday special? It's not in the Bible. Special events are not always recorded there. The Sacred Scriptures don't mention that Mary was the first to be redeemed by Christ. What Jesus did for us on the Cross, he did for Mary. His redemption affects us after the Crucifixion. With Mary it reaches back to the moment of her conception.

We read the Bible to know who Christ the Savior is. Do you remember the woman who, so pleased with Jesus' preaching, cried out loud, "Blessed is the womb that bore Thee and the breasts that nursed Thee." Consider Jesus' answer. He would not embarrass his Mother.

He honored her for the response she made in faith. In the reply to the zealous woman's comment, Jesus tells us why Mary's birthday is important. She listened to God, heard his voice and acted upon it! For that reason, we won't forget Our Lady's birthday. Such a woman was the first to be redeemed.

When we are agitated by the billows of pride, ambition, slander or jealousy, we look to you, and we invoke you O Mary. When anger or avarice, or the seductions of the flesh rock the fragileness of our soul, we always look to you, O Mary.

I remember you at Mass!