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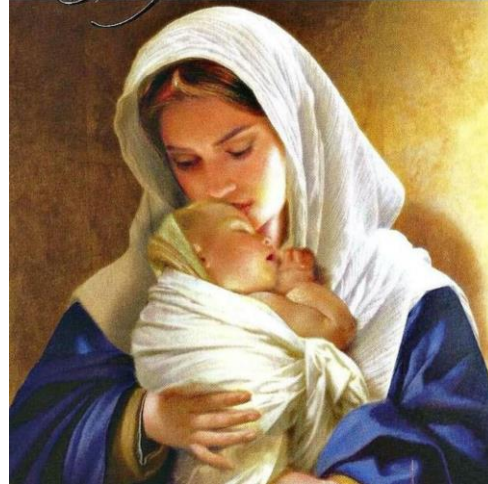
3 DECEMBER 2017

FRIDAY
8
DECEMBER



SOLEMNITY
OF THE
IMMACULATE
CONCEPTION

MANDATORY
HOLY DAY OF OBLIGATION



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PRAYER OF THE WEEK:

PRAYER TO THE MOST BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

O Mother of Jesus, Queen of Heaven and earth, I hail thee and honor thee as my sovereign Lady, to whom I belong by right and upon whom I depend after God. I pay thee all the honor that I can and must, according to God's will and thy own greatness. I give myself to thee; may it please thee to give me thy Son. Grant that by thy prayers all that is in me may be consecrated to His glory and to thine and that I may die rather than lose His grace.

St. John Eudes
(Father, Doctor and Apostle of the Devotion to the Sacred Heart of Jesus)

Missionary Disciple of the Week

ST. FRANCIS XAVIER

FEAST DAY: 3 DECEMBER

St. Francis Xavier was born in 1506 in Spain. He was the youngest of a large family. At 18, he attended the university of Paris, and later received a degree from another college in 1528. It was then that he met St. Ignatius of Loyola, and became one of his band of the seven first Jesuit followers.



With them, he became a priest. In 1540, St. Ignatius appointed him to become a missionary to India. They arrived in the city of Goa in India on 6 May 1542. At that time, many of the European settlers were living very sinful lives

– that included cruelty to slaves, greed, selfish ambition, and inappropriate lustful behavior. They were Christians who had turned from their religion. The gentle, kind and compassionate St. Francis began to change all that – and converted many thousands of souls throughout many areas of the East Indies at that time. He travelled even farther with two Japanese converts and even labored to learn Japanese. After traveling through many parts of Japan converting people to the Catholic faith, he took another opportunity to travel to China and arrived on an island about six miles off the coast of Hong Kong. Unfortunately, plans to spend time in the region of Canton were stalled when St. Francis Xavier became very ill with high fevers. He was staying in very poor shelter, and became weaker and weaker until he died on 3 December with the name of Jesus on his lips. St. Francis was only 46 years old.