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Our preaching does not spring from error, or impure motives,  
or a desire to deceive.  
—We strive to . . .

**Prayer**

Father,  
to defend the Catholic faith  
and to make all things new in Christ,  
you filled Saint Pius X  
with heavenly wisdom and apostolic courage.  
May his example and teaching  
lead us to the reward of eternal life.  
Grant this through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son,  
who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,  
one God, for ever and ever.

**August 22**

**QUEENSHIP OF MARY**

**Memorial**

*From the common of the Blessed Virgin Mary, 1628, except for the following:*

**Invitatory**

**Ant.** Come, let us worship Christ who crowned his mother as Queen of heaven and earth.

*Invitatory psalm, as in the Ordinary, 613.*

**Office of Readings**

**SECOND READING**

From a homily by Saint Amadeus of Lausanne, bishop  
(Hom. 7; SC 72, 188, 190, 192, 200)

*Queen of the world and of peace*

Observe how fitting it was that even before her assumption the name of Mary shone forth wondrously throughout the world. Her fame spread everywhere even before she was raised above the heavens in her magnificence. Because of the honor due her Son, it was indeed fitting for the Virgin Mother to have first ruled upon earth and then be raised up to heaven in glory. It was fitting that her fame be spread in this world below, so that she might enter the heights of heaven in overwhelming blessedness. Just as she was borne from virtue to virtue by the Spirit of the Lord, she was transported from earthly renown to heavenly brightness.

So it was that she began to taste the fruits of her future reign while still in the flesh. At one moment she withdrew to God in ecstasy; at the next she would bend down to her neighbors with indescribable love. In heaven angels served her, while here on earth she was venerated by the service of men. Gabriel and the angels waited upon her in heaven. The virgin John, rejoicing that the Virgin Mother was entrusted to him at the cross, cared for her with the other apostles here below. The angels rejoiced to see their queen; the apostles rejoiced to see their lady, and both obeyed her with loving devotion.

Dwelling in the loftiest citadel of virtue, like a sea of divine grace or an unfathomable source of love that has everywhere overflowed its banks, she poured forth her bountiful waters on trusting and thirsting souls. Able to preserve both flesh and spirit from death she bestowed health-giving salve on bodies and souls. Has anyone ever come away from her troubled or saddened or ignorant of the heavenly mysteries? Who has not returned to everyday life gladdened and joyful because his request had been granted by the Mother of God?

She is a bride, so gentle and affectionate, and the mother of the only true bridegroom. In her abundant goodness she has channeled the spring of reason's garden, the well of living and life-giving waters that pour forth in a rushing stream from divine Lebanon and flow down from Mount Zion until they surround the shores of every far-flung nation. With divine assistance she has redirected these waters and made them into streams of peace and pools of grace. Therefore, when the Virgin of virgins was led forth by God and her Son, the King of kings, amid the company of exulting angels and rejoicing archangels, with the heavens ringing with praise, the prophecy of the psalmist was fulfilled, in which he said to the Lord: *At your right hand stands the queen, clothed in gold of Ophir.*

#### RESPONSORY

A great sign appeared in the heavens:  
 a woman clothed with the sun,  
 with the moon under her feet,  
 — and upon her head a crown of twelve stars.

The queen, clothed in cloth of gold, stood on your right  
 hand.  
 — And upon her . . .

*Prayer, as in Morning Prayer.*

#### Morning Prayer

##### CANTICLE OF ZECHARIAH

**Ant.** Mary, ever-virgin, most honored Queen of the world, you gave birth to our Savior, Christ the Lord.