

TASTE & SEE

In preparation for Sunday's Mass, read commentaries such as the Paulist Press *Ordo*. It points out that ***Job's cry of hopelessness stands in marked contrast to the hope of those who put their trust in Jesus who "heals the broken hearted and binds up their wounds." Such are the blessings of the good news.***

Monday we identify ourselves with **Paul Miki** (1597), Jesuit scholastic, martyr, and his twenty-five companions, martyrs, all crucified at Nagasacki. A witness wrote that Paul saw himself standing in the noblest pulpit ever. And in his group were three young boys, ranging in age from 12 to 14. All were canonized.

Wednesday, we honor **Jerome Emiliani** (1537), soldier and **Josephine** (1947), virgin. **Jerome's** conversion led to the founding of the Clerks Regular order. **Josephine** became a Conossian Daughter of Charity and for 25 years served her sisters as cook, seamstress and portress of their houses in Venice, Verona and Sebio. The first Sudanese canonized, she was a witness to evangelical reconciliation and a model of freedom.

Friday, Scholastica (c. 543), virgin, twin sister of **St. Benedict**, is patroness of the Benedictine monasteries. **St. Gregory the Great** wrote "***She could do more because she loved more.***"

Saturday is set aside for **Our Lady of Lourdes**. The **Blessed Virgin Mary** proclaimed herself ***The Immaculate Conception*** to **Bernadette**.

Pope John Paul II designated this same date as **World Day of the Sick**, reminding us to "***see in our sick brother and sister the face of Christ who, by suffering, dying and rising, achieved the salvation of humankind.***" #