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Last week I wrote about the feast of the Guardian Angels, the Archangels, and the Feast of St. Francis of Assisi. This coming week is the Feast of Our Lady of the Rosary (October 7). The rosary is a prayer we Catholics say to honor Mary on special occasions in her life: when the angel told Mary that she would have a child, when Jesus was born, and when Mary was assumed into heaven. She probably had stories of other things that happened as Jesus grew up. Don't forget Mary was Jesus' mother, and just as your mother was probably special to you, I am convinced that Mary was special to Jesus. You might want to talk to our Blessed Mother, and ask her to show you what she wants you to remember about her. Have you ever asked your mother what were some special days for her?

I remember my mother telling me some special things that were special in her life – the time she met my dad, the day they were married, and I remember one time when my mother had gone to visit her family on the West Coast. My dad stayed home with us kids, and he was so lonely without her. One time, he got up in the middle of the night and went to the telephone office to call Mom on the phone. (In those days we had a country phone line, and other people would hear the phone ringing at that hour of the night). When Mom came home, she told us about that phone call. She asked Dad if we kids were all OK? He told her that we were, and she asked him why he was calling at that hour of the night. He said to her, *"I just had to hear your voice."* I'm guessing that Mom probably never forgot that call. What experiences have you had, that you will never forget? If your parents are still living, you might want to talk to them about some of those experiences. If not, you can still talk to them in your heart.

God bless you all.

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