

The month of May is dedicated to

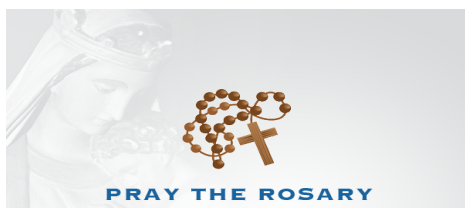
The Blessed Virgin Mary



In the month of May, we show our gratitude to mothers for all that they mean to us. For mothers who have gone to be with the Lord, we pray for their souls and thank God for their influence on our lives.

The Catholic Church also gives special attention to Mary - Mother of God and Mother of the Church. **The entire month is dedicated to her** who considered herself the "servant of the Lord" (Lk 1: 38). Mary is the New Eve whom God had chosen for a singular role in the salvation of the Church. Because of her close relationship with Jesus as the woman without equal, she is to be our model and guide especially when it comes to obeying Our Lord.

Mary has appeared on earth countless times and advises us is to "pray and obey her Son Jesus." These two thoughts seem to have a special urgency in order to help us attain our ultimate salvation. Just like Mothers wanting the best for their children, Mary has a great interest in saving our souls. We would be wise to follow her advice.



May

Month of the
Blessed Virgin
Mary

Pray a Novena: Dedicate nine days of prayer for a specific intention to her Immaculate Heart.

Daily or Weekly Rosary: Increase your devotion by praying the Rosary frequently, or for the first time.

Learn Marian Prayers/Songs: Memorize the Memorare, Salve Regina, or listen to classical pieces like Ave Maria.

Home Altar: Create an Altar for Mary at home with a statue, candle, flowers and Rosary.

Create a Mary Garden: Plant white and blue flowers (irises, roses) or honor her in a small, dedicated spot or container.

May Crowning - Sunday May 10

Feast of Our Lady of Fatima - Wednesday May 13

Feast of the Visitation - Wednesday May 31