

# Diocese of Boise

## Office of Religious Education and Catechetical Leadership

THE OFFICE OF RELIGIOUS EDUCATION AND  
CATECHETICAL LEADERSHIP OF THE DIOCESE OF  
BOISE BY ASSISTING THE BISHOP IN CARRYING  
OUT HIS ROLE AS THE CHIEF CATECHIST OF THE  
DIOCESE.



## Advanced Catechist Certification

### Mariology

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## OUTCOMES FOR MARIOLOGY

Recognize the humanness of Mary.

Understand the historical Mary and the formation of Marian Doctrine in Scripture and Tradition.

Understand the Spiritual Maternity of Mary.

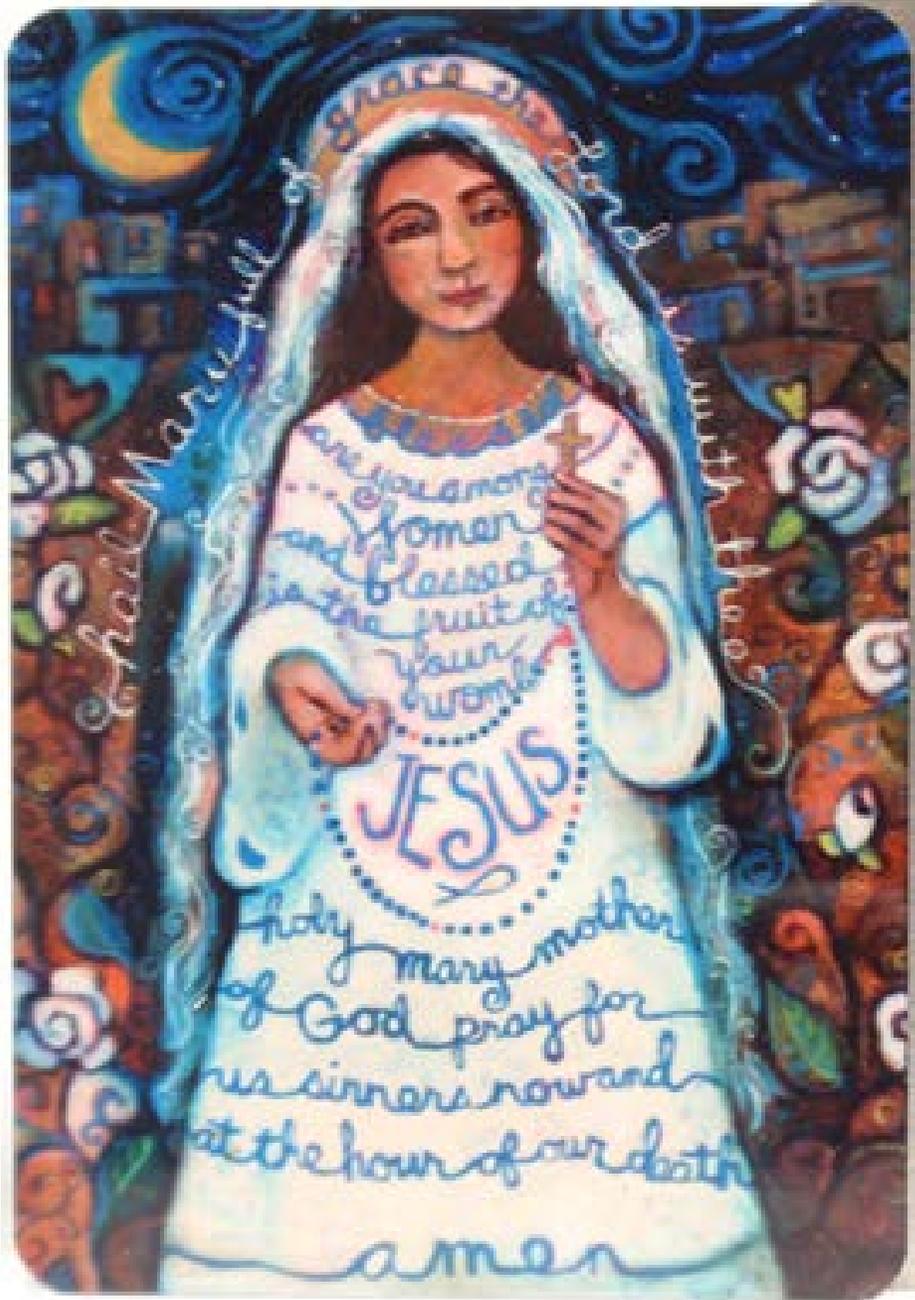
Understand the characteristics of a disciple and how Mary can lead us along her path of discipleship.

Recognize the presence of Mary in our daily lives.

Understand Mary in the light of the Magisterium and the pilgrimage of faith.

Reflect on the image of Mary in Christian art.

Know how to help others grow in relationship with Mary.

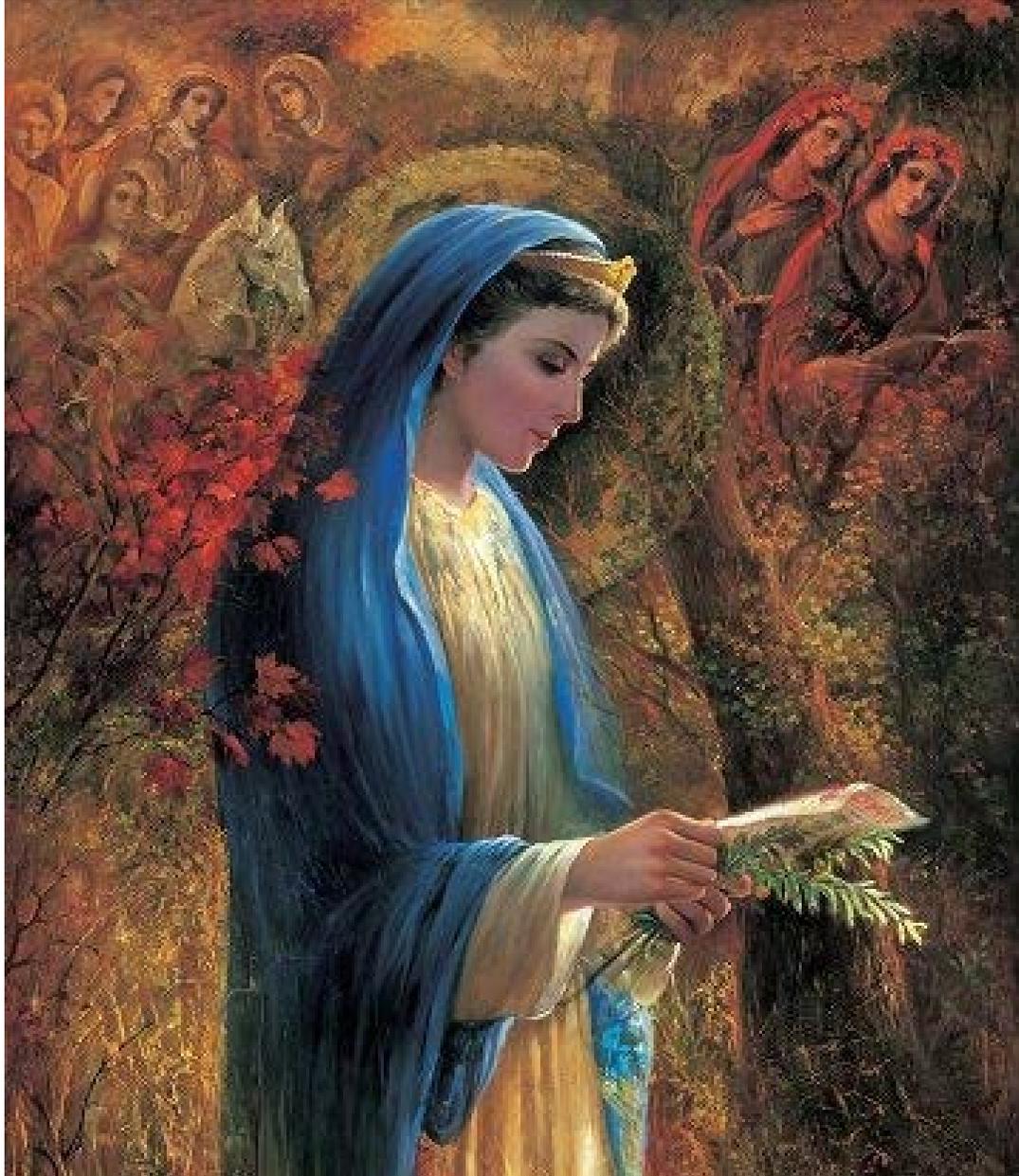


## Hail Mary

Hail Mary, full of grace.  
The Lord is with thee.  
Blessed are you  
amongst women,  
and blessed is the fruit  
of your womb, Jesus.

Holy Mary,  
Mother of God,  
pray for us sinners,  
now and at the hour  
of our death.  
Amen.

# OPENING PRAYER



# THE PRAYER OF THE VIRGIN MARY

“Mary’s prayer is revealed to us at the dawning of the fullness of time. Before the incarnation of the Son of God, and before the outpouring of the Holy Spirit, her prayer cooperates in a unique way with the Father’s plan of loving kindness; at the Annunciation, for Christ’s conception; at Pentecost, for the formation of the Church, his Body. In the faith of his humble handmaid, the Gift of God found the acceptance he had awaited from the beginning of time. She whom the Almighty made “full of grace” responds by offering her whole being: “Behold I am the handmaid of the Lord; let it be done to me according to your word.” CCC 2617

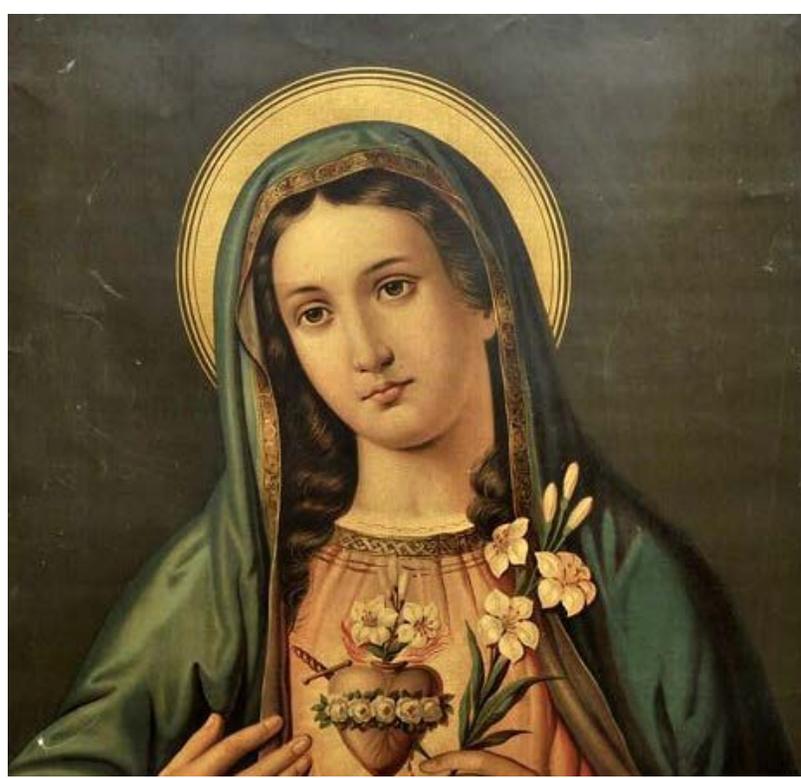
# Hail Mary Gentle Woman

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*With Pedal throughout*

*As played by Jon .  
Catholic Music P*

Musical score for 'Hail Mary Gentle Woman' in D major, 6/8 time. The score is presented in two systems. The first system shows the beginning of the piece with a treble clef and a key signature of two sharps (D major). The bass line consists of a steady eighth-note accompaniment. The melody begins with a whole note rest, followed by a quarter note 'Hail'. The second system starts at measure 6 and includes lyrics: 'full of grace. The Lord is with'. The melody continues with a series of eighth notes and a final half note. Chord markings 'D', 'G', and 'D' are placed above the staff.



# THE HUMANNNESS OF MARY



# MARY'S YOUTH

- Lived in a city of Galilee named Nazareth
  - “Can anything good come from Nazareth?” Jn 1:46
- A virgin who is betrothed
  - Around the age of 13
  - Legally married but living with her family
  - No sexual relations

“In the sixth month, the angel Gabriel was sent from God to a town of Galilee called Nazareth, to a virgin betrothed to a man named Joseph, of the house of David and the virgin’s name was Mary” LK 1:26

“Your house and your kingdom are firm forever before me; your throne shall be firmly established forever.”

2 Sam. 7:16

# "HAIL, FULL OF GRACE"

Hail, *Chaire* in Greek, means *Rejoice*

*"Shout for joy, daughter Zion! Sing joyfully, Israel! Be glad and exult with all your heart, daughter Jerusalem. The Lord has removed the judgement against you, he has turned away your enemies; The King of Israel, the Lord, is in your midst, you have no further misfortune to fear." Zeph. 3:14-15*

*"Exult greatly, O daughter Zion! Shout for joy, O daughter Jerusalem! Behold: your king is coming to you, a just savior is he." Zech. 9:9*

Hail, full of grace!

Someone who has been and continues to be graced.



# "THE LORD IS WITH YOU"

*"Behold, I am with you and will keep you wherever you go, and will bring you back to this land; for I will not leave you until I have done that of which I have spoken to you."*

*Gen. 28:15*

*"I will be with you." Exod. 3:12*

*"I will be with you; I will not fail you or forsake you." Josh. 1:5*

*"The Lord is with you." Judg. 6:12*

*"I have been with you wherever you went." 2 Sam. 7:9*

*"Be not afraid of them, for I am with you to deliver you." Jer. 1:8*



# DO NOT BE AFRAID



“But she was greatly troubled at what was said and pondered what sort of greeting this might be.”

Lk 1:29

“Dialogue”

“Do not be afraid Mary, for you have found favor with God.”

Lk 1:30

*Mary said, "Behold, I am the handmaid  
of the Lord. May it be done to me  
according to your word."  
Then the angel departed from her.*

*Luke 1:38*



"AND BEHOLD, YOU WILL CONCEIVE IN YOUR WOMB, AND BEAR A SON, AND YOU SHALL  
CALL HIS NAME JESUS." LK 1:31

"HOW CAN THIS BE, SINCE I HAVE NO RELATIONS WITH A MAN?" LK 1:34

"THE HOLY SPIRIT WILL COME UPON YOU, AND THE POWER OF THE MOST HIGH WILL  
OVERSHADOW YOU; THEREFORE THE CHILD TO BE BORN WILL BE CALLED HOLY, THE SON OF  
GOD." LK 1:35

# THE VISITATION



*"For nothing will be impossible for God" Lk  
1:37*

A New Spiritual Journey

A Journey with a divine purpose

*"...Mary set out and traveled to the hill  
country in haste..." Lk 1:39*

# BLESSED ARE YOU AMONG WOMEN

“Blessed are you among women, and blessed is the fruit of your womb!  
And why is this granted me, that the mother of my Lord should come  
to me?” Lk 1:42

“Most blessed of women be Jael” Judges 5:24

“O daughter, you are blessed by the Most High God above all women  
on earth.” Judith 13:18

“Mary’s spiritual walk with the Lord as a disciple is what makes her  
most blessed. We must not think that blessedness lay in bodily  
relationship. Mary is blessed because she heard the word of God and  
kept it.” St. Augustine





# A SOUL THAT MAGNIFIES GOD

“My soul proclaims the greatness of the Lord; my spirit rejoices in God my savior. For he has looked upon his handmaid’s lowliness; behold, from now on will all ages call me blessed. The Mighty One has done great things for me, and holy is his name.

His mercy is from age to age to those who fear him. He has shown might with his arm, dispersed the arrogant of mind and heart. He has thrown down the rulers from their thrones but lifted up the lowly. The hungry he has filled with good things; the rich he has sent away empty. He has helped Israel his servant, remembering his mercy, according to his promise to our fathers, to Abraham and to his descendants forever.”

Lk 1: 46-55



# THE MOTHER AT THE MANGER



- The Census of Caesar Augustus
- Bethlehem: City of David

“Laid him in a Manger because there was no place for him in the inn” Lk 2:7

“Mary experiences childbirth in a condition of extreme poverty; she could not give the Son of God even what mothers usually offer a newborn baby; instead, she has to lay him in a manger, an improvised cradle which contrasts with the dignity of the Son of the Most High.” Pope John Paul II

“And Mary kept all these things, reflecting on them in her heart.” Lk 2:18

“She wrapped him in swaddling clothes and laid him in a manger.” Lk 2:7

# SHARING IN THE SWORD

- Presentation in the Temple
- Simeon's Prophecy

"Now, Master, you may let your servant go in peace, according to your word, for my eyes have seen your salvation, which you prepared in sight of all the peoples, a light for revelation to the Gentiles, and glory for your people Israel." Lk 2:29-32

"...and Simeon blessed them and said to Mary his mother, "Behold this child is destined for the fall and rise of many in Israel, and to be a sign that will be contradicted (and you yourself a sword will pierce) so that the thoughts of many hearts may be revealed." Lk 2:34-35

- A Second Annunciation





# FLIGHT TO EGYPT



“Rise, take the child and his mother, flee to Egypt, and stay there until I tell you. Herod is going to search for the child to destroy him. Joseph rose and took the child and his mother by night and departed to Egypt. He stayed there until the death of Herod, that what the Lord had said through the prophet might be fulfilled, ‘Out of Egypt I called my son.’”  
Matthew 2: 13-15

“Rise, take the child and his mother and go to the land of Israel, for those who sought the child’s life are dead. He rose, took the child and his mother, and went to the land of Israel... He went and dwelt in a town called Nazareth, so that what had been spoken though the prophets might be fulfilled, ‘He shall be called a Nazorean.’” Matthew 2: 19-21, 23

# "MY FATHER'S HOUSE"



"Why were you looking for me? Did you not know that I must be in my Father's house?"

Lk 2:49



# MARY AT CANA

“...moved with pity, she brought about by her intercession the beginning of miracles of Jesus the Messiah.” LG 58

“...prompted by her merciful heart...” Pope JP II

“Woman, how does your concern affect me? My hour has not yet come.” Jn 2:4

“Do whatever he tells you.” Jn 2:5

“Mary’s solicitude for human beings, her coming to them in the wide variety of their wants and needs. ...Mary places herself between her son and mankind in the reality of their wants, needs and sufferings. ” Pope JP II

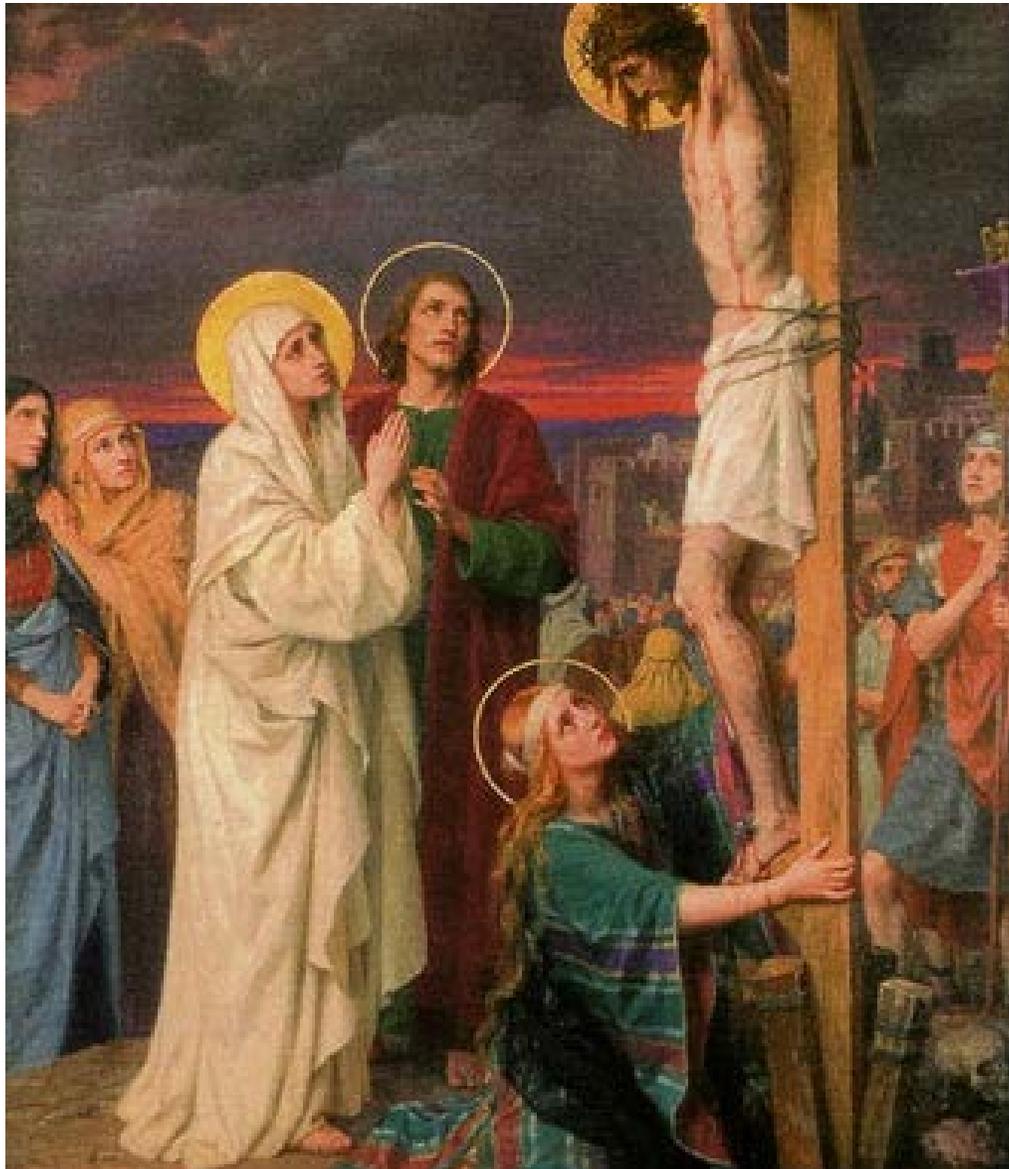
# MARY AS BLESSED



While he was speaking, a woman from the crowd called out and said to him, "Blessed is the womb that carried you and the breasts at which you nursed." Lk 11:27

He replied, "Rather, blessed are those who hear the word of God and observe it." Lk 11: 28

"He (Jesus) wishes to divert attention from motherhood understood only as a fleshly bond, in order to direct it towards those mysterious bonds of the spirit which develop from hearing and keeping God's word." RM 20



# STANDING BY THE CROSS OF JESUS

“Amen, amen, I say to you, you will weep and mourn, while the world rejoices, you will grieve, but your grief will become joy. When a woman is in labor, she is in anguish because her hour has arrived; but when she has given birth to a child, she no longer remembers the pain because of her joy that a child has been born into the world. So you also are now in anguish. But I will see you again, and your hearts will rejoice, and no one will take your joy away from you.” Jn 16:20-22

“Woman, behold your son. Behold your mother. And from that hour the disciple took her into his home.” Jn 19:27

# MARY IN THE UPPER ROOM

“This motherhood of Mary in the order of grace continues uninterruptedly from the consent which she loyally gave at the Annunciation and which she sustained without wavering beneath the cross, until the eternal fulfillment of all the elect.”

LG 62





# MARY, THE FIRST DISCIPLE

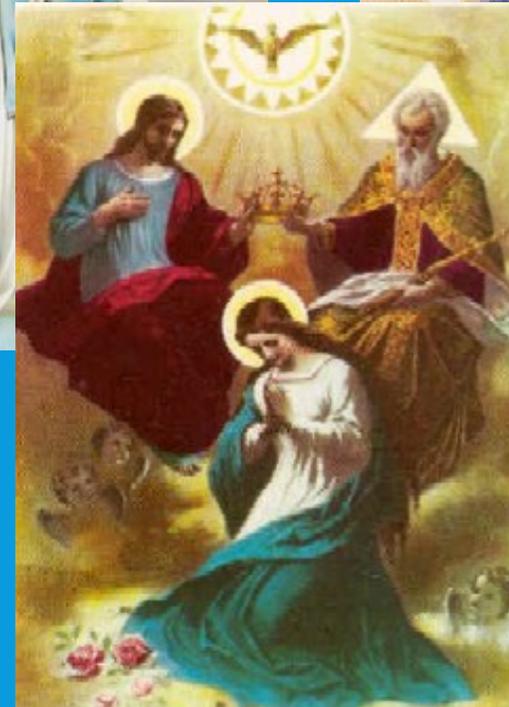
“Thus in a sense Mary as Mother became the first “disciple” of her Son, the first to whom he seemed to say: Follow me,” even before he addressed this call to the Apostles or to anyone else.” RM 20

“All these devoted themselves with one accord to prayer, together with some women, and Mary the mother of Jesus, and his brothers.” Acts 1:14

# MARY, CROWNED WITH GLORY

“A great sign appeared in the sky, a woman clothed with the sun, with the moon at her feet and on her head a crown of twelve stars. She was with child and wailed aloud in pain as she labored to give birth. Then another sign appeared in the sky, it was huge red dragon, with seven heads and ten horns, and on its heads were seven diadem... Then the dragon stood before the woman about to give birth. She gave birth to a son, a male child, destined to rule all the nations with an iron rod. Her child was caught up to God and his throne.”

Rev 12:1-5





# FOLLOWING THE EXAMPLE OF MARY

“Thus, far from creating distance between her and us, Mary’s glorious state brings about a continuous and caring closeness. She knows everything that happens in our lives and supports us with maternal love in life’s trials.

Taken up into heavenly glory, Mary dedicates herself totally to the work of salvation in order to communicate to every living person the happiness granted to her. She is a queen who gives all that she possesses, participating above all in the life and love of Christ.”

Pope John Paul II



“Everything the Lord has said, we will do.” Ex 19:8

“We will serve the Lord, our God, and will listen to his voice.” Josh 24:24

“Mary’s request ‘Do whatever he tells you,’ is an exhortation to trust without hesitation, especially when one does not understand the meaning of benefit of what Christ asks.”

Pope John Paul II



## POPE FRANCIS AND OUR LADY UNDOER OF KNOTS

“the knot of Eve’s disobedience was untied by Mary’s obedience: what the virgin Eve bound through her disbelief, Mary loosened by her faith.” LG 56

“Through her faith and obedience she gave birth on earth to the very Son of the Father, not through the knowledge of man but of the overshadowing of the Holy Spirit, in the manner of a new Eve who placed her faith, not in the serpent of old but in God’s messenger without wavering in doubt.” LG 63

“...the Blessed Virgin advanced in her pilgrimage of faith, and faithfully persevered in her union with her Son unto the cross...” LG 58



# THE FORMATION OF MARIAN DOCTRINE

“You are firmly convinced about our Lord, who is truly of the race of David according to the flesh, Son of God according to the will and power of God, truly born of a virgin,...he was truly nailed to a tree for us in his flesh under Pontius Pilate...he truly suffered, as he is also truly risen.”

CCC 496

St. Ignatius of Antioch

“Behold, a virgin shall conceive and bear a son.”

Isaiah 7:14



# DIVINE MOTHERHOOD

- “Mother of God” proclaimed at the Council of Ephesus (431)
- Denunciation of the *Nestorian heresy*
- “Theotokos” or “God Bearer”
- Council of Calcedon (451)
  - “...begotten from the Father before the ages as regards his godhead and in the last days, the same, because of us and because of our salvation begotten from the Virgin Mary, the Theotokos, as regards his manhood; one and the same Christ, Son, Lord, only-begotten...”



# PERPETUAL VIRGINITY

“Mary conceived without any detriment to her virginity, which remained inviolate even after his birth.” (Council of the Lateran (649))

“The deepening of faith in the virginal motherhood led the Church to confess Mary’s real and perpetual virginity even in the act of giving birth to the Son of God made man. In fact, Christ’s birth “did not diminish his mother’s virginal integrity but sanctified it.” And so the liturgy of the Church celebrates Mary as *Aeiparthenos*, the “Ever-Virgin”. (CCC 499 (LG))

“Mary is a virgin because her virginity is *the sign of her faith* “unadulterated by any doubt,” and of her undivided gift of herself to God’s will. It is her faith that enables her to become the mother of the Savior.” (CCC 506)



# IMMACULATE CONCEPTION

“was enriched by God with gifts appropriate to such a role.” (CCC 490)

“Full of Grace”

“The most Blessed Virgin Mary was, from the first moment of her conception, by a singular grace and privilege of almighty God and by virtue of the merits of Jesus Christ, Savior of the human race, preserved immune from all stain of original sin.”  
(Pope Pius IX)

“...the Fathers whereby called the mother of God entirely holy and free from all stain of sin, as though fashioned by the Holy Spirit and formed as a new creature.” (LG 56)

“By the grace of God Mary remained free of every personal sin her whole life long. (CCC 493)

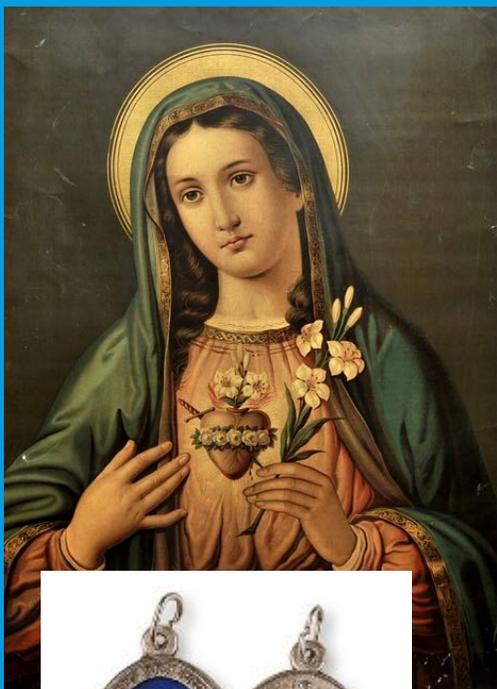


# THE ASSUMPTION

“We pronounce, declare and define it to be a divinely revealed dogma that the immaculate Mother of God, the ever Virgin Mary, having completed the course of her earthly life, was assumed body and soul to heavenly glory.”  
Pope Pius XII (Nov. 1, 1950)

“Finally the Immaculate Virgin, preserved free from all stain of original sin, when the course of her earthly life was finished, was taken up body and soul into heavenly glory, and exalted by the Lord as Queen over all things, so that she might be the more fully conformed to her Son, the Lord of lords and conqueror of sin and death.”  
LG 59

# DEVOTION TO THE BLESSED VIRGIN



Marian Holy Days of Obligation

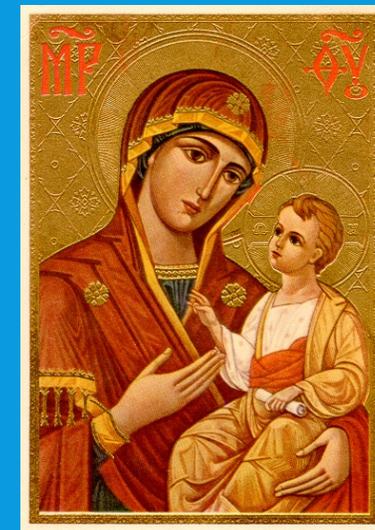
The Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God – January 1

Feast of the Assumption – August 15

Feast of the Immaculate Conception – December 8

May, the Month of Mary

October, Month of the Rosary



# Marian Apparitions



1531, Guadalupe, Mexico



1830, Paris, France



1846, La Salette, France



1858, Lourdes, France



1871, Pontmain, France



1879, Knock, Ireland



1917, Fatima, Portugal



1932, Beauraing, Belgium



1933, Banneux, Belgium

## APPARITIONS AND APPEARANCES

Process for approval of Apparitions:

- Responsibility of the local bishop
- Three possible conclusions
  - The Apparition is true and worthy of belief
  - The Apparition is not true – Appeal
  - Inconclusive – more help needed
- Approval process is always lengthy
- Belief in Apparitions is not required

“The criterion for judging the truth of a private revelation is its orientation to Christ himself.” Pope Benedict XVI

# MARY IN CHRISTIAN ART



# MARY – MOTHER OF CHRIST, MOTHER OF THE CHURCH

“Therefore, for the glory of the Virgin Mary and for Our own consolation, We proclaim the Most Blessed Mary Mother of the Church, that is to say of all the people of God, of the faithful as well as of the Pastors, who call her the most loving Mother. And We wish that the Mother of God should be still more honored and invoked by the entire Christian people by this most sweet title.

This is a title, Venerable Brothers, not new to Christian piety; it is precisely by this title, in preference to all others, that the faithful and the Church address Mary. It truly is part of the genuine substance of devotion to Mary, finding its justification in the very dignity of the Mother of the Word Incarnate.”

(Pope Paul VI)



# MARY'S DIVINE MATERNITY

“Just as, in fact, the Divine Maternity is the basis for her special relationship with Christ, and for her presence in the economy of salvation brought about by Jesus Christ, thus it also constitutes the principal basis for the relations between Mary and the Church, since she is the mother of Him Who, right from the time of His Incarnation in her virginal bosom, joined to Himself as head of His Mystical Body which is the Church. It is therefore with a soul full of trust and filial love that We raise Our glance to her, despite Our unworthiness and weakness.

Pope Paul VI



# MARY, OUR SPIRITUAL MOTHER



“In the designs of divine Providence she was the gracious mother of the divine Redeemer here on earth, and above all others and in a singular way the generous associate and humble handmaid of the Lord. Thus, in a wholly singular way she cooperated by her obedience, faith, hope and burning charity in the work of the Savior in restoring supernatural life to souls. For this reason she is a mother to us in the order of grace.”

(LG 61)

# MEMORIAL OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY, MOTHER OF THE CHURCH



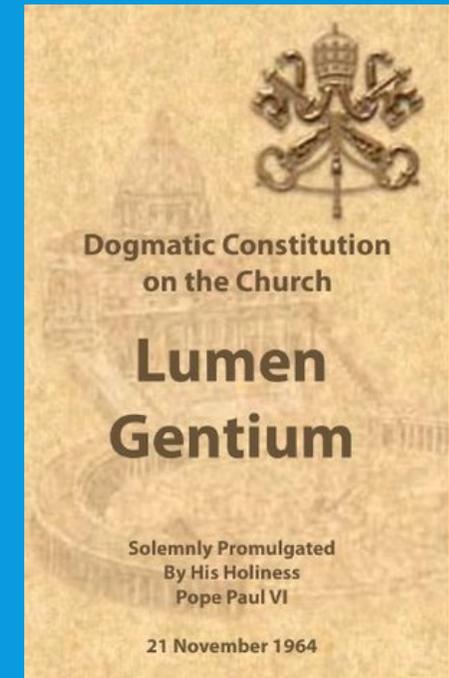
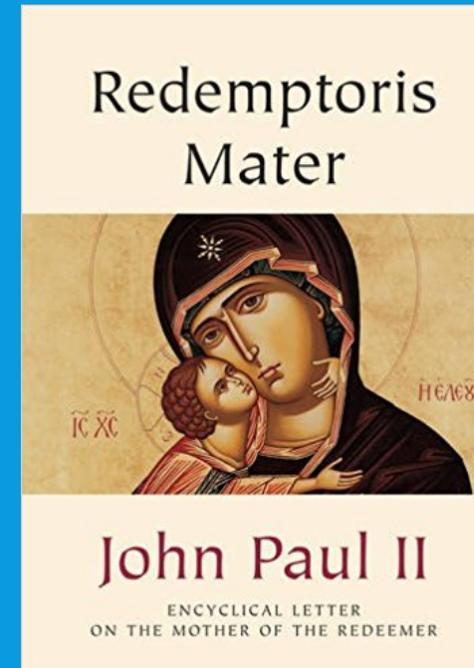
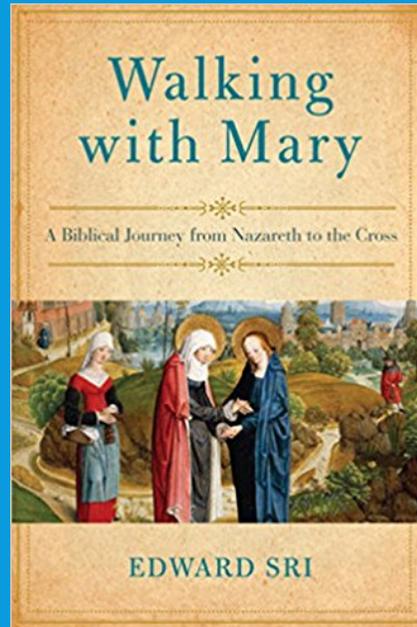
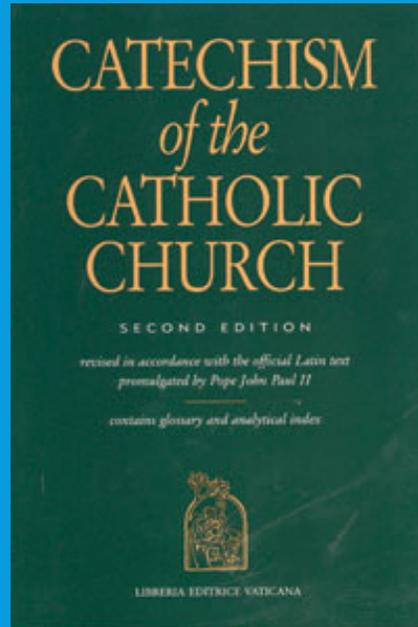
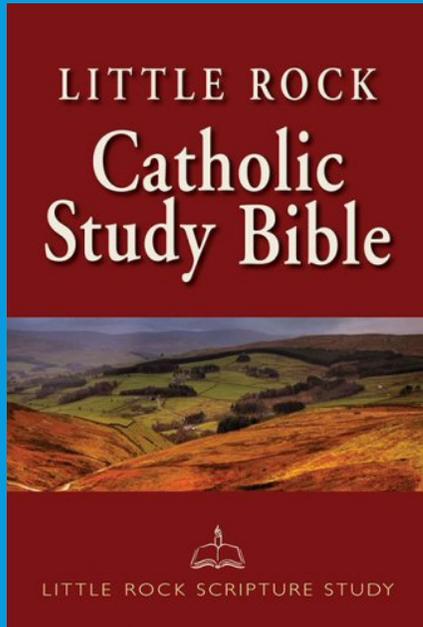


# GROWING IN RELATIONSHIP WITH THE VIRGIN MARY

# WALKING WITH MARY IN OUR DAILY LIVES

- How can I follow the example of Mary with my unconditional “Yes”?
- How can I live my life more joyfully like Mary?
- How do I need to live my life as if I am truly dependent on God?
- How can I follow the example of Mary’s total trust and surrender in her moments of suffering and sorrow during my own times of suffering and sorrow?
- How does the example of Mary’s intercession help me to intercede for those around me?
- As I learn more about the life of Mary, in what ways am I inspired to follow her example of humility, servanthood, joy and trust more in my daily life?

# RESOURCES



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## CLOSING PRAYER



## Hail Holy Queen

Hail, holy Queen, Mother of Mercy!  
Our life, our sweetness, and our hope!

To thee do we cry, poor banished  
children of Eve; to thee do we send  
up our sighs, mourning and weeping  
in this valley of tears.

Turn, then, most gracious advocate,  
thine eyes of mercy toward us; and  
after this, our exile, show unto us the  
blessed fruit of thy womb, Jesus.

O clement, O loving,  
O sweet virgin Mary.

Pray for us, O holy Mother of God,  
That we may be made worthy  
of the promises of Christ.