

Traditional Hymns

La Guadalupana (Guadalupe Hymn)
Immaculate Mary (Lourdes Hymn)
In Fatima's Cove (Fatima Hymn)
Hail Holy Queen
O Sanctissima

Ways of Being Devoted to Mary

- Confraternity of the Rosary
- Total Consecration (St. Louis de Montfort, St. Maximilian Kolbe, 40 Days to Morning Glory, Chain)
- Legion of Mary

Major Marian Shrines

Basilica of the Annunciation (Nazareth); Church of the Dormition (Jerusalem); Church of the Tomb of the Virgin (Gethsamane); St. Mary Major (Rome); Our Lady of the Rosary (Pompeii); Czestochowa (Poland); Kalwaria Zebrzydowska (Poland); Fatima (Portugal); Lourdes (France); La Salette (France); Notre Dame (Paris); Rue de Bac (Paris); Knock (Ireland); Guadalupe (Mexico); Our Lady of Betania (Venezuela); Basilica of the Immaculate Conception (Washington, DC); Vailankanni (India); Our Lady of La Vang (Vietnam); Our Lady of China (Donglu); Our Lady of Sorrows (Kibeho, Rwanda); and many others.

Approved Marian Apparitions

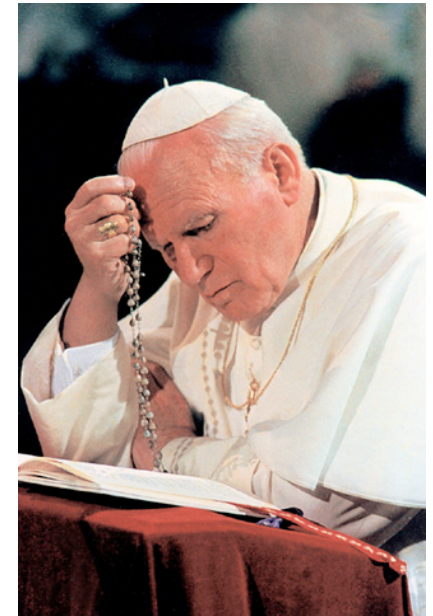
Guadalupe, Mexico, 1531; Lezajsk, Poland, 1578, Siluva, Lithuania, 1608; Laus, France, 1664; Rue de Bac, France, 1830; Rome, Italy, 1842; La Salette, France 1846; Lourdes, France, 1858; Champion, Wisconsin, USA, 1859; Filippsdorf, Czeck Republic, 1866; Pontmain, France, 1871; Gietrzwald, Poland, 1877; Knock, Ireland, 1879; Fatima, Portugal, 1917; Beauraing, Belgium, 1932-33; Banneux, Belgium, 1933; Kibeho, Rwanda, 1981

Discussion Questions

1. *What objections and hesitations do people have about devotion to Mary? How answer these objections?*
2. *What are the blessings that come from devotion to Mary?*
3. *How can we grow in a true devotion to Mary?*

Devotion to Mary

Its Roots & Expressions



Mary in Scripture

Old Testament: A future victory over the powers of evil is predicted to come about through a male descendent of Eve and His mother in Gen 3:15. The mother of the future Messiah is mentioned in Is 7:14 and Mic 5:3. Mary embodies the virtues of the women of faith in the Old Testament, such as Sarah (Gen 17-23), Rebecca (Gen 24-49), Rachel (Gen 29-48), Deborah (Jdg 4-5), Hannah (1 Sam 1-2), Esther (book), Judith (book), Susanna (Dan 14), the mother in the Maccabees (2 Macc 7). Mary is the New Eve through which her Son, the New Adam, would redeem the human race. She is also the new Ark of the Covenant, and the new Queen Mother of the New David.

New Testament: Annunciation (Lk 1:26-38), Visitation (Lk 1:39-56), Nativity (Lk 2:1-20; Mt 1:18-25), Circumcision & Presentation (Lk 2:21-38), Visit of Magi (Mt 2:10-12), Flight to Egypt (Mt 2:13-18), Raising in Nazareth & Finding in the Temple (Lk 2:39-52; Mt 2:19-23), Wedding Feast of Cana (Jn 2:1-11), Home Visit of Jesus (Lk 8:19-21), Foot of the Cross (Jn 19:25-27), Pentecost (Acts 1:14), Mother of the Messiah (Gal 4:4), Woman Clothed with the Sun (Rev 12)

Bases for Marian Devotion

Scriptural

- “Hail, full of grace, the Lord is with you. . . you have found favor with God !” —Lk 1:28
- “Blessed are you among women, and blessed is the fruit of your womb!” —Lk 1:42
- “For behold, henceforth all generations will call me blessed.”
—Lk 1:48
- “Do whatever He tells you.” —Jn 2:5
- “Behold, your mother.” —Jn 19:29
- “And a great sign appeared in heaven, a woman clothed with the sun, with the moon under her feet, and on her head a crown of twelve stars.” —Rev 12:1

Doctrinal

- *Hyperdulia*: *Latria* (adoration) is due God alone. *Dulia* is the honor due the saints. Hyperdulia is the theological term denoting the special honor due the Blessed Virgin Mary.
- *The Four Marian Doctrines*: Mother of God / Theotokos (431), Perpetual Virginity (553-554), Immaculate Conception (1854), Assumption (1950)
- *Communion of Saints*: All those united with Christ are united with one another in and through Christ for the sharing of spiritual goods through Him, whether they be in Heaven, or on Earth, or in Purgatory. The saints in heaven are our older brothers and sisters in the faith. They pray for us, that we might grow in holiness and one day share in their victory.

Marian Feast Days

Mother of God (Jan 1), Annunciation (March 25), Visitation (May 31), Immaculate Heart of Mary (day after the Sacred Heart), Assumption (Aug 15), Birth of Mary (Sept 8), Holy Name of Mary, (Sept 12), Our Lady of Sorrows (Sept 15), Coronation (Aug 22), Our Lady of the Rosary (Oct 7), Presentation of Mary (Nov 21), Immaculate Conception (Dec 8)

Also: Our Lady of Lourdes & World Day of the Sick (Feb 11), Our Lady of Fatima (May 13), Our Lady of Mount Carmel (July 16), Our Lady of Guadalupe (Dec 12)

Church Documents on Mary

- *Ineffabilis Deus*, Pius IX, 1854 (defining the Immaculate Conception)
- *Supremi Apostolatus Officio, Superiore Anno, Vi e Ben Noto, Octubre Mense, Magnae Dei Matris, Laetitiae Sanctae, Iucunda Semper Expectatione* (encyclicals of Leo XIII on the Rosary), 1883-1894
- *Ad Deum Illum Laetissimum*, Pius X, 1904
- *Lux Veritatis*, Pius XI, 1931
- *Ingravescentibus Malis*, Pius XI, 1937
- *Deiparae Virginis Mariae*, Pius XII, 1946
- *Munificentissimus Deus*, Pius XII, 1950 (defining the Assumption)
- *Ingruentium Malorum*, Pius XII, 1951
- *Fulgens Corona*, Pius XII, 1953
- *Ad Caeli Reginam*, Pius XII, 1954
- *Grata Recordatio*, John XXIII, 1959
- *Mense Maio*, Paul VI, 1965
- *Christi Matri*, Paul VI, 1966
- *Signum Magnum*, Paul VI, 1967
- *Marialis Cultus*, Paul VI, 1974
- *Redemptoris Mater*, John Paul II, 1987

Traditional Marian Chants & Prayers

Inviolata

Alma Redemptoris Mater (prayed in Advent)

Ave Maria (chant, polyphony, Charpentier, Bach, Shubert, Puccini, etc.)

Magnificat (Mary's song: Lk 1:46-55)

Stabat Mater (often sung in between the Stations of the Cross)

Recordare

Regina Coeli (prayed in the Easter Season)

Salve Regina (Hail Holy Queen: prayed at the end of the Rosary)

Ave Regina Coelorum (prayed in Lent and for the Assumption & Coronation)

Ave Maris Stella

Sub Tuum (To Your Protection)

Memorare

Rosary

Litany of Loreto

Seven Sorrows Devotion