



2021 MAY CELEBRATION IN HONOUR OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

To honour our Blessed Mother, there will be a special celebration on **Sunday, May 30th**, beginning at **4pm** live streamed from St. Francis of Assisi Church on the parish YouTube channel.

Fr. Damian, Deacon Don, Deacon Richard, Fr. Abraham and our seminarian, Alvin Joys, will lead the community in prayerful meditation of all the mysteries of the Holy Rosary – Joyful, Luminous, Sorrowful, and Glorious.

Hymns will be sung and a statue of Mary will be symbolically crowned. We will each acknowledge our Blessed Mother as the Queen of our parish community, our family and our individual hearts.

We ask for Our Lady's powerful intercession in obtaining health of the sick, hope for the dying, protection for health care workers, relief for the unemployed, peace for families and eternal rest for the departed.

How to Pray The Rosary - Step By Step

1. **Make the Sign of the Cross:** *In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.*

2. **Say the "Apostles Creed":** *I believe in God, the Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth; and in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord; Who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended into hell; on the third day He arose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of God, the Father Almighty; from there He shall come to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Holy Catholic Church, the communion of Saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body and life everlasting. Amen.*

3. **Say the "Our Father":**
*Our Father, Who art in Heaven,
 hallowed be Thy name;
 Thy Kingdom come,
 Thy will be done, on earth as it is in Heaven.
 Give us this day our daily bread;
 and forgive us our trespasses,
 as we forgive those who trespass against us;
 and lead us not into temptation,
 but deliver us from evil. Amen.*

4. **Say three "Hail Marys":**
*Hail Mary, full of grace,
 The Lord is with thee.
 Blessed art thou among women,
 and blessed is the fruit
 of thy womb, Jesus.
 Holy Mary, Mother of God,
 pray for us sinners now,
 and at the hour of our death. Amen.*

5. **Say the "Glory be to the Father":**
*Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit,
 as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.*

6. **Announce the First Mystery. Then say the "Our Father".**

7. **Say ten "Hail Marys", while meditating on the mystery.**

8. **Say the "Glory be to the Father".**

9. **Recite the “Fatima Prayer”:**
*O My Jesus, forgive us our sins,
 save us from the fires of Hell and lead all souls to Heaven,
 especially those who are in most need of Thy mercy.*
10. **Announce the Second mystery. Then say the "Our Father".**
11. **Repeat and continue with third, fourth, and fifth mysteries in the same manner.**

OPENING HYMN: “I Sing a Maid”

I sing a maid of tender years
 To whom an angel came,
 And knelt, as to a mighty queen,
 And bowed his wings of flame;
 A nation's hope in her reply,
 This maid of matchless grace;
 For God's own son became her child,
 And she his resting place.

She watched him grow to manhood's strength
 To meet his destiny,
 And when the danger of his truth
 Brought him to Calvary,
 She stood by him all powerless
 To ease his dying pain,
 'Til in the darkest hour of all,
 She held her Son again.

And if the song had ended then,
 Our eyes would fill with tears,
 But ah! The song had just begun
 To echo down the years!
 Now lift your voices, hearts and souls,
 To sing with one accord
 To honor Mary, Mother of
 The Christ, the Risen Lord!

Words: M.D. Ridge (1987)

Music: THE FLIGHT OF THE EARLS 14.14.14.14 Traditional Celtic melody

The Joyful Mysteries of the Rosary

1. **The Annunciation**
Mary learns that she has been chosen to be the mother of Jesus.
2. **The Visitation**
Mary visits Elizabeth, who tells her that she will always be remembered.
3. **The Nativity**
Jesus is born in a stable in Bethlehem.
4. **The Presentation**
Mary and Joseph take the infant Jesus to the Temple to present him to God.
5. **The Finding of Jesus in the Temple**
Jesus is found in the Temple discussing his faith with the teachers.

Please join in singing the first verse of “Immaculate Mary”
(Anonymous source, Traditional Lourdes Melody)

**Immaculate Mary, Your praises we sing,
You reign now in heaven with Jesus our King.
Ave, ave, ave Maria!
Ave, ave, ave, Maria!**

The Mysteries of Light (Luminous Mysteries)

1. **The Baptism of Jesus in the River Jordan**
God proclaims that Jesus is his beloved Son.
2. **The Wedding Feast at Cana**
At Mary’s request, Jesus performs his first miracle.
3. **The Proclamation of the Kingdom of God**
Jesus calls all to conversion and service to the Kingdom.
4. **The Transfiguration of Jesus**
Jesus is revealed in glory to Peter, James, and John.
5. **The Institution of the Eucharist**
Jesus offers his Body and Blood at the Last Supper.

Please join in singing the second verse of “Immaculate Mary”
(Anonymous source, Traditional Lourdes Melody)

**In Heaven the blessed your glory proclaim;
On earth we your children invoke your fair name.
Ave, Ave, Ave, Maria!
Ave, Ave, Ave, Maria!**

The Sorrowful Mysteries

1. **The Agony in the Garden**
Jesus prays in the Garden of Gethsemane on the night before he dies.
2. **The Scourging at the Pillar**
Jesus is tied to a stone pillar and lashed with a whip.
3. **The Crowning With Thorns**
Jesus is mocked and crowned with thorns.
4. **The Carrying of the Cross**
Jesus carries the cross that will be used to crucify him.
5. **The Crucifixion**
Jesus is nailed to the cross and dies.

Please join in singing the **third** verse of “Immaculate Mary”
(Anonymous source, Traditional Lourdes Melody)

**Your name is our power, your virtues our light,
Your love is our comfort, your pleading our might.
Ave, Ave, Ave, Maria!
Ave, Ave, Ave, Maria!**

The Glorious Mysteries

1. **The Resurrection**
God the Father raises Jesus from the dead.
2. **The Ascension**
Jesus returns to his Father in heaven.
3. **The Coming of the Holy Spirit**
The Holy Spirit comes to bring new life to the disciples.
4. **The Assumption of Mary**
At the end of her life on earth, Mary is taken body and soul into heaven.
5. **The Coronation of Mary**
Mary is crowned as Queen of Heaven and Earth.

Please join in singing the **fourth** verse of “Immaculate Mary”
(Anonymous source, Traditional Lourdes Melody)

**We pray for our Mother, the Church upon earth,
And bless, dearest Lady, this land [that we love].
Ave, Ave, Ave, Maria!
Ave, Ave, Ave, Maria!**

12. Recite the “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 towards us, and after this our exile, show unto us the blessed fruit of thy womb, Jesus. O clement, O loving, O sweet Virgin Mary!

Priest - Pray for us, O holy Mother of God.

People - That we may be made worthy of the promises of Christ.

13. Recite the “Prayer After the Rosary”:

O God, whose only begotten Son, by His life, death, and resurrection, has purchased for us the rewards of eternal salvation. Grant, we beseech Thee, that by meditating on these mysteries of the most holy Rosary of the Blessed Virgin Mary, we may imitate what they contain and obtain what they promise, through the same Christ our Lord. Amen.

14. Recite the “Prayer of Pope Francis During the Pandemic”:

O Mary, you always shine on our path as a sign of salvation and of hope. We entrust ourselves to you, Health of the Sick, who at the cross took part in Jesus' pain, keeping your faith firm.

You know what we need, and we are sure you will provide, so that, as in Cana of Galilee,

we may return to joy and to feasting after this time of trial.

Help us, Mother of Divine Love, to conform to the will of the Father

and to do as we are told by Jesus, who has taken upon himself our sufferings and carried our sorrows to lead us, through the cross,

to the joy of the resurrection.

Under your protection, we seek refuge, Holy Mother of God.

Do not disdain the entreaties of we who are in trial, but deliver us from every danger, O glorious and blessed Virgin.

15. Crowning of Mary & Presentation of Flowers

Hymn: “Bring Flowers of the Rarest” (Mary E. Walsh)

**Bring flow'rs of the fairest,
Bring flow'rs of the rarest,
From garden and woodland
And hillside and vale;
Our full hearts are swelling,
Our glad voices telling
The praise of the loveliest
Rose of the vale.**

**O Mary! we crown thee with blossoms today,
Queen of the Angels, Queen of the May,
O Mary! we crown thee with blossoms today,
Queen of the Angels, Queen of the May.**

16. Final Blessing (Roman Missal)

Priest: May God, who through the childbearing of the Blessed Virgin Mary, willed in his great kindness to redeem the human race, be pleased to enrich you with his blessing.

People: *Amen.*

Priest: May you know always and everywhere the protection of her, through whom you have been found worthy to receive the author of life.

People: *Amen.*

Priest: May you, who have devoutly gathered on this night, carry away with you the gifts of spiritual joys and heavenly rewards.

People: *Amen.*

Priest: And may the blessing of almighty God, the Father, and the Son, + and the Holy Spirit, come down upon you and remain with you forever.

People: *Amen.*

CLOSING HYMN: “Hail Queen of Heaven, the Ocean Star”

Hail, Queen of Heaven, the ocean Star,
 Guide of the wanderer here below,
 Thrown on life's surge, we claim thy care;
 Save us from peril and from woe.
 Mother of Christ, star of the sea,
 Pray for the wanderer, pray for me.

O gentle, chaste and spotless Maid,
 We sinners make our prayer through thee:
 Plead with thy Son, for He has paid
 The price of our iniquity.
 Virgin most pure, star of the sea,
 Pray for the sinner, pray for me.

And while to Him who reigns above,
 In Godhead One, in Persons Three,
 The source of life, of grace and love,
 Homage we pay on bended knee.
 Do thou, bright Queen, star of the sea,
 Pray for thy children, pray for me.

John Lingard (1771-1851)
 English Traditional