

Journey with us as we explore different titles of Our Blessed Mother throughout these next nine days.

Monday, November 29, 2021



DAY 1: MARY HELP OF CHRISTIANS

"Trust all things to Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament and to Mary Help of Christians, and you will see what miracles are."

- St. John Bosco

We Salesians know Our Lady by this title best! Did you know that devotion to Mary under this title first began after Catholic troops won the Battle of Lepanto in 1571? Mary Help of Christians then helped save Vienna from 200,000 Ottoman Turks near the end of the 17th century. All Europe had joined with the Emperor crying out "Mary, Help!" and praying the Holy Rosary.

The feast day of Mary Help of Christians is celebrated on May 24 thanks to Pope Pius VII who promised to institute a special feast in honor of Mary if he were restored to the Roman See.

IMMACULATE CONCEPTION NOVENA

Tuesday, November 30, 2021



DAY 2: OUR LADY OF FATIMA

We're excited to help you learn more about Our Blessed Mother under this title, which first made headlines in 1917.

Our Lady appeared to three shepherd children in the small village of Fatima in Portugal. She revealed herself a few times to them, having declared in the last apparition, "I am the Lady of the Rosary." That same day,

That same day, 70,000 people showed up and bore witness to the Miracle of the Sun. By the time they left, there was no doubt in their minds about the veracity of the apparitions.

A few months ago, the Our Lady of Fatima Pilgrim Statue stopped in two communities within our province: Tampa, Florida and Stony Point, New York.



Wednesday, December 1, 2021



DAY 3: OUR LADY OF MERCY

"The Mother of Mercy is always close and helps all her children who are in danger."

- Pope Francis, 2015

Mary first revealed herself under this title to Bl. Antonio Botta, a pious farmer who always prayed the Rosary, in Savona in 1536. "Rise up and do not doubt-I am the Virgin Mary," she assured him.

From 1809–12, while imprisoned in Savona by order of Napoleon, Pope Pius VII declared that he would place a crown on the statue of Our Lady of Mercy if he were freed. This he did on May 10, 1815.

In 2015, exactly 200 years later, Pope Francis wrote to the Bishop of Savona entrusting that Jubilee Year to Our Lady of Mercy.



Thursday, December 2, 2021



DAY 4: OUR LADY OF GOOD COUNSEL

Patroness of the Missionary Sisters of St. Peter Claver, the National Council of Catholic Women, and the Catholic Women's League of Canada

In 1467, while a fourth century church dedicated to the Mother of Good Counsel underwent restoration, residents of Genazzano heard a beautiful melody coming from Heaven. They looked up and saw a white, shining cloud that descended on the church. The cloud gradually vanished, revealing a beautiful painting of Our Lady holding her Divine Son in her arms. Immediately, Mary began to cure the sick and grant countless graces. Then, two Albanian refugees revealed that the mysterious icon of Genazzano was identical to the icon of Our Lady that lifted off of the walls in Scutari by a white cloud following an Ottoman invasion.



Friday, December 3, 2021



DAY 5: OUR LADY QUEEN OF PEACE

Patroness of the Congregation of the Sacred Hearts of Jesus and Mary and the Perpetual Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

In early 16th century France, a statue of Mary served as a family heirloom until a grandson joined the Capuchins. The statue remained with the Capuchins for the 200 years. It would later be handed to the founders of the Congregation of the Sacred Hearts of Jesus and Mary and the Perpetual Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament. The Congregation would go on to establish the first Catholic church in Hawaii and dedicated it to Our Lady of Peace.

In 1906, the Archbishop of Paris crowned the original statue as Our Lady, Queen of Peace. During World War I, Pope Benedict XV added the title to the Litany of Loretto.

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Saturday, December 4, 2021



DAY 6: OUR LADY OF CHARITY

Nuestra Señora de la Caridad, Patroness of Cuba

In the early 1600s, two Indigenous Cubans and a ten-year-old African slave were overtaken by a violent storm while out to collect salt in the Bay of Nipe. Stuck under a downpour with waves crashing aboard, the group prayed to an image of the Virgin Mary carried by the young slave.

Next, the skies opened, the storm cleared, and the group spotted a single, white bird floating on distant waves. As they drew closer, they discovered the bird was a statue fixed to a board that read, "Yo Soy la Virgen de la Caridad" or "I am the Virgin of Charity."



Sunday, December 5, 2021



DAY 7: OUR LADY, STAR OF THE SEA

"If you are tossed upon the waves of pride, of ambition, of envy, of rivalry, look to the star, call on Mary."

- St. Bernard

Did you know this ancient title for Mary was first used in the ninth century? Translated from the Latin "Stella Maris," it emphasizes Mary's role as a sign of hope and a guiding star for Christians. Through this title, she intercedes as a guide and protector of those who travel or seek their livelihoods at sea. Under this title, she is patroness of the Catholic missions to seafarers and many local churches are named Star of the Sea, or Stella Maris.

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Monday, December 6, 2021



DAY 8: IMMACULATE HEART OF MARY

"And His mother kept all these words in her heart."

- Luke 2:51

In the 17th century, St. John Eudes led people to love Christ and Mary by speaking tirelessly about their Hearts. In 1830, St. Catherine Labouré originated the Miraculous Medal following her visions of Mary. A society dedicated to the Immaculate Heart of Mary would be established six years later.

Devotion to Mary's heart is concerned with her love for Jesus, for God. Since her heart is sinless, she is the only fully human person who is able to fully love God in the way He should be loved.

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Tuesday, December 7, 2021



DAY 9: QUEEN OF HEAVEN

"When she became Mother of the Creator, she truly became Queen of every creature."

- St. John Damascene

In October 1954, Pope Pius XII closed a year-long Marian year with the encyclical Ad Caeli Reginam that recognized the Queenship of Mary. Did you know that this encyclical was the first time a pope had spoken on Mary's role in sharing in the work of Redemption? He wrote, "The most Blessed Virgin Mary is to be called Queen not only because of her Divine Motherhood, but also because she, by the will of God, had an outstanding part in the work of our eternal salvation."

IMMACULATE CONCEPTION NOVENA

Prayer to use for each of these nine days



LET US PRAY

In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

O most pure Virgin Mary conceived without sin, from the very first instant, you were entirely immaculate. O glorious Mary full of grace, you are the mother of my God - the Queen of Angels and of men. I humbly venerate you as the chosen mother of my Savior, Jesus Christ.

The Prince of Peace and the Lord of Lords chose you for the singular grace and honor of being His beloved mother. By the power of His Cross, He preserved you from all sin. Therefore, by His power and love, I have hope and bold confidence in your prayers for my holiness and salvation.

I pray that your prayers will bring me to imitate your holiness and submission to Jesus and the Divine Will.

Queen of Heaven, I beg you to beg my Savior to grant me these requests...

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Continuation of prayer to use for each of these nine days



(MENTION YOUR INTENTIONS)

My holy Mother, I know that you were obedient to the will of God. In making this petition, I know that God's will is more perfect than mine. So, grant that I may receive God's grace with humility as you did.

As my final request, I ask that you pray for me to increase in faith in our risen Lord; I ask that you pray for me to increase in hope in our risen Lord; I ask that you pray for me to increase in love for the risen Jesus!

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.



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