

MARY

MOTHER OF JESUS AND OUR MOTHER TOO



Word of the Week JOHN 19: 25-27

A reading from the Holy Gospel
according to John

...but standing by the cross of Jesus were his mother and his mother's sister, Mary the wife of Clopas, and Mary Magdalene. When Jesus saw his mother and the disciple whom he loved standing nearby, he said to his mother, "Woman, behold, your son!" Then he said to the disciple, "Behold, your mother!" And from that hour the disciple took her to his own home.



PRAYER FOR THE WEEK

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.



Behold Your Mother Reflection
(Watch to 2:16)
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Mother Mary, Pray for Us - Sarah Hart
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Mary our Mother

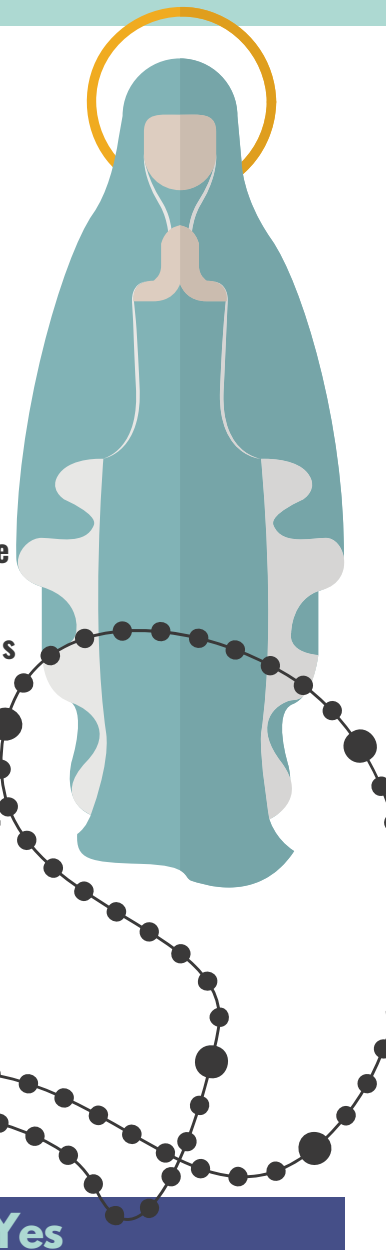
Mary, the Mother of God, is the most important woman to have ever lived. Through her, God was able to become human, and be with us on earth.

Mary points us towards Jesus. She helps us to get to know Jesus better. She reflects God's light so that we can be who God calls us to be, so that we can respond to God's plan in our life, and say our yes to God.

By the example of Mary we learn how to follow Jesus. She is the first and greatest disciple, because she believed and trusted in God's promise to her.

In this week's Word of the Week we hear how Jesus entrusted his mother to the disciples and them to her as one of his final acts on the cross. When Jesus did this He didn't just ask for His disciples to look after Mary and Mary to look after them but for Mary to look after all the disciples, friends of Jesus, then and in the future. In this moment Mary was given to the whole Church as someone to help and guide them in their faith.

Therefore Mary is someone we can turn to, knowing that she will pray with us and for us and lead us to her son.



Mary and the Month of May

Every day of the year, Catholics honour Mary through prayer. We remember the many ways God blessed Mary. But during the month of May, Mary is specially honoured by devotions around the world. In fact, May is the month of Mary.

Make a special effort this month to honour Mary. On the second sheet is all the information you need to learn how to pray the rosary.

Assign one day a week where you will pray a decade (10 Hail Mary's) of the rosary during your time of prayer throughout May.

"FROM MARY WE LEARN TO SURRENDER TO GOD'S WILL IN ALL THINGS. FROM MARY WE LEARN TO TRUST EVEN WHEN ALL HOPE SEEMS GONE. FROM MARY WE LEARN TO LOVE CHRIST HER SON AND THE SON OF GOD!"

ST. JOHN PAUL II



Mary's Yes

It must have been such a shock for a young, poor, unmarried woman to be visited by an angel and told she was going to have a baby. Mary accepted what she was being told, trusted in God and his plan and said her YES to God.

What is something, big or small, which God asks you to say yes to?

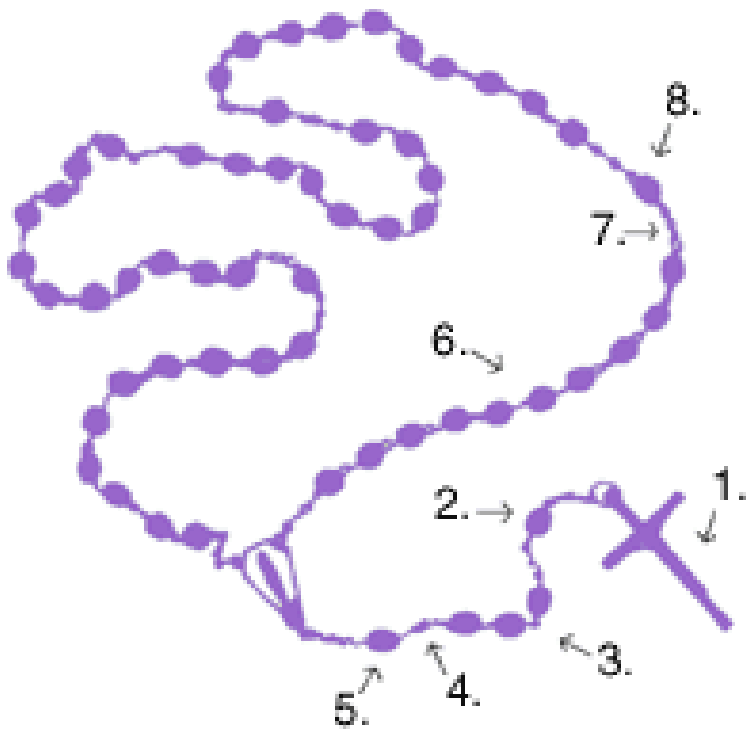
What are some things which make it difficult to say yes to God?

How can we remove some of the barriers to saying yes?

How does being part of a faith community like school or your parish support you in saying yes to God?

What can we learn from Mary's response to God's call that can be applied to our lives?

How to Pray the Rosary



1. Make the Sign of the Cross and pray the Apostles' Creed.
2. Pray the Our Father.
3. Pray three Hail Marys.
4. Pray Glory Be to the Father.
5. Announce the mystery for reflection and pray the Our Father.
6. Pray the 10 Hail Marys.
7. Finish the decade with the Glory Be to the Father.

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; the third day
He rose again from the dead;
He ascended into heaven, and sits at
the right hand of God the Father
almighty, from thence 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.

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.

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.

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