



PREP PARENT NEWS

May 2020

May is Mary's Month

The month of May is always part of the Easter season, the fifty days we celebrate in the liturgy the Resurrection of Our Lord, a time also of awaiting the outpouring of the Holy Spirit at Pentecost.

(Excerpts below from

<https://www.ourcatholicprayers.com/month-of-mary.html>)

The month of May is a special time for us Catholics to pay homage to our Blessed Mother Mary. Contrary to a distressing misconception found among Evangelicals and Protestants, we *honor* Mary. We do not *worship* her.

Her life in the Gospel years was one of service and great devotion to Jesus, from the cave in Bethlehem where she gave birth to Him, to Calvary in Jerusalem where she stood by His cross in His Crucifixion, from Crib to Cross, as it were.

Yet in creating her to be the only human being without the stain of Original Sin (outside of Jesus, of course, who had both a Human and a Divine nature), God nonetheless chose Mary *specifically* to play a vital role in our salvation.

Remember that Mary always seeks to be *a bridge not a barrier* to Her Divine Son our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ! Don't ever feel afraid to approach her in prayer for grace, strength and her intercession to Jesus for your personal intentions!

Hail Mary

*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.*

Examples of ways to honor Mary this month:

- *Make a Mary garden (Get a statue of Mary for your garden, then honor her by planting some special flowers)
- *Make Saturdays special (Saturday is the day our Church sets aside for Our Blessed Mother, the Mediatrix. Offer all your Saturday chores and obligations to Mary.)
- * Practice acts of charity for love of Mary (Try sending a box of food or Mass card to someone going through hard times.)

Announcements:

Mother's Day marks the end of this year's PREP term.

Please keep Noah Carter in your prayers as he continues to prepare to make his First Holy Communion after the pandemic is over.

REMINDER: During the pandemic Mass is offered online via YouTube on Sundays at 10:00 a.m.!