

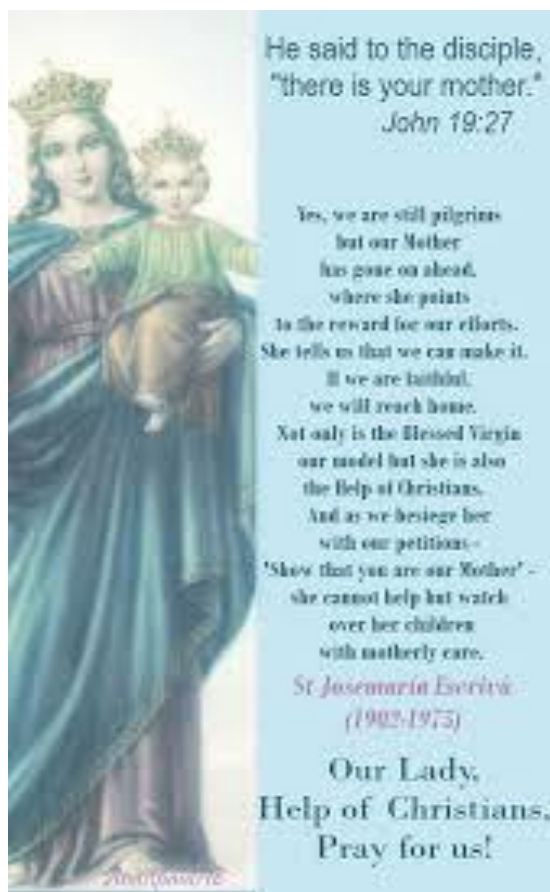
The Month of May - Dedicated to the Blessed Virgin Mother

Hello Everyone,

The beautiful month of May is upon us. This is the time of year when God's creation shines brightly in blooms of vibrant colors all around us and our church calendar honors our Blessed Mother, the Virgin Mary, Mother of God.

Mary has a unique and privileged place in salvation history and in the Church because she responded yes to becoming the Mother of God. She is our first model of discipleship and our model of grace and trust in God.

For Catholics, May is most well-known as "Mary's Month," a specific month of the year when special devotions are performed in honor of the Blessed Virgin Mary. We celebrate by focusing on special prayers and traditions, such as praying the rosary, May Crowning celebrations, and making a Marian prayer space in our homes to name a few. The Celebrating the Blessed Mother pdf has numerous suggestions for honoring the Blessed Virgin and learning more about her.



Our love for Mary in her role as the Mother of God is also apparent in the many names bestowed upon her by our Catholic Church. How many names for Mary can you think of?

This message comes with the hope that the links provided with this message will be helpful for both children and adults as we practice our faith at home. Families can look through the information and use the resources that work best for them.

The Children's Worship Bulletins (CWB ages 3-5 and 6-9) are designed to enhance children's understanding of the scripture readings we hear at Sunday Mass. I will be happy to end the answer key for the CWB if anyone would like one.

While we cannot be together right now to attend Mass in our church, our pastor, Fr. Sal, celebrates Mass daily and prays for all of us at every Mass. The gift of prayer unites us, draws us closer to God and reminds us that God is with us, even when social distancing keeps us apart.