



OUR LADY OF LOURDES

Catholic Parish



It's not just secular society that misunderstands Mary. Our Protestant brothers and sisters in Christ also view the Church's teaching on Mary as suspect, insisting that Catholics worship her above Jesus. This is not true. At all.

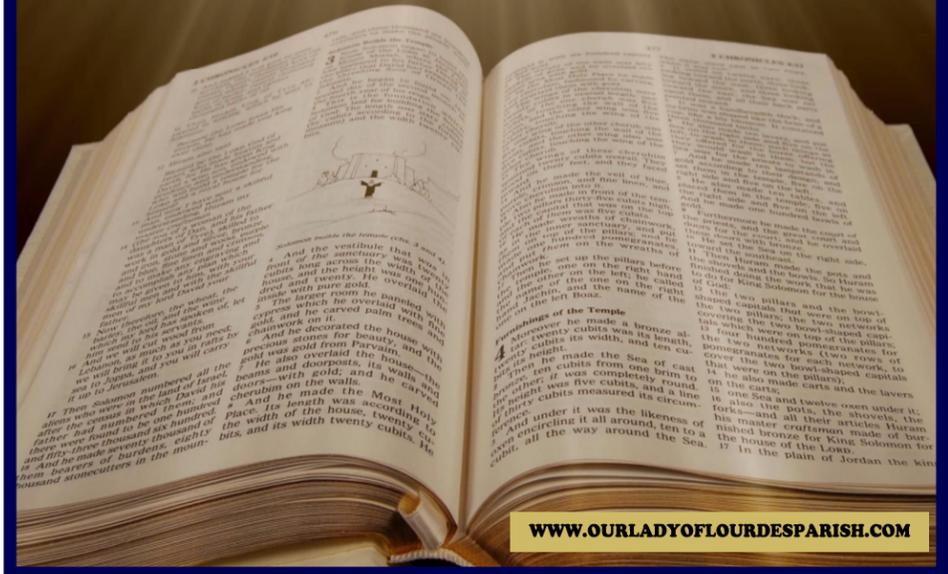
Mary is the most powerful intercessor between us and the Father. Think about it this way. We ask our friends and family to pray for us. Shouldn't we ask our spiritual mother, Mary, to do the same? What son doesn't listen to his mother, especially when that son is God?

It is true that John 14:6 states, "No one can come to the Father except through me." But what better way to come to him than through his mother? She leads everyone to Christ; just as she brought him into the world, she leads us to the foot of his cross.

We do have statues of Mary, and we do celebrate her feast days (as well as those of other saints). These are not opportunities for worship. They are opportunities to turn our eyes toward the Almighty Father who created her, created us, and sent his only son to save us from our sins. All of the Church's teachings on Mary lead directly to God and God alone. He is the center of our faith; Mary is the compass that directs us there.

"If you love Me, you will keep My commandments."
-Jesus-

JOHN 14:15



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MASS SCHEDULE

- SATURDAY VIGIL MASS 4:00PM
- SUNDAY MASS 8:30AM & 11:00AM
- LATIN MASS CANCELLED UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE
- MONDAY COMMUNION SERVICE 8:00AM
- TUESDAY MASS 8:00AM
- WEDNESDAY MASS 8:00AM
- THURSDAY MASS 8:00AM
- FRIDAY MASS 8:00AM
- MONTHLY
- FIRST FRIDAY ADORATION CANCELLED UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE
- FIRST SATURDAY MASS CANCELLED UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE
- SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION SATURDAY 3:15PM-3:45PM OR BY APPOINTMENT

O Mary, You shine continuously on our journey as a sign of salvation and hope. We entrust ourselves to you, Health of the Sick, who, at the foot of the cross, were united with Jesus' suffering, and persevered in your faith. "Protectress of we your people", you know our needs, and we know that you will provide, so that, as at Cana in Galilee, joy and celebration may return after this time of trial. Help us, Mother of Divine Love, to conform ourselves to the will of the Father and to do what Jesus tells us. For he took upon himself our suffering, and burdened himself with our sorrows to bring us, through the cross, to the joy of the Resurrection. Amen.

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MASS INTENTIONS

SATURDAY
MAY 16
FOR PARISHIONERS

SUNDAY
MAY 17
8:30 AM
+TONY BONEY
11:00 AM
SPECIAL INTENTIONS

TUESDAY
MAY 19
+REV. TIMOTHY DEASY

WEDNESDAY
MAY 20
+REV. PETER CUNNINGHAM

THURSDAY
MAY 21
8:00AM
SPECIAL INTENTIONS
6:00PM
FOR PARISHIONERS

FRIDAY
MAY 22
+ J S JOHNSON

SATURDAY
MAY 23
MONSIGNOR JAMES KEE

SUNDAY
MAY 24
8:30AM
FOR PARISHIONERS
11:00AM
SPECIAL INTENTIONS

In the beginning was the word...

Our Lady of Lourdes Liturgy Committee

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS
-AND-
LADIES AUXILIARY
#8740

Our Lady of Lourdes Parish Hall
Tuesday at 6PM

DAUGHTERS OF MARY
WOMEN RENEWING FAITH AND FAMILY

2020 Collections

Regular & Holy Days Collection		
05/10/20		\$2,861.00
2020 Total Regular Collection \$74,831.79		
May 2020 Catholic Communications	\$80.00	
Parish Projects		
05/10/20		\$132.00
2020 Total Parish Project Collection \$5,776.00		

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Bringing Home the Word

Sixth Sunday of Easter (A)
May 17, 2020

Shepherd, Advocate, Savior

By Fr. Mark Haydu, LC

Jesus promised he wouldn't leave us orphans. As a good shepherd, he was concerned that he would eventually have to leave his sheep. How would he care for them while he was away preparing a place for them? He promises to pray to the Father for an advocate who would be with us always. We are entrusted to an advocate who cares for us until Christ returns.

That advocate is Jesus' very Spirit, the Advocate, the Spirit of truth. The apostles understood this. That's why their first order of business after baptizing a new

believer was to place hands on him or her and pray for the Holy Spirit to come down and confirm the new believer with his gifts. They knew this was essential since it was Jesus' way of staying close to his believers.

This Spirit, which we received at baptism and whose gifts we more actively embraced at confirmation, is a friendship we absolutely need to cultivate. Its inspirations are constantly present, and listening to them is key to maturing as disciples. Who wouldn't want to have direct access to the heart and power of Jesus? Who wouldn't want to have the zeal of the first apostles? Who wouldn't want to have the same spiritual gifts: wisdom, understanding, counsel, courage, knowledge, piety, and awe?

We can. We do. We have the Holy Spirit! If you don't notice his action in your soul the way you'd like to, simply ask the Spirit to help you hear and respond better. Then just stand back and watch him work. +

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A Word from Pope Francis

There are so many people waiting for us to go out and meet them and look at them with the tenderness that we have experienced and received from our relationship with God. That is where our power lies: not in our ideals and in our personal projects, but rather in the strength of his mercy.

—Address to the order of

Augustinian recollects, October 20, 2016



REFLECTION QUESTIONS

- What increases my awareness of the Holy Spirit's presence in me?
- Which one of the seven gifts of the Holy Spirit do I most need?

Sunday Readings

Acts 8:5–8, 14–17

Unclean spirits, crying out in a loud voice, came out of many possessed people.

1 Peter 3:15–18

Always be ready to give an explanation to anyone who asks you for a reason for your hope.

John 14:15–21

[Jesus said,] "I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Advocate to be with you always, the Spirit of truth...You know it, because it remains with you."

Beyond Suicide: Yes, Trust God

By Pegge Bernecker

Weeks after my only child died unexpectedly, the victim of teenage suicide, I sent an email to a friend: "I'm eating chocolate for Lent. That's a first for me. But I decided that I'm suffering enough and don't need to give anything up. I think my son's un-lived life is enough."

Justin died on a Tuesday, probably around noon. No one knows the time for certain—he had stayed home from school, sick with the flu—or so we thought.

Monday night, before going to an evening class, I opened mail while standing at my kitchen island. A few feet away, Justin sipped chicken soup. An unexpected package contained an advance copy of *Chicken Soup for the Christian Soul II*, which included "One Mother's Dream," my story about becoming a foster adoptive mother—Justin's mother.

I spontaneously asked Justin if he wanted me to read the story to him. He nodded yes and gave me a big smile. Reading the few pages took awhile, but his sixteen-year-old blue eyes grew brighter as I spoke our story: my dream of being a mother, his dream of a forever family. A palpable love flowed between us. I didn't know this would be the last conversation I would have with my son.



Had I had any inkling of the depth of his medical condition, I never would have left him home alone the next morning. But I didn't know. He simply said he still didn't feel well and wanted to sleep. I decided to make my weekly office trip to Denver, an hour away. When I called home that afternoon, the phone rang

and rang. Unable to shake the feeling that something was wrong, I called my husband, insisting he drive home to check on Justin.

Take Up Your Cross

Half an hour later, as I walked through downtown Denver, my phone rang. Answering quickly, I listened to my husband carefully speak five words: "Justin has taken his life."

I stumbled toward the sidewalk moaning, "No, no, no." I needed to stop time. Questions erupted inside: Why? How? What if? If only? Suddenly I stopped. A deep part of me began to ask, *What am I going to do with this?*

I didn't want this, but from a faraway place, I knew I had a choice to make. Shock flooded my veins, numbing me to full comprehension of the unfolding nightmare. My life had previously borne witness to God's transformative grace in difficult circumstances, and this would be no exception.

My Journey as a Survivor Taught Me...

- Suicide is first a medical issue—not a moral issue.
- No mentally healthy person jokes about suicide. Get professional help!
- Suicide can carry a burden of shame and a social stigma.
- A crisis of faith in God can erupt. God doesn't interrupt our free will, cause deliberate suffering, or punish us.
- God forgives. Therefore, our question becomes, "Can we forgive?"
- Choose a joyful, expansive memory of the person who has died by suicide. Allow this image to override what you may have seen, imagined, or heard described.
- Go online to research suicide facts, resources, and prevention tips. Share what you learn with others. Since Justin's death, suicide has impacted five close friends. Whether days or decades since a suicide death, stories detail unresolved grief, regret, shame, guilt, confusion, blame, anger, denial, and eventual healing. My advice is simple: be present to one another, offer compassion, listen, and just show up. Friendship will then become a healing balm. +



Risen Lord, you remain with us and command us to love one another. Help me to show your love to all people.

—From *Hopeful Meditations for Every Day of Easter Through Pentecost*, Rev. Warren J. Savage and Mary Ann McSweeney

WEEKDAY READINGS

May 18–23

Monday, Easter Weekday:
Acts 16:11–15 / Jn 15:26–16:4a

Tuesday, Easter Weekday:
Acts 16:22–34 / Jn 16:5–11

Wednesday, Easter Weekday:
Acts 17:15, 22–18:1 / Jn 16:12–15

Thursday, Easter Weekday:
Acts 18:1–8 / Jn 16:16–20

Friday, Easter Weekday:
Acts 18:9–18 / Jn 16:20–23

Saturday, Easter Weekday:
Acts 18:23–28 / Jn 16:23b–28

Bringing Home the Word 

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CATHOLIC PARISH

Prayer List

Campbell Berger, Katherine Berger, Bethany Ann Boltz, Clement Boney, Eddie Booth Sr., Logan Bowers, Clement Boney, Boatie Campbell, Noli Causay, Teresa Coleman, Lee Cooley, Peter Cooley, Anita Cowart, Lemuel Dickinson, Daniel Dorriety, Marquitta Dukes, John Dumas, Teresa Dumas, Shelby Fletcher, Louise Frontz, Tim Frontz, Tony Golemon, Bill Johnston, Billy Kenny, MaryAnn Keith, Liz Kilborn, Steven Kuszynski, Shirley Lacy, Michael Langan, Alfred Leonard, Rodney Lundy, Mary McKeough, Patricia McRoy, Archie Moore, Elaine Moore, Wally Neese, Tiffany Neese, Joanne Orleans, Darlene O'Rourke, Alex Paneda, Lita Paneda, Genna Pose, Glenda Pouyadou, Ursula Quintana, Kaitlyn Reynolds, Simon Schum, Cindy Snow, Larry Snow, Tootie Spikes, Curtis Steiner, Rita Steiner, Todd Stringfellow, Thomas Thigpen, Katelyn Tillman, Tyler Upton, Norma Villanueva, Anna Visperas, Rudy Visperas, Ida Vrazel, Sallie Washington, Albert Washington, Heather Washington, Darlene Watson, Brad Wells, Bubba Williams, Sharon Williams, Agnes Worley, Bobby Zarate.

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Matthew Ladnier *Coast Guard* Kenneth L. McAlman *Army*,
Alex Mileshko *Army*, Corie Demetri Mitchell *Army*,
Kevin O'Rourke *Coast Guard*, Sam Schoolfield Jr. *Marine Reserves*,
Sam Schoolfield Sr. *Marines*, Jerrick Thompson *Army Reserves*

Entrance: All Creatures of Our God and King

All creatures of our God and King,
Lift up your voice and let us sing,
Alleluia!
Alleluia!

Bright burning sun with golden beam,
Pale silver moon with softer gleam,
O praise Him!
O praise Him!

Alleluia!
Alleluia!
Alleluia!

Great rushing winds that are so strong,
White clouds above that sail along,
O praise Him!
Alleluia!

Fair rising morn in praise rejoice,
O stars of evening find a voice,
O praise Him!
O praise Him!

Alleluia!
Alleluia!
Alleluia!

Swift flowing water pure and clear,
Make music for your Lord to hear,
Alleluia!
Alleluia!

Fierce fire so masterful and bright,
Providing us with warmth and light,
O praise Him!
O praise Him!

Alleluia!
Alleluia!
Alleluia!

Penitential Act

I confess to almighty God
And to you my brothers and sisters,
That I have greatly sinned,
In my thoughts and in my words,
In what I have done
And what I have failed to do,
Through my fault, through my fault,
Through my most grievous fault;
Therefore I ask blessed Mary ever-virgin,
All the Angels and Saints,
And you my brothers and sisters,
To pray for me to the Lord our God.

Gloria

Glory to God in the highest,
and on earth peace to people of good will.
We praise you, we bless you,
we adore you, we glorify you,
We give you thanks for your great glory,
Lord God, heavenly King,
O God, almighty Father.
Lord Jesus Christ, Only Begotten Son,
Lord God, Lamb of God,
Son of the Father,
You take away the sins of the world,
Have mercy on us;
You take away the sins of the world,
Receive our prayer;
You are seated at the right hand of the Father,
Have mercy on us.
For you alone are the Holy One,
You alone are the Lord,
You alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ,
With the Holy Spirit,
In the glory of God the Father, Amen.

First Reading 1ACTS 8:5-8, 14-17

Philip went down to the city of Samaria and proclaimed the Christ to them. With one accord, the crowds paid attention to what was said by Philip when they heard it and saw the signs he was doing. For unclean spirits, crying out in a loud voice, came out of many possessed people, and many paralyzed or crippled people were cured. There was great joy in that city. Now when the apostles in Jerusalem heard that Samaria had accepted the word of God, they sent them Peter and John, who went down and prayed for them, that they might receive the Holy Spirit, for it had not yet fallen upon any of them; they had only been baptized in the name of the Lord Jesus. Then they laid hands on them and they received the Holy Spirit.



Responsorial Psalm PS 66:1-3, 4-5, 6-7, 16, 20

R. (1) Let all the earth cry out to God with joy.

Shout joyfully to God, all the earth,
sing praise to the glory of his name;
proclaim his glorious praise.

Say to God, "How tremendous are your deeds!"

R. Let all the earth cry out to God with joy.

"Let all on earth worship and sing praise to you,
sing praise to your name!"

Come and see the works of God,
his tremendous deeds among the children of Adam.

R. Let all the earth cry out to God with joy.

He has changed the sea into dry land;
through the river they passed on foot;
therefore let us rejoice in him.

He rules by his might forever.

R. Let all the earth cry out to God with joy.

Hear now, all you who fear God, while I declare
what he has done for me.

Blessed be God who refused me not
my prayer or his kindness!

R. Let all the earth cry out to God with joy.

Second Reading 1 PT 3:15-18

Beloved:

Sanctify Christ as Lord in your hearts.

Always be ready to give an explanation
to anyone who asks you for a reason for your hope,

but do it with gentleness and reverence,
keeping your conscience clear,

so that, when you are maligned,

those who defame your good conduct in Christ
may themselves be put to shame.

For it is better to suffer for doing good,
if that be the will of God, than for doing evil.

For Christ also suffered for sins once,

the righteous for the sake of the unrighteous,
that he might lead you to God.

Put to death in the flesh,

he was brought to life in the Spirit.

Alleluia JN 14:23

R. Alleluia, alleluia.

Whoever loves me will keep my word, says the Lord,
and my Father will love him and we will come to him.

R. Alleluia, alleluia.

Nicene Creed

I believe in one God,

The Father Almighty,

Maker of heaven and earth,

Of all things visible and invisible.

I believe in one Lord Jesus Christ,

The Only Begotten Son of God,

Born of the Father before all ages.

God from God,

Light from Light,

True God from True God,

Begotten, not made,

Consubstantial with the Father,

Through Him all things were made,

For us men and for our salvation

He came down from heaven,

And by the Holy Spirit

Was incarnate of the Virgin Mary,

And became man.

For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate,

He suffered death and was buried,

And rose again on the third day

In accordance with the scriptures.

He ascended into heaven and is seated

At the right hand of the Father.

He will come again in glory

To judge the living and the dead

And His kingdom will have no end.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord,

The giver life, who proceeds from

The Father and the Son,

Who with the Father and the Son

Is adored and glorified,

Who has spoken through the prophets.

I believe in one, holy, catholic

And apostolic Church.

I confess one baptism

For the forgiveness of sins

And I look forward to the resurrection

Of the dead

And the life of the world to come.

Amen.

Invitation to Prayer

May the Lord accept the sacrifice

At your hands

For the praise and glory of his name,

For our good

And the good of all his holy Church

Holy, Holy, Holy

Holy, Holy, Holy Lord God of hosts.

Heaven and earth are full of your glory.

Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is he who comes

In the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest.

The Mystery of Faith

We proclaim your Death, O Lord,

And profess your Resurrection

Until You come again.

Amen

Amen, Amen, Amen

Lamb of God

Lord, I am not worthy

that you should enter under my roof,

But only say the word

And my soul shall be healed.

Lamb of God,

You take away the sins of the world,

Have mercy on us.

Lamb of God,

You take away the sins of the world,

Have mercy on us.

Lamb of God,

You take away the sins of the world,

Grant us peace.

Communion Hymn: The Summons

Will you come and follow me

If I but call your name?

Will you go where you don't know,

And never be the same?

Will you let My love be shown,

Will you let My name be known,

Will you let My life be grown,

In you and you in Me?

Will you leave yourself behind

If I but call your name?

Will you care for cruel and kind,

And never be the same?

Will you risk the hostile stare

Should your life attract or scare?

Will you let Me answer prayer

In you and you in Me.

Will you let the blinded see

If I but call your name?

Will you set the prisoners free

And never be the same?

Will you kiss the leper clean,

And do such as this unseen,

And admit to what I mean

In you and you in Me?

Sending Forth: Immaculate Mary

Immaculate Mary ,

Thy praises we sing;

Who reignest in splendor

With Jesus our King.

Ave, Ave, Ave Maria.

Ave, Ave Maria

In heaven the blessed

Thy glory proclaim;

On earth we, thy children,

Invoke thy fair name.

Ave, Ave, Ave Maria.

Ave, Ave Maria

Thy name is our power,

Thy virtues our light;

Thy love is our comfort,

Thy pleading our might.

Ave, Ave, Ave Maria.

Ave, Ave Maria.