



THE MONTH OF MARY

Dear Family,

Traditionally, May is set aside by the Church to honor Mary. Typically, public devotions including the Rosary, a litany, or May crownings are scheduled in parishes during this month. We honor Mary as the Mother of the Son of God, as the first Christian, and as our Mother.

In following God's plan for her to become the Mother of Jesus, Mary accepted God's will and exhibited her deep faith in God. Having a new baby is exciting, but it is also a tremendous responsibility. We can only imagine how Mary might have felt when told that her Son was the Son of God.

During the month of May, your family can focus on Mary by saying a decade of the Rosary each day. Use the joyful mysteries: the Annunciation, the Visitation, the Nativity, the Presentation, and the Finding of the Child Jesus in the Temple. Each of these events is related in the Gospel of Luke. Ask a member of the family to read one of the events, then ask the family to meditate on the event while reciting the ten Hail Marys of the Rosary. Use the chart below to help you plan your May devotions to Mary.

WE HONOR THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

Day	Scripture Verse	Name
Monday	The Annunciation Luke 1:26-38	_____
Tuesday	The Visitation Luke 1:39-45	_____
Wednesday	The Nativity Luke 2:1-20	_____
Thursday	The Presentation Luke 2:22-38	_____
Friday	Finding of the Child Jesus in the Temple Luke 2:41-51	_____