

Mary

The Mother of God

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Mary is a Big Deal

Saints with Multiple Feasts on the General Calendar

St. Joseph	March 19 — St. Joseph, Husband of Mary May 1 — St. Joseph the Worker
St. Peter	June 29 — Sts. Peter & Paul February 22 — Chair of St. Peter
St. Paul	June 29 — Sts. Peter & Paul January 25 — Conversion of St. Paul
St. John the Baptist	June 24 — Nativity of St. John the Baptist August 29 — Beheading of St. John the Baptist

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Primary Marian Feasts

December 8 — Immaculate Conception	January 1 — Mary, Mother of God
September 8 — Nativity of Mary	Monday after Pentecost — Mary, Mother of the Church
November 21 — Presentation of Mary	Sat after Sacred Heart — Immaculate Heart of Mary
May 31 — Visitation of Mary	August 22 — Queenship of Mary
August 15 — Assumption of Mary	September 12 — Holy Name of Mary

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Our Lady of, well, Everything!

Our Lady of Lourdes	Our Lady of Fatima
Our Lady of Mount Carmel	Our Lady of Loreto
Our Lady of Guadalupe	Our Lady of Sorrows
Our Lady of the Rosary	Month of May
Month of October (Rosary)	Every Saturday in Ordinary Time

Why?

Mother of Jesus

Of which we all agree.

And Joseph [...] went up [...] to the city of David that is called Bethlehem [...] with Mary, his betrothed, who was with child.

While they were there, the time came for her to have her child, and she gave birth to her firstborn son. She wrapped him in swaddling clothes and laid him in a manger, because there was no room for them in the inn.

New American Bible: Revised Edition, Lk 2:4-7.



At the Foot of the Cross

When Jesus saw his mother and the disciple there whom he loved, 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 into his home.

At the Foot of the Cross

Literal	Jesus tells John to take care of Mary.
Moral	Honor thy Mother and thy Father — Jesus is showing us a way to honor our parents.
Allegorical	God, the Church, and the Christian
Anagogical	The final destiny of the Church: an eternal communion of redeemed persons united as one family in the heavenly kingdom.

Mary as the New Eve

It will put enmity between you and the woman, and between your offspring and hers; They will strike at your head, while you strike at their heel.



Foretold by the Prophets

Therefore, the Lord himself will give you a sign; the young woman, pregnant and about to bear a son, shall name him Emmanuel.

Jesus or Emmanuel

What's in a name?

Emmanuel	God With Us	His Nature <i>Who Is The Child?</i>
Jesus	God Saves	His Mission <i>Why The Child?</i>

He *saves* us because He *is with us*.

God becomes present in human flesh so humanity can be saved.





and Mary said,
Behold I am the servant
of the Lord; let it be to me
according to your word.

Luke 1:38

My soul proclaims the greatness of the Lord, my spirit rejoices in God my Savior for he has looked with favor on his lowly servant.

From this day all generations will call me blessed: the Almighty has done great things for me, and holy is his Name.

He has mercy on those who fear him in every generation

He has shown the strength of his arm, he has scattered the proud in their conceit.

He has cast down the mighty from their thrones, and has lifted up the lowly.

He has filled the hungry with good things, and the rich he has sent away empty.

He has come to the help of his servant Israel for he has remembered his promise of mercy,

the promise he made to our fathers, to Abraham and his children forever.

Parent Formation — January 2025

Matrimony & Holy Orders

Sacraments at the Service of Communion