

NOVENA-PRESENTATION OF MARY

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FAITH IN OUR SALVATION

Mary's Fiat (Consent)

Wednesday, November 13, 2024

Hymn: "An Open Gospel" or Your Choice

+In the Name of the Father, ...

Word of God: [Luke 1: 30-32; 38]

The Angel said to her, "Do not be afraid, Mary, for you have found favour with God. And now, you will conceive in your womb and bear a Son, and you will name him Jesus." Then Mary said, "Here am I, the servant of the Lord; let it be with me according to your word." Then the Angel departed from her.

Commentary: [Ann Johnson, Miryam of Nazareth, 1984]

My soul trembles in the presence of the loving Creator and my spirit prepares itself to walk hand in hand with the God who saves Israel because I have been accepted by God as a simple helpmate. Yes, forever in the life of humankind people will sing of this loving encounter; through remembering this moment, the faithful will know all things are possible in God..

Rosary: At least ONE decade.

Daily Intentions:

For all the Sisters, the Associates and families of the Presentation of Mary.

For peace in the world and our lives.

Other intentions ...

To Ponder:

Mary's faith was strong in God's plan. Her fiat was her consent without even knowing all the details. She received her call through Gabriel and responded by saying yes. How do you respond to God's call? How are you being called today?

Let Us Pray.

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We bless you.

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the grace that we ask of you

Amen.

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Jesus' Baptism

Thursday, November 14, 2024

Hymn: "An Open Gospel" or Your Choice

+In the Name of the Father, ...

Word of God: [Mark 1:9-12]

In those days Jesus came from Nazareth of Galilee and was baptized by John in the Jordan. And just as he was coming up out of the water, he saw the heavens torn apart and the Spirit descending like a dove on him. And a voice came from heaven, "You are my Son, the Beloved, with you I am well pleased".

Commentary: [Pope Francis August 21, 2024]

Jesus' Baptism marks a very important moment" of Revelation and of salvation history, noted Pope Francis during his Wednesday General Audience in the Vatican's Paul VI Hall. As the Pope continued his catechesis on the Holy Spirit, the Holy Father discussed the descent of the Holy Spirit upon Jesus at His baptism in the River Jordan. "It would do us well to re-read this Gospel passage There, he stressed, the Lord was revealed as the Beloved Son of the Father, and the Lord was anointed by the Spirit at the beginning of His public ministry. As the Messiah, Priest, Prophet and King, the Holy Father recalled, Jesus in turn bestows the Spirit upon us, the members of His mystical Body, the Church."

Rosary: At least ONE decade. **Daily Intentions:**

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Other intentions

To Ponder:

How does your baptism call you to be a disciple of Jesus, and to carry out His mission in our world?

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JESUS' MISSION STATEMENT

Friday, November 15, 2024

Hymn: “An Open Gospel” or Your Choice

+In the Name of the Father, ...

Word of God: [Luke 4: 16-19]

When he came to Nazareth, where he has been brought up, he went to the synagogue on the Sabbath Day, as was his custom. He stood up to read and the scroll of the prophet Isaiah was given to him. He unrolled the scroll and found the place where it was written; “The Spirit of the Lord is upon me because he has anointed me to bring good news to the poor. He has sent me to proclaim release to the captives and recovery of sight to the blind, to let the oppressed go free, to proclaim the year of the Lord’s favour.”

Commentary: [kidsalive.co.uk]

Two thousand years ago, God’s Son entered the world – a world of poverty, oppression, injustice and war. It was a world where hope seemed in desperately short supply.. Jesus came to earth to preach the Good News – to give people an understanding of the Kingdom of God and the eternal hope that they had through Him. And Jesus particularly delighted in doing this among the impoverished, the weak, the hurting and the rejected in society. Jesus not only through his words , but he powerfully demonstrated the Good News through his actions. Jesus came to reconcile a broken world – to put into a right relationship all he created == and bring a kingdom of righteousness, peace and justice.

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Other intentions ...

To Ponder:

1. When the poor see us and our churches, do they see Christ's love at work through us?
2. Think of three things that you, or your church, can do better to reflect God's concern for the poor.

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Jesus Fulfills His Mission

Saturday, November 16, 2024

Hymn: “An Open Gospel” or Your Choice

+In the Name of the Father, ...

Word of God: [Passion; Death; Resurrection]

[Passion: Luke 22:41-45]

Then he withdrew from them about a stones throw, knelt down, and prayed, “Father if you are willing, remove this cup from me, yet not my will but yours be done.” In his anguish he prayer more earnestly and his sweat became like great drops of blood falling on the ground.

[Death: Luke 23:44-47]

It was now about noon, and darkness came over the whole land. Then Jesus, crying with a loud voice, said, “Father, into your hands I commend my spirit.” Having said this, he breathed his last.

[Resurrection: Luke 24:1-6]

On the first day of the week at early dawn they came to the tomb, taking the spices they had prepared. They found the stone rolled away from the tomb, but when they went in they did not find the body. Suddenly two men in dazzling clothes stood beside them. “Why do you look for the living among the dead? He is not here but has risen.”

Commentary: [Pope Francis, Easter Monday, 2024]

Jesus broke through the darkness of the tomb and lives forever ...With him, every day becomes a step in an eternal journey, every today can

hope for a tomorrow, every end a new beginning, every instant is projected beyond the limits of time, towards eternity. Brothers, Sisters, the joy of the Resurrection is not something far away. It is very close; it is ours because it was given to us on the day of our baptism.

Rosary: At least ONE decade.

Daily Intentions:

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Other intentions

To Ponder:

What tombstones in your life need to be rolled away to reveal new hope for tomorrow? Consider our personal life; the life of our community (Church); our world.

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Our Great Commission

Sunday, November 17, 2024

Hymn: “An Open Gospel” or Your Choice

+In the Name of the Father, ...

Word of God: [Matthew 28: 16-21]

Now the eleven disciples went to Galilee, to the mountain to which Jesus had directed them. When they saw Him they worshipped him, but some doubted. And Jesus came and said to them. “All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything that I have commanded you. And remember, I am with you always, to the end of the age”.

Commentary: [Engage 360 Ministries]

There are some Christians who question whether or not the great commission is really something you and I as Christians today are responsible for. They contend that “Jesus gave the command to the apostles, not to us”. In this passage Jesus addresses them as disciples, not apostles. Insofar as we are disciples of Jesus, this command has a bearing on our lives. Also, this command applies to us because it hasn't been accomplished yet. It was to make disciples of all nations. This has not yet happened. So the task is not finished. The commandment carries on today. Being a disciple involves going, baptizing and teaching. We go out of our comfort zone and become involved in our community.

We baptize by going to our neighbors and introducing them to Jesus, see them come to faith and introduce them to the church. Teaching involves speaking to people, passing on knowledge that the person didn't have before.

Rosary: At least ONE decade.

Daily Intentions:

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Other intentions

To Ponder:

What comfort zones do we need to come out of to continue the work of Jesus Christ in our world?

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Pentecost

Monday, November 18, 2024

Hymn: “An Open Gospel” or Your Choice

+In the Name of the Father, ...

Word of God: [Acts 2: 1-5]

When the day of Pentecost had come, they were all together in one place. And suddenly from heaven there came a sound like the rush of a violent wind, and it filled the entire house where they were sitting. Divided tongues, as of fire, appeared among them, and a tongue rested on each of them. All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other languages, as the Spirit gave them ability.

Commentary: [stjoesmarion.org]

To proclaim Jesus is Lord is the fundamental Christian message. It is through the power of the Holy Spirit that we are able to do this. If we believe Jesus is Lord then we need to live accordingly. That means submitting our entire lives to Jesus, allowing Him to guide every aspect of our being. Jesus, in fact, wants to bring us to our full potential, transforming into the men and women He created us to be. The Holy Spirit gives each baptized person “spiritual gifts”. These are for the purpose of serving the Lord and building up His body, the Church. Our call is to discern what gifts we have and choose to use them accordingly. Although there are as many distinct parts of the Church as there are individual members, each bringing unique gifts, we are all united in the one Church of Christ.

Rosary: At least ONE decade.

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Other intentions ...

To Ponder:

Which of your gifts have you discerned that can be used to build up the church in your community?

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Our Baptism

Tuesday, November 19, 2024

Hymn: “An Open Gospel” or Your Choice

+In the Name of the Father, ...

Word of God: [John 2:-1-3: 5-8

Now there was a Pharisee named Nicodemus, a leader of the Jews. He came to Jesus by night and said to him “Rabbi we know that you are a teacher who has come from God, for no one can do these things that you do apart from the presence of God. Jesus answered him,”Very truly I tell you no one can see the kingdom of God without being born from above”. No one can enter the kingdom of God without being born of water and the Spirit. What is born of the flesh is flesh and what is born of the Spirit is spirit”.

Commentary: [Pope Francis Angelus Jan 7, 2024]

Am I aware of the immense gift I carry within me through Baptism? Do I acknowledge, in my life, the light of the presence of God, who sees me as His beloved son, his beloved daughter? It is God who comes to us, purifies us, heals our heart, makes us forever his children, his people, his family, heirs to Paradise. And God becomes intimate to us and he does not leave us anymore

Rosary: At least ONE decade.

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Other intentions ...

To Ponder:

Do I know the date of my baptism? Are you aware that it is a birthday for you for with your baptism through water and the Spirit, you were born into a life of grace.?

How have these graces shaped my life and my choices?

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Marie Rivier's Sense of Mission

Wednesday, November 20, 2024

Hymn: "An Open Gospel" or Your Choice

+In the Name of the Father, ...

Word of God: [Matthew 19:13-15]

Then little children were being brought to him in order that he might lay his hands on them and pray. The disciples spoke sternly to those who brought them, but Jesus said, "Let the little children come to me, and do not stop them, for it is to such as these that the kingdom of heaven belongs". And he laid his hands on them and went on his way.

Commentary: [Anne Christine Pelleschi, p.m., The Fire of Her Witness]

One morning, forgotten in bed by my mother, and unable to get up by myself, I suddenly thought, for the first time, that if God were to heal me I would consecrate the rest of my life to the teaching of little children. This thought struck me so deeply, and I enjoyed it so much, that I spent a long time pondering all its implications. I could see myself surrounded by a troop of children, whom I would teach and catechize. The thought of it delighted me. From the idea of teaching seldom left my soul, for a secret urge prompted me to devote myself to this work in an irrevocable way. And so, from this day onward, and more intensely than ever before, I experienced the desire to be healed of my disability so as to begin my education.

Rosary: At least ONE decade.

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Other intentions ...

To Ponder:

What events in my early life prepared me for the decisions I made that influenced my sense of mission in my later life?

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Marie Rivier's Commission

Thursday, November 21, 2024

Hymn: "An Open Gospel" or Your Choice

+In the Name of the Father, ...

Word of God: [Acts 1:8-10; 2:43-48]

"But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you: and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth"

Awe came upon everyone, because many wonders and signs were being done by the apostles. All who believed were together and had all things in common, they would sell their possessions and goods and distribute the proceeds to all, as any had need. Day by day, as they spent much time together in the temple, they broke bread at home and ate their food with glad and generous hearts, praising God and having the goodwill of all the people. And day by day the Lord added to their numbers those who were being saved.

Commentary: [The Fire of Her Witness ,Christine Pelleschi]

Marie would say "We were five poor young women" They came together to teach the children of Thueys. She herself recalled "We knew so little, that we had to learn our lessons before we could teach them to

our students". The next year there were so many students that she had to turn the boys over to a Brother of Christian Schools who worked in Thueys. The boys were greatly disappointed but she had to maintain order in a house that was already proving to be too small. From this small beginning the community of sisters grew and at one point there were 140 houses, 300 sisters and 149 schools. Later in life, she herself would prophesied "One day my daughters will cross the seas".`

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To Ponder:

Describe times in your life when you have experienced great hardship or trials which eventually led to bigger and better outcomes for yourself, your family or your community.

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