

Our Lady Queen of Peace Church (1930)

SHRINE TO INFANT JESUS of PRAGUE (2003)



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MONDAYS: CHURCH & PARISH OFFICE ARE CLOSED

PARISH OFFICE OPEN TUESDAY – FRIDAY 9.00 – 12.00 & 1.00 – 4.15 ☎ 250.384.3884 Fax: 250.384.3664

		SUNDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
M A S S	Weekday	-	12.10	12.10	12.10	12.10	-
	Weekend	10.00	-	-	-	-	5.00
	TRADITIONAL LATIN	12.00	-	-	-	9.00	-
	SPANISH 2nd & Last Sunday of the month	2.00	-	-	-	-	-
	HUNGARIAN 3rd Sunday every month	2.00	-	-	-	-	-
ADORATION OF BLESSED SACRAMENT every Tuesday and 1 st Friday of the month		-	10.00	-	-	10.00	-
ROSARY - 1st Friday of the month - 10:30 am		-	11.00	11.30	11.30	11.30	-
Devotion to MOTHER OF PERPETUAL HELP		-	-	after Mass 12.10	-	-	-
Devotion to INFANT JESUS OF PRAGUE		-	-	-	after Mass 12.10	-	-
CONFESSIONS: 1st Sat. of every month 3:00- 4:00pm. Ring the bell and enter when GREEN light is ON.		9:15am- 9:30am	10:15 – 11:30am	11:00 – 11:45am	11:00- 11:45am	10:15 – 11:30am	4:00-4:30pm

BAPTISMS: To have your child baptized at Our Lady Queen of Parish, please call the Parish Office at least 3 months in advance to arrange an appointment with the Pastor. Parents are expected to participate in the Baptismal preparation course TBA.

MARRIAGES: If you wish to have your marriage solemnized at Our Lady Queen of Peace Church, please call the office at least 6 months prior to the intended date as the preparation for this life commitment takes time, thought and considerable paper work. If you are not registered at Our Lady Queen of Peace parish have the documents prepared in your own Parish.

The CWL: meets on the 2nd Wed. of every month after Noon Mass
PRESIDENT: ELSIE LAMBTON
No meetings in July & August

KNIGHTS of COLUMBUS – *meeting held at Our Lady Queen of Peace Community Centre
 *4th Degree-3rd Thurs. of the month - 7pm **Contact: FAITHFUL NAVIGATOR: Michael O’Rielly - 250.477.8950**
 3rd Degree(Council 1256) -1st Mon. & 2nd Thurs. at 7.00 p.m. **Grand Knight: Don Lambton - 250.995.1531**

IMPORTANT: IN THE HOSPITAL?

If you or family member is hospitalize or is going to the hospital and would like to be visited by your PARISH PRIEST, Please call the PARISH OFFICE to make this request.

HOSPITAL EMERGENCY ONLY!

After office hours including weekends, holidays or during the night, you can call: the Hospital Chaplain: ☎250.889.3761

KEEPING IN CONTACT: We extend our hands and hearts in Christian fellowship to you here, celebrating with us, whether long time residents or newly arrived in the Parish. We thank God that you are with us. If we may assist you, please fill out the form below and place in the collection basket or mail to the PARISH OFFICE (address on top) . THANK YOU. Please mark the proper BOX (below on the left side).

<input type="checkbox"/> New Parishioner	NAME: _____
<input type="checkbox"/> Have moved here is new address	ADDRESS: _____
<input type="checkbox"/> I am home-bound and would like someone to visit me	☎ HOME ☎ WORK
<input type="checkbox"/> I am going to be in the hospital, please call on me	e-mail: _____@_____

SUNDAY DONATIONS can be done by using:
 boxed Sunday Envelopes or by automatic bank withdrawal. (The PARISH OFFICE can supply you with necessary documents).

'Legacies'

Our Lady Queen of Peace acknowledges with gratitude past legacies which we use to maintain the integrity of our Church.

Please include us in your 'LAST WILL', how will we survive without it?

Legacies are a way of providing assurance that the parish has income or savings in the event of unforeseen emergencies.

The monthly 'Building Fund and Collection' pays for maintenance/replacement items.

Baptism at Our Lady Queen of Peace

To have your child Baptized at Our Lady Queen of Peace Church, you must **call the office at least 3 months in advance to arrange an appointment with the Pastor.** It is assumed that the family has Our Lady Queen of Peace parish connection and practices the faith by attending Sunday Mass on a weekly basis. You may meet with the Pastor and take the course even if your child has not yet been born. **Parents are expected to participate in the Baptismal preparation.** At least one Godparent or both must be baptized and confirmed and are practicing Catholics. **Non-parishioners are required to have a Letter of Recommendation from your Pastor to have your child Baptized in our parish.**

Respect Life Ministry

If you are expecting a child and are feeling confused; if you are thinking that there is no way out of this situation for you; if you want to talk to someone, call, text 250.812.0087 email: respectlifem@gmail.com

Please Note

If you suffer from Celiac disease, we are able to offer a low-gluten Host. If you are interested, please come to the sacristy before Mass and inform the priest.

Piano Lessons!

Queen of Peace Music Director, **Helen Krauch**, offering piano lessons in your own home all ages and levels
Contact: 778-922-3684 - Email: krauchenator@gmail.com

Diocesan Website

Bishop Gary will be doing a series of videos during the Jubilee Year of Mercy, each filmed in a location where the mercy of God meets the people of God.

Website: www.rcdvictoria.org

St. Joseph the Worker Parish

Come and See! Pope Francis' new letter on the "Joy of Love" is profound and life giving. Mr. Glen Palahicky, Director of Religious Education, will animate reflection on this letter at **St. Joseph the Worker, (753 West Burnside Rd) and on Wed. June 8th, 7:00-8:30p.m. and at the Church of the Ascension, Parksville on Wed. June 15, 7:00-8:30 p.m.**

MASS	INTENTIONS	For: Requested by:
May 3	TUESDAY	Choose Life Society
May 4	WEDNESDAY	NO MASS
May 5	THURSDAY	Bernard Wauthy+ Yves Wauthy
May 6	FRIDAY	Gilles Jasmin+ Yves Wauthy
May 7	SATURDAY	in thanksgiving Augustina Manguerra

May 10	TUESDAY	
May 11	WEDNESDAY	
May 12	THURSDAY	
May 13	FRIDAY	
May 14	SATURDAY	in thanksgiving Augustina Manguerra

Please remember the following persons who are ill in your prayers: Carly Eagan, Barbara Dunahee, Lucy Praud, Lorna Cue, Dina McGregor, Ann VanNoordt, Lynn Wood, Agnes Berard, Alberta MacIntyre, Christine Stornebrink, Frank Domotor, Anneke McKay,



Catholic Women's League

CWL members and all women of the parish you are invited to the meeting on **Wed. May 11 at 1:00pm** in the Msgr. Wood Room.

Put your Thinking caps on everyone for the Bake Sale, to be held on **May 14/15 – Sat./Sun.** Anyone who wishes to donate bake goods please bring them in around 3pm/Sat. & at 9:15am/Sun.

Also to wrap up for the summer, our last meeting will be on **Wed., June 8 at 1:15pm.** We will meet for lunch at **Gaby's Resturant at West Bay Marina in Esquimalt.** Please remember, to bring unwrapped baby gifts as this will also be a **"Baby Shower" for Birthright.** *Birthright is a crisis pregnancy service offering loving support and concrete assistance to women in troubled pregnancies.

Seminar of Hope

As seen on EWTN, will be held at: Ascension Catholic Church, 887 Wembley Road, Parksville, **Friday, May 13th - 7:30 pm to 9:30 pm and Saturday, May 14th 9:30 am to 4pm.** Bring your own lunch, love offering will be taken. Pre-register to receive your free manual at: vernn@sminarofhope or phone: 250-752-4138 or 250-752-2030.

Victoria, BC Association of Catholic Leaders

We hope you will be able to join us for our first Holy Happy Hour led by Father Harrison, at **Moxies Grill 1010 Yates St.** (corner of Yates and Vancouver) on **Wed., May 4th - 5pm-7pm. Cost: No fee to join - individuals are responsible for their own drinks / food.** Join us in the private room upstairs at Moxies as we mix and mingle with our fellow Catholic business colleagues, enjoy a glass of wine/ beer or a cocktail, savour some delicious food and enjoy a discussion led by Father Harrison. You don't have to stay for long, but we would love to see you, expand our network and help each other to grow as Catholics in the community. Plenty of street parking and also a parking lot right behind the restaurant. Please let us know if you'll be joining us so we can ensure we have adequate space. Please feel free to share with friends, family and colleagues who may be interested in the ACL. Victoria, BC Association of Catholic Leaders, victoriabcaccl@gmail.com & on Facebook!

Eucharistic Adoration

St. Patrick's Church in Oak Bay has a Eucharistic Chapel that is available day and night (24 / 7). The chapel can be accessed through the Parish Centre between 8:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m. from Monday to Friday. For visits after office hours, a person must register with the parish office (250-592-7391) to be assigned a code which will allow entry through the door at the back of the church. Access to the back of the church is from Carrick Street."

St. Andrew's Regional High School

Applications are being accepted for Grades 8-12 Please contact the school office for more information or to book a tour. 250-479-1414. Andrew J. Keleher, **Principal, St. Andrew's Regional High School**

Birthing *Plant Sale*

Sat., May 7 - 10am – 2pm @ Our Lady of the Rosary Church Large Hall (798 Goldstream) This year, we're featuring plants for the foreground: dwarf and low varieties, ground covers, and rock plants. We'll also have the usual favourites, including flowering shrubs, perennials, herbs & veggie starters. (If you would like to donate to the sale, now is a great time to divide perennials or pot up plant volunteers – we'll be taking in **plant donations before the sale from 9:30 – 10 am on Sat., May 7.**) Invite a friend and buy some wonderful plants at great prices and help Birthing at the same time! For questions or to volunteer your help, please contact Peggy at 250 478-5372 or peggymc@spinnaker.com

March for Life – May 12th

This year's theme is Caring Not Killing. Mass will be celebrated at St. Andrew's Cathedral or at St. Patrick's Church, at 12 noon followed by the March at 1:45 pm from Centennial Square to the Legislature down Government Street. 2:15 pm: Rally for Life outside Legislature on the front lawn. The day ends with the Pro-Life Gala at St. Patrick Church (2060 Haultain St.). Doors open at 5:30 pm & tickets are \$25, contact: www.ncln.ca/events/victoriagala; 604-365-3484; or westerncanada@ncln.ca

Pastoral Care Outreach Program Session 4

Who Am I as a Pastoral Care Visitor? **Sat., May 14, 9-2pm - St. Joseph the Worker Parish** All Pastoral Care Outreach workshops are open to anyone who wants to understand the practical aspects of pastoral care; present hospital and homebound parish visitors who want to become more effective in their ministry; parishioners who look after their own family members; other caregivers; anyone interested in knowing more about their faith; and those for whom this program is an opportunity for professional development. Please bring a bag lunch; coffee and tea will be provided. Contact the parish office (St. Joseph parish) Register: (250) 479-7413 or email sjtwoffice@shaw.ca

Catholic Foundation of Vancouver Island

We are presently looking for two representatives who would be willing to serve as Trustees for the Catholic Foundation of Vancouver Island. According to the terms of governing documents at least one of the trustees must belong to a parish north of Duncan. I would like to ask your Parish Council to provide **recommendations or nominations by May 15, 2016. Please direct nominations to:**

c/o Isabel Harding at the Pastoral Centre iharding@rcdvictoria.org. If you need further information, please don't hesitate to contact me. Thank you very much for your support, Regards, Leah MacKenzie, CPA, CGA
Chief Financial Officer, Diocese of Victoria

Pentecost Sunday Celebration

Vancouver Island prayer groups will mark the birthday of the Catholic Church with a Pentecost Sunday celebration **May 15 at 3:30 p.m. at St. Patrick's Church.** The celebration will feature singing, prayer and praise, a testimony on the work of the Holy Spirit in the life of a Catholic family by well-known Catholic leaders Roland and Marian Wauthy. Refreshments will be available. Doors will open at 3 p.m. on the day of the celebration, at St. Patrick's, 2060 Haultain Street east of Foul Bay Road. For more information on the celebration, call Richard Dunstan, 250-477-4700.

St. Patrick's Church

June 10th at 7:30 pm at St. Patrick's Church enjoy the live multimedia drama presentation of Faustina: Messenger of Divine Mercy, performed by Maria Vargo. Admission is \$10.00, suitable for all ages 13 & up. For more information, contact St. Patrick's office at 250-592-7391 or email:

www.divinemercedrama.com

St. Leopold Mandic Croation Catholic Church

Thurs. May 12th at 6:30pm at St. Leopold Mandic church
Has been **cancelled** will be rescheduled in the Fall

Mass/Cenacle

There will be a Mass / Cenacle at St. Patrick's Church, 2060 Haultain Avenue on **Friday, May 6th at 4pm to 6 pm**, with Fr. Andrew Goodwin as celebrant, All are welcome.

Ordination to Diaconate

Mr. Michael Tinh Tran, a seminarian for the Diocese of Victoria, presently in formation at St. Peter's Seminary in London, Ontario, **will be ordained to the Order of Deacon on Friday, July 8th, 2016 at 6:30 pm at Christ the King Parish in Courtenay**. A reception in the parish hall will follow, and all are welcome to attend the Mass and celebration.

Cathedral Bible Camp

St. Andrew's summer camp will take place **July 18 to the 22 at St. Andrew's High school**. This camp runs from 9:00 to 4:00 each day with an extra hour of care before and after at no extra charge. We provide T-shirts, snacks and plenty of opportunity for activity. We will have two field trips and will be taking Wilson transportation to transport the children. Camp is faith based and open to children from the ages of 4 to 12. The cost of camp is \$50.00/child, to register please call the Cathedral office at 250-388-5571 or standrewscathedral@gmail.com

Diocesan Family Conference

Please save **Aug 12-14** on your calendar for a wonderful opportunity to join other Catholic families from around the island and spend precious time with your family on the shores of Nanoose Bay at the 4th annual Diocesan Family conference. With plenty of opportunity to rest and play in the ocean, we will also be treated to a wonderful keynote speaker, the holy, dynamic Fr Clair Watrin, founding chaplain of CCO (Catholic Christian Outreach) who loves families and youth. Bishop Gary will join us too as we pray, play and deepen our family relationships. To register please go the diocesan website rcdvictoria.org

Traditional Latin Mass for May

Sun., May 1st – Noon: Feast of St. Joseph the Workman, with a commem. of the Fifth Sunday of Easter

Thurs. May 5th – 9:00am: Solemn Feast of the Ascension of our Lord, 1962 Holy day of obligation

Fri. May 6th - 9:00am: Privileged Votive Mass of the Sacred Heart of Jesus.

Sun. May 8th – Noon: Sunday after the Ascension (Mothers' Day)

Thurs. May 12th – 9:00am: Third-class Requiem Mass for the thirtieth day after burial of Roger Brown. Sequence and closing Absolution included.

Fri. May 13th – 9:00am: Feast of St. Robert Cardinal Bellarmine, Doctor of the Church.

Sun. May 15th – Noon: Solemn Feast of Pentecost Sunday (Whitsunday)

Fri. May 20th – 9:00am: Whitsun Friday

Sun. May 22nd – Noon: Trinity Sunday

Mon. May 23rd – 9:00am: Votive Mass to celebrate the 90th birthday of Elizabeth II, Queen of Canada (Mass of the 1st Sunday after Pentecost) with commem. pro rege

Thurs. May 26th – 9:00am: Solemn Feast of Corpus Christi (no procession, exposition or adoration to follow)

Fri. May 27th - 9:00am: Feast of St. Bede the Venerable, Doctor of the Church.

Sun. May 29th – Noon: Second Sunday after Pentecost (no Corpus Christi rites to follow)

Job Posting -- Transcriptionist

A part time (one day a week) and temporary position is available to assist in the Office of the Marriage Tribunal of the Diocese of Victoria. The suitable candidate must have: Proficient computer skills, especially in Microsoft Word, Typing speed and accuracy
Command of the English language
Good listening skills
Strong written and verbal communication skills
Discretion
Ability to work independently
Attention to detail
Experience with digital transcription helpful but not necessary

Knowledge of the Catholic Faith

Interested applicants are invited to forward a cover letter, a current resume, two letters of reference, and a letter of recommendation from their pastor by **Wednesday, May 18th, 2016** to:

Diocese of Victoria – Marriage Tribunal Office

Attn.: Moira Gill, Assistant to the Judicial Vicar

1 - 4044 Nelthorpe Street - Victoria, BC V8X 2A1

Email: mgill@rcdvictoria.org

Please note that only those short-listed for an interview will be contacted.

Summer Day Camp

For 12 to 17 year olds, **July 11 to 15, 9am - 2pm at Our Lady of the Rosary Parish, 798 Goldstream Ave.**
Email: olor@shaw.ca or call 250-478-3482. Learn to defend the faith, Catholicism and have fun. Cost is \$70.

Why do we use Incense?

So why do we use incense in the church and during the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass? Is it to make the place smell nice, or is it just to encourage some people to cough at the mere sight of it?

Actually, the use of incense is an expression of prayer, and it is in fact very scriptural, very Roman Catholic, and very Judeo-Christian. There is a recipe for incense in Exodus (30: 34-36), and incense is associated with divinity and reserved for God (Ex: 30: 37-38). During Mass we incense both things and people. In the scriptures, ritual incensing of objects, people and places was for their purification or for making the object or person holy and worthy of God. So the purpose of incensing and the symbolic value of the smoke is that of prayer, blessing, purification, and sanctification.

We read in Sacred Scripture: Let my prayer rise before you like incense O Lord. (Psalm 141) Hence, incense is prayer in action: As Catholics, we express our worship of Almighty God in words and gestures. Burning of incense is a prayer in itself; a prayer in action. Furthermore, for Catholics prayer is action, and that action becomes ever more present through the visual and sensual experience of incense. Not only does the smoke symbolize the prayers of the faithful drifting up to heaven, incense actually creates the ambiance of heaven. The Book of Revelation describes the heavenly worship as follows: "Another angel came in holding a censer of gold. He took his place at the altar of incense and was given large amounts of incense to deposit on the altar of gold in front of the throne, together with the prayers of all God's holy ones. From the angel's hand, the smoke of the incense went up before God and with it the prayers of God's people." Hence, incense connects us to God's altar in heaven and allows us to utilize all of our senses in our prayer.

The usage of incense adds a sense of solemnity and mystery to the Mass. The visual imagery of the smoke and the smell remind us of the transcendence of the Mass which links heaven with earth, and allows us to enter into the presence of God. We are called to be solemn during Mass, not somber --there is a big difference! Incense helps to support an atmosphere of solemnity and beauty that is fitting to the greatest gift given by Christ to His Church, and the highest prayer the Church has to offer to God: the True Worship of God the Father as offered by Christ on His Cross. It helps us to understand that at Mass we enter into and are united with the worship offered God in Heaven by His Angels and Saints.

If we are told that the angels stand amid clouds of incense singing God's praise in heaven, why shouldn't they do the same gathered around the altar, as they are, singing God's praise during the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass?

When we use incense and why:

According to the General Instruction of the Roman Missal incense may be used during the entrance procession; at the beginning of Mass, to incense the altar; at the procession and proclamation of the Gospel; at the offertory, to incense the offerings, altar, priest and people; and at the elevation of the Sacred Host and chalice of Precious Blood after the consecration.

Incense the Altar:

The Altar represents Christ and his five wounds indicated by the five crosses on the altar top. When we incense the Altar it also reconnects us to the original dedication of our church and to the angels and saints in heaven. Furthermore, when we incense the altar at the beginning of the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass, we directly connect with Christ's Holy Sacrifice, for this is Christ's Altar of sacrifice containing his five wounds upon which his precious body and blood will be offered.

Proclamation of the Gospel:

What are we expressing with this incensing of the Gospel Book? It is a sign of devotion toward these holy words of and about our Savior, which have been preserved for nearly 2000 years, in reverence and love. Catholics firmly believe Christ is present in His word proclaimed, and so we bless and honor that Word who will imminently be present through His words, the Holy Gospel. As the sweet smoke (always first blessed by the priest) rises toward and surrounds the holy book, we are acknowledging: these are the words that God spoke when He became man and walked on this earth; this is the story of our salvation; here is the promise of everlasting life; here is the testimony of God's love for us.

Offertory:

During the offertory (the preparation of the gifts) incense is used:

- 1) To bless and to pray for the purification of the bread and wine as well as the spiritual gifts the people have mentally placed on the altar. We offer all our prayers, our joys, our needs, our grief, as well as our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving.
- 2) To bless the Crucifix and Altar (again)
- 3) To anoint, to bless, and pray for the purification and sanctification of the priest and the congregation. So as the priest prepares the gifts, the people are also

properly prepared and blessed. The incense is pure myrrh which the women carried when they went to the tomb to anoint Jesus' body. So in a very real sense when we are incensed during Mass our bodies have been anointed with the myrrh, and we ourselves have become a purified offering to God as we offer our gifts, our spiritual sacrifices, our bodies, our entire being to God through His Son Jesus Christ who will soon become present on the Altar. After this beautiful blessing, anointing, and offering of prayer in action, all through incense, we are all now standing as the priest says: Pray brothers and sisters that our sacrifice (everything we have just blessed) may be acceptable to God the Almighty Father.

Elevation during the Eucharistic Prayer

It is possible to use incense at the consecration during Mass. This gives a sense of our special reverence for the Eucharist, and the importance of the Eucharist to our prayer life, for incense is prayer in action. So let our prayer rise like incense, and let our incense rise like prayer, so that in all things God may be glorified (copied from St. Andrew's Cathedral Bulletin, 6th Sunday of Easter, May 1st, 2016)

St. Andrew's High School

Congratulations to our music students for their recent performances at the Con Brio Whistler Music Festival. The St. Andrew's Concert Band received a gold medal for their work and the St. Andrew's Singers, our school choir, received a silver medal. Well done to our music students! Congratulations to our Sabres senior girls' soccer team for picking up two wins and for being fine ambassadors of St. Andrew's while away in Coquitlam for BC Catholics.

We pray for a safe retreat this weekend for our grade 11 students who will be traveling to Prince George to participate in the Prince George Catholic Youth Conference.

Let us wish our Rowing Academy students well as they prepare for this weekend's annual Brentwood Regatta on Friday and Saturday.

Thank you for all of your support of St. Andrew's and may God Bless You all during this final term of the school year. Sincerely, **Andrew J. Keleher - Principal**
St. Andrew's Regional High School

Development and Peace

We would like to thank all those who donated to Development & Peace in this Share Lent Campaign. The total was \$395.00. Sadly this amount is down from other years, but there were so many campaigns at the same time.

Blessings to you all, Margaret Varga

World Youth Day, Krakow 2016

We have 2 extra spots available for World Youth Day in Krakow this Summer. If you are interested please **contact Fr. Paul:** paul.szczur@mailsds.org or **Fr. Dean:** catholic@uvic.ca

Canadian Conference of Catholic Bishops

The Canadian Conference of Catholic Bishops has revised its Euthanasia and Assisted Suicide webpage to centralize resources from several organizations and dioceses across Canada, you can access their page in two ways diocesan homepage: www.rcdvictoria.org or directly on the CCCB site: <http://www.cccb.ca/site/eng/media-room/euthanasia-and-assisted-suicide>

Twelve Other Forms of Marian Piety

By Fr. Edward Looney

Some people may find the rosary difficult to pray, or they desire to honor Mary in another way or additional ways. Below are twelve other ways in which a person can honor Mary beside the rosary. By no means should this list be considered exhaustive.

1. Angelus and Regina Caeli:

Catholics have had a long tradition of sanctifying the day through prayer. In years gone past, and at some churches still today, church bells toll at six, noon, and six, encouraging those in ear shot to nod their head in prayer. They pray the Angelus during the seasons of Advent, Christmas, Lent, and Ordinary Time; and the Regina Caeli during the Easter Season. These two beautiful prayers encourage us to call to mind the incarnation and heavenly realities during our day to day work. Also, you do not have to pray them as six, noon, and six. If it is difficult for you to do so, consider praying the Angelus or Regina Caeli at meal times.

2. The Hail Mary

This seems rather simple, right? Oftentimes when a special intention comes up, a person might pray the Hail Mary. There are devotions where people pray a specific number of Hail Marys for a particular intention. In the rosary, we pray three Hail Marys for an increase in the theological virtues of faith, hope, and charity. And in the confessional, the priest may ask you to pray three Hail Marys for your penance. For one reason or another, it seems that the devotion of praying three Hail Marys is quite popular!

3. Our Lady, Undoer of Knots

With Pope Francis' election, it has been touted that his favorite Marian devotion is to Our Lady, Undoer of Knots. The devotion was inspired by St. Irenaeus who said, "Eve, by her disobedience, tied the knot of disgrace for the human race; whereas Mary, by her obedience, undid it." Today people have many knots in their life, be it finances or family problems. The devotion asks Mary to untie these knots. There is a little novena booklet to Our Lady, Undoer of Knots. Search for it on line or in a Catholic bookstore.

4. Litany of Loreto

The Litany of Loreto, also known as the Litany of the

Blessed Virgin Mary, hails Mary under many different titles. The litany invokes Mary under her role as Mother, Virgin, and Queen, in addition to other titles (like Mystical Rose, etc.). Some people add the Litany of Loreto to the rosary during the month of May or October. While praying the litany one of Mary's many titles may become a favorite, helping to foster a devotion to Mary.

5. Novenas

Catholics like to pray novenas leading up to a liturgical feast. One could pray a novena in anticipation of the Assumption, Nativity of Mary, or the Immaculate Conception, among others.

6. Marian Lectio

The Church has provided us with "A Collection of Marian Masses." This collection contains special Masses that could be celebrated in honor of Our Lady's many titles and roles. The prayers and readings are contained in a special Missal and Lectionary. Located in the back of the lectionary are a listing of all the readings by book, chapter, and verses. All the readings have some sort of Marian connotation. Someone could take these passages and reflect on them one by one through Marian lectio. I have found that lectio divina is a real, personal, and relational way of praying with scripture. Much insight about Mary and one's own life can be gleaned from praying with Marian scripture passages.

7. Serenatas- Hymns to Mary

I spent eight weeks in Guatemala during the summer of 2012. I resided at a Benedictine monastery in a city called Quetzaltenango. The priory at the time operated a high school seminary. Every so often I would join the students for their daily Marian devotions. Some days they prayed the rosary, while on other days they sang hymns to Mary. The most popular form of this devotion occurs during the vigil of Our Lady of Guadalupe in the form of Las Mañanitas. There are many songs that can be sung in honor of Mary. For example, the Church provides us with seasonal antiphons (e.g. Alma Redemptoris, Ave Regina Caelorum, etc.) that are sung at the close of Compline each night. And what's to stop a person or group from singing the many Marian songs of the tradition (e.g. Immaculate Mary, On this Day, Mother Fairest, etc.) Singing songs to Mary, that is serenading the Madonna, is another form of Marian devotion.

8. Other Traditional Marian Prayers and Devotions

There are other traditional Marian prayers that people may be familiar with. The Memorare and the Sub Tuum Praesidium come to mind. To learn these prayers, search for them on line.

There are other devotions to Mary under different

titles. These include the Immaculate Heart, Sorrowful Heart, Our Lady of Perpetual Help, Our Lady of Good Success, among many others. Some of these devotions are inspired by private revelation, so one should have recourse to the proper ecclesiastical authority.

9. Marian Pilgrimage

There are many basilicas and shrines to Our Lady throughout the nation. Find out if there is a place of Marian pilgrimage in your area and offer a prayer to the Madonna.

10. Prayers of John Paul II

John Paul II was known for his Marian devotion. At the conclusion of each encyclical, John Paul II invoked the intercession of the Blessed Virgin Mary in the form of a prayer. One could compile these prayers from the encyclicals and pray with them in a lectio divina style.

11. Morning Consecration

Many Catholics were taught to begin their day through a morning offering. These morning offerings often have a Marian overtone. One such example is this prayer: My Queen, my Mother, I give myself entirely to you, and to show my devotion to you I consecrate to you this day my eyes, my ears, my mouth, my heart, my whole body without reserve. Wherefore, good Mother, as I am your own, keep me and guard me as your property and possession. Amen

12. Marian Consecration

Marian consecration has gained tremendous popularity in recent years. The surge of interest can be attributed to the Marian devotion of Blessed John Paul II. Fr. Michael Gaitley, MIC, has written a very accessible, down to earth, Marian consecration entitled 33 Days to Morning Glory. The most popular form of Marian consecration was promoted by St. Louis de Montfort in his book True Devotion to Mary. There are many other consecrations including the Militia Immaculata consecration.

Conclusion

There are many ways to honor Mary besides the rosary. While the rosary does have pride of place as a Marian devotion, I hope that these twelve other Marian devotions may be helpful to your spiritual life. Maybe there are some you never even thought of. We are beloved sons and daughters of God, and we have a mother in Mary and the Church. As loyal sons and daughters, let us strive to honor her in many ways. We can do this through many different Marian devotions, and for some, it might be as simple as bringing flowers to a statue of Mary, whether it is at your parish, in your home, or at a Marian shrine. During the month of May, let Mary know you love her!

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