

Our Lady of the Lake Catholic Church
Lake Ozark, Missouri

Novena

in honor of

The Blessed Virgin Mary

Queen of Heaven and Earth

Day Four: August 16



While people are gathering, they may read privately the following introduction and background material for our parish novena.

Mary, Queen of Heaven and Earth: Our Most Holy patroness

In honoring Mary under the title of Our Lady of the Lake, our Church continues the ancient custom of naming churches after the Mother of God simply by the title "Mary". St. Mary Major in Rome, one of the earliest churches dedicated to Mary, is known eventually as "major" or "greater" to indicate it was the biggest and most important shrine to our Blessed Mother in Rome. In France, the custom was to call a church "Our Lady of ..." to indicate the particular location of a church dedicated to Mary. For example, Notre Dame du Paris is literally "Our Lady of Paris". The University of Notre Dame has the official title Notre Dame du Lac, Our Lady of the Lake.

The liturgical calendar calls for two special celebrations each year in a parish—the anniversary of the dedication of the parish church and the patronal feast day. These days are celebrated with the greatest solemnity, an obligatory celebration that supersedes all memorials and most feasts. If we truly understand the nature and scope of the community of saints, we would realize that the patrons of churches are very important members of the parish community. Parishes should turn to their patrons frequently to honor their holiness, learn from their example, and gain their intercession in time of need.

We have chosen to celebrate our patroness under the title, Mary, Queen of Heaven and Earth, which feast day is August 22. St. Alphonse Liguori is among the many saints who explained the appropriateness of the title. He writes, "Because the Virgin Mary was raised to such a lofty dignity as to be the mother of the King of kings, it is deservedly and by every right that the Church has honored her with the title of 'Queen'."

The practice of novenas to prepare for the celebration of a feast is an ancient custom. To appropriately prepare for our patronal feast, a novena of prayer beginning on August 13 through August 21 will take place each year. There will be special prayers at each of the masses during that time. All parishioners will be invited to participate in the most basic manner of saying specific prayers each day during the novena. The major effort will be to gather people together and pray each evening in someone's home or in the church.

The evening gathering consists of the reading of a lesson, songs, the praying of the rosary and the praying of the Litany of Loreto. There is an altar set up with a statue of the Blessed Virgin. The people may bring flowers and candles to decorate the altar.

Daily Prayer Intention

Leader: *The designated prayer leader for the day alone reads the daily intention.*

August 16: Today's prayer intention is for all children. God showed us the depth of his love when he became vulnerable to the pains, sorrows, and dangers of childhood. He reminded us that unless we become like the little children, we are not worthy of the kingdom. May children be free from hunger, fear, and disease. May all of us work to protect God's children and provide them with all the resources they need so that they too may grow in wisdom and grace.

Scripture Reading

The person designated for reading the scriptures for the day reads aloud the scripture passage.

Scripture for the Novena Day 4, August 16: Sirach 14:20-27—15:1-10

Happy those who meditate on Wisdom, and fix their gaze on knowledge;
Who ponder her ways in their heart, and understand her paths;
Who pursue her like a scout, and watch at her entry way;
Who peep through her windows, and listen at her doors;
Who encamp near her house and fasten their tent pegs next to her walls;
Who pitch their tent beside her, and dwell in a good place;
Who build their nest in her leaves, and lodge in her branches;
Who take refuge from the heat in her shade and dwell in her home.
Whoever fears the LORD will do this:
whoever is practiced in the Law will come to Wisdom.
She will meet him like a mother; like a young bride she will receive him,
She will feed him with the bread of learning,
and give him the water of understanding to drink.
He will lean upon her and not fall;
he will trust in her and not be put to shame.
She will exalt him above his neighbors,
and in the assembly she will make him eloquent.
Joy and gladness he will find, and an everlasting name he will inherit.
The worthless will not attain her, and the haughty will not behold her.
She is far from the impious; liars never think of her.
Praise is unseemly on the lips of sinners, for it has not been allotted to them by God.
But praise is uttered by the mouth of the wise,
and its rightful owner teaches it.

Before continuing with the rosary, there is a brief pause for silent reflection.

Rosary

The designated prayer leader then leads all in the recitation of the rosary.

Leader: In the name of the Father, and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

All: Amen

Leader: We pray this rosary that we may draw closer to Christ through Mary as we as a parish pray this novena in preparation for the celebration of Mary, Queen of Heaven and our patroness.

Leader: I believe in God, the Father almighty, Creator of heaven and earth, and in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died and was buried; he descended into hell; on the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of God the Father almighty; from there he will come to judge the living and the dead.

All: I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and life everlasting. Amen.

Leader: Our Father + Three Hail Marys + Glory be

The First Mysteries *The customary mystery for the particular day of the week is used.*

Leader: The first Joyful Mystery, the Annunciation (*on Mondays and Saturdays*)
The first Sorrowful Mystery, the Agony in the Garden (*on Tuesdays and Fridays*)
The first Glorious Mystery, the Resurrection (*on Wednesdays and Sundays*)
The first Luminous Mystery, the Baptist of Christ in the Jordan (*on Thursdays*)

Leader: Our Father + Ten Hail Marys + Glory Be

All: (*Instead of the Fatima Prayer*) We fly to thy patronage, O holy Mother of God; despise not our petitions in our necessities, but deliver us always from all dangers, O glorious and blessed Virgin. Amen.

Song: Hail, holy Queen enthroned above, O Maria.
Hail, Queen of mercy and of love, O Maria.
Triumph, all ye cherubim, Sing with us, ye seraphim,
Heaven and earth resound the hymn: Salve, salve, salve Regina!

The Second Mysteries

Leader: The second Joyful Mystery, the Visitation
The second Sorrowful Mystery, the Scourging at the Pillar
The second Glorious Mystery, the Ascension
The second Luminous Mystery, the Wedding Feast at Cana

Leader: Our Father + Ten Hail Marys + Glory Be

All: *(Instead of the Fatima Prayer)* We fly to thy patronage, O holy Mother of God; despise not our petitions in our necessities, but deliver us always from all dangers, O glorious and blessed Virgin. Amen.

Song: Our life, our sweetness, here below, O Maria!
Our hope in sorrow and in woe, O Maria!
Triumph, all ye cherubim, Sing with us, ye seraphim,
Heaven and earth resound the hymn: Salve, salve, salve Regina!

The Third Mysteries

Leader: The third Joyful Mystery, the Birth of Jesus
The third Sorrowful Mystery, the Scourging at the Pillar
The third Glorious Mystery, the Descent of the Holy Spirit
The third Luminous Mystery, Jesus Preaches the Kingdom

Leader: Our Father + Ten Hail Marys + Glory Be

All: *(Instead of the Fatima Prayer)* We fly to thy patronage, O holy Mother of God; despise not our petitions in our necessities, but deliver us always from all dangers, O glorious and blessed Virgin. Amen.

Song: To thee we cry, poor sons of Eve, O Maria!
To thee we sigh, we mourn, we grieve, O Maria!
Triumph, all ye cherubim, Sing with us, ye seraphim,
Heaven and earth resound the hymn: Salve, salve, salve Regina!

The Fourth Mysteries

Leader: The fourth Joyful Mystery, the Presentation of Jesus in the Temple
The fourth Sorrowful Mystery, Jesus Carries His Cross
The fourth Glorious Mystery, the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary
The fourth Luminous Mystery, the Transfiguration of Jesus

Leader: Our Father + Ten Hail Marys + Glory Be

All: *(Instead of the Fatima Prayer)* We fly to thy patronage, O holy Mother of God; despise not our petitions in our necessities, but deliver us always from all dangers, O glorious and blessed Virgin. Amen.

Song: Turn then most gracious Advocate, O Maria!
Toward us thine eyes compassionate, O Maria!
Triumph, all ye cherubim, Sing with us, ye seraphim,
Heaven and earth resound the hymn: Salve, salve, salve Regina!

The Fifth Mysteries

Leader: The fifth Joyful Mystery, the Finding of Jesus in the Temple
The fifth Sorrowful Mystery, the Crucifixion and Death
The fifth Glorious Mystery, Mary is Crowned Queen of Heaven
The fifth Luminous Mystery, the Institution of the Eucharist

Leader: Our Father + Ten Hail Marys + Glory Be

All: *(Instead of the Fatima Prayer)* We fly to thy patronage, O holy Mother of God; despise not our petitions in our necessities, but deliver us always from all dangers, O glorious and blessed Virgin. Amen.

Song: And when our life on earth is done, O Maria!
Show us the face of Christ, thy Son, O Maria!
Angels, all your praises bring, Earth and heaven, with us sing,
All creation echoing: Salve, salve, salve Regina!

Memorare

All: Remember, O most gracious Virgin Mary, that never was it known that anyone who fled to thy protection, implored thy help, or sought thy intercession, was left unaided. Inspired by this confidence I fly unto thee, O Virgin of virgins, my Mother. To thee do I come, before thee I stand, sinful and sorrowful. O Mother of the Word Incarnate, despise not my petitions, but in thy mercy hear and answer me. Amen.

Prayer for the intention of the Holy Father the Pope

All: O God, the Shepherd and Ruler of all Your faithful people, mercifully look upon Your servant Pope Francis, whom You have chosen as the chief Shepherd to preside over Your Church. We beg You to help him edify, both by word and example, those over whom he has charge, that he may reach everlasting life together with the flock entrusted to him. Through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Leader: Pray for us, O holy Mother of God.

All: That we may be made worthy of the promises of Christ.

Leader: Let us pray

All: O God, whose Only Begotten Son, by his life, Death, and Resurrection, has purchased for us the rewards of eternal life, grant, we beseech thee, that while meditating on these mysteries of the most holy Rosary of the Blessed Virgin Mary, we may imitate what they contain and obtain what they promise, through the same Christ our Lord. Amen.

Reflection

The designated meditation reader alone reads out loud a theological reflection on the Blessed Mother from the writings of the saints and teachings of the Church.

Reflection for Novena Day 4, August 16: *Redemptoris Mater, 8, Saint Pope John Paul II*

Mary is definitively introduced into the mystery of Christ through this event: the Annunciation by the angel. This takes place at Nazareth, within the concrete circumstances of the history of Israel, the people which first received God's promises. The divine messenger says to the Virgin: "Hail, full of grace, the Lord is with you" Mary "was greatly troubled at the saying, and considered in her mind what sort of greeting this might be". What could those extraordinary words mean, and in particular the expression "full of grace"?

If we wish to meditate together with Mary on these words, and especially on the expression "full of grace," we can find a significant echo in the very passage from the Letter to the Ephesians. And if after the announcement of the heavenly messenger the Virgin of Nazareth is also called "blessed among women" it is because of that blessing with which "God the Father" has filled us "in the heavenly places, in Christ." It is a spiritual blessing which is meant for all people and which bears in itself fullness and universality ("every blessing"). It flows from that love which, in the Holy Spirit, unites the consubstantial Son to the Father. At the same time, it is a blessing poured out through Jesus Christ upon human history until the end: upon all people. This blessing, however, refers to Mary in a special and exceptional degree: for she was greeted by Elizabeth as "blessed among women."

The double greeting is due to the fact that in the soul of this "daughter of Sion" there is manifested, in a sense, all the "glory of grace," that grace which "the Father...has given us in his beloved Son." For the messenger greets Mary as "full of grace"; he calls her thus as if it were her real name. He does not call her by her proper earthly name: Miryam, but by this new name: "full of grace." What does this name mean? Why does the archangel address the Virgin of Nazareth in this way?

In the language of the Bible "grace" means a special gift, which according to the New Testament has its source precisely in the Trinitarian life of God himself, God who is love. The fruit of this love is "the election" of which the Letter to the Ephesians speaks. On the part of God, this election is the eternal desire to save man through a sharing in his own life in Christ: it is salvation through a sharing in supernatural life. The effect of this eternal gift, of this grace of man's election by God, is like a seed of holiness, or a spring which rises in the soul as a gift from God himself, who through grace gives life and holiness to those who are chosen. In this way there is fulfilled, that is to say there comes about, that "blessing" of man "with every spiritual blessing," that "being his adopted sons and daughters...in Christ," in him who is eternally the "beloved Son" of the Father.

Before continuing with the litany, there is a brief pause for silent reflection.

Litany of Loreto

Leader: Lord have mercy. Christ have mercy. Lord have mercy. Christ hear us.	All: Lord have mercy. Christ have mercy. Lord have mercy. Christ graciously hear us.
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Leader: God, the Father of heaven, God the Son, Redeemer of the world, God the Holy Spirit, Holy Trinity, one God,	All: have mercy on us.
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Holy Mary, Holy Mother of God, Holy Virgin of virgins, Mother of Christ, Mother of the Church, Mother of mercy, Mother of divine grace, Mother of hope, Mother most pure, Mother most chaste,	All: pray for us.
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Mother inviolate,
Mother undefiled,
Mother most amiable,
Mother admirable,
Mother of good counsel,
Mother of our Creator,
Mother of our Savior,

All: pray for us.

Virgin most prudent,
Virgin most venerable,
Virgin most renowned,
Virgin most powerful,
Virgin most merciful,
Virgin most faithful,

All: pray for us.

Mirror of justice,
Seat of wisdom, Cause of our joy,
Spiritual vessel,
Vessel of honor,
Singular vessel of devotion,
Mystical rose,
Tower of David,
Tower of ivory,
House of gold,
Ark of the covenant,
Gate of heaven,
Morning star,
Star of the sea,
Health of the sick,
Refuge of sinners,
Solace of migrants
Comfort of the afflicted,
Help of Christians,

All: pray for us.

Queen of Angels,
Queen of Patriarchs,
Queen of Prophets,
Queen of Apostles,
Queen of Martyrs,
Queen of Confessors,
Queen of Virgins,
Queen of all Saints,
Queen conceived without original sin,
Queen assumed into heaven,
Queen of the most holy Rosary,
Queen of families,
Queen of peace.

All: pray for us.

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Leader: Lamb of God, who take away the sins of the world, Lamb of God, who take away the sins of the world, Lamb of God, who take away the sins of the world, Pray for us, O holy Mother of God.	All: spare us, O Lord. All: graciously hear us, O Lord. All: have mercy on us. All: That we may be made worthy of the promises of Christ.
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Leader: Let us pray. Grant, we beseech thee, O Lord God, that we, your servants, may enjoy perpetual health of mind and body; and by the intercession of the Blessed Mary, ever Virgin, and our Queen and Mother, may be delivered from present sorrow, and obtain eternal joy. Through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Daily Novena Prayer

All pray together:

Blessed Mother Mary, your Son Jesus Christ entrusted us to your protection as your own sons and daughters. In every age, the Church has known your maternal grace and intercession. In this special time of grace as we prepare to celebrate that you are our Queen, may we enjoy your protection, assistance, and love. By your sacred fiat, the Word was made flesh.

Teach us how to say yes to God when he calls us forth to work in his vineyard. Grant us reverence and humility when we receive the Lord Jesus Christ in his Holy Eucharist. We call upon you, Immaculate Virgin Mary, to inspire us by your own sorrow and suffering to true contrition for our sins. As you along with Saint Joseph made a home for the Son of God, help our families to grow in holiness in their own homes.

O Star of the Sea, please be a beacon of light for our parish so that we may fulfill our mission to bring God's Light to the World and guide all souls to heaven. Amen.

If a priest or a deacon is present, the following blessing takes place:

Priest/Deacon:	The Lord be with you
All:	And with your Spirit
Priest/Deacon:	May the blessing of Almighty God, the Father, and the Son, and the Holy Spirit, come down upon you and remain with you forever.
Priest/Deacon:	Let us go in peace.
All:	Thanks be to God.

If no priest or deacon is present, the Prayer Leader leads this short response:

Leader:	Let us Bless the Lord.
All:	And give him thanks.

Concluding Song

Sing of Mary

1. Sing of Mary, pure and lowly,
Virgin Mother undefiled.
Sing of God's own Son most holy,
who became her little child.
Fairest child of fairest Mother,
God the Lord who came to earth,
Word made flesh, our very brother,
takes our nature by his birth.
2. Sing of Jesus, son of Mary,
in the home at Nazareth.
Toil and labor cannot weary
love enduring unto death.
Constant was the love he gave her,
though he went forth from her side,
forth to preach, and heal, and suffer,
till on Calvary he died.
3. Sing of Mary, sing of Jesus,
holy Mother's holier son.
From his throne in heav'n he sees us,
There he calls us ev'ry one,
where he welcomes home his Mother
to a place at his right hand,
there his faithful servants gather,
there the crown-ed victors stand.
4. Joyful Mother, full of gladness,
in your arms your Lord was borne.
Mournful Mother, full of sadness,
all your heart with pain was torn.
Glorious Mother, now rewarded
with a crown at Jesus' hand,
age to age your name recorded
shall be blest in every land.
5. Glory be to God the Father;
glory be to God the Son;
glory be to God the Spirit;
glory to the Three in One.
From the heart of blessed Mary,
from all saints the song ascends,
and the Church the strain re-echoes
unto earth's remotest ends.