

Our Lady of the Lake Catholic Church
Lake Ozark, Missouri

Novena
in honor of
The Blessed Virgin Mary
Queen of Heaven and Earth

Day Eight: August 20



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.

Opening

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

Leader: We gather today as the community of Our Lady of the Lake Catholic Church so that we may fittingly prepare to celebrate our Blessed patroness's feast day as the Queen of Heaven and Earth. In Mary's great song of praise to God as she visited the house of her cousin Elizabeth, she prophesied that "all generations will call me blessed." In blessing Mary by our prayers and devotion, we too in turn are blessed by God with every manner of grace. Let us open our hearts and minds to the holy Word of God which reveals the great mystery of our salvation. Mary played a unique role in salvation history by her "yes" to God. It is through her that the Son of God became the Word made flesh and fallen humanity was restored to original grace. Let us sing our opening song together.

Opening Song

Hail Queen of Heav'n, Ocean Star



1. Hail, Queen of Heav'n, the o - cean Star, Guide of the wan - d'rer
2. O gen - tle, chaste, and spot - less Maid, We sin - ners make our
3. So - jour - ners in this vale of tears, O thee, blest ad - vo - cate,
4. And while to Him who reigns a - bove, In God - head One, in



here be - low! Thrown on life's surge we claim thy care, Save
pray - ers through the. Re - mind thy Son that He has paid The
we the cry, Pi - ty our sor - rows, calm our fears And
Per - sons Three. The source of life, of grace, of love, Ho -



us from per - ril and from woe. Moth - er of Christ Star of the
price of our in - i - qui - ty. Vir - gin most pure, Star of the
sooth with hope our mi - ser - y. Re - fuge of sin - ners Star of the
mage we pay on bend - ded knee: Do thou, bright Queen Star of the



sea, Pray for the wan - d'rer pray for me.
sea, Pray for the sin - ner, pray for me.
sea, Pray for the mour - ner, pray for me.
sea, Pray for thy child - ren, pray for me.

Daily Prayer Intention

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

August 20: Today's prayer intention is for Bishop Shawn McKnight and for the people of the Diocese of Jefferson City. We turn to our patroness, Mary with her Immaculate Heart, for all our needs. In her heart, she pondered the World of God. In her heart, she felt the sorrow of a grieving mother. With her Immaculate Heart, she loves us as the children Jesus gave to her for mutual care and devotion. May the people of the diocese be renewed in our apostolic faith. May we find new strength to preach the Good News to all and share the message of salvation that only comes from Jesus Christ, our redeemer.

Scripture Reading

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

Scripture for the Novena Day 8, August 20: Hebrews 9:1-15

Now [even] the first covenant had regulations for worship and an earthly sanctuary. For a tabernacle was constructed, the outer one, in which were the lampstand, the table, and the bread of offering; this is called the Holy Place. Behind the second veil was the tabernacle called the Holy of Holies, in which were the gold altar of incense and the ark of the covenant entirely covered with gold. In it were the gold jar containing the manna, the staff of Aaron that had sprouted, and the tablets of the covenant. Above it were the cherubim of glory overshadowing the place of expiation. Now is not the time to speak of these in detail. With these arrangements for worship, the priests, in performing their service, go into the outer tabernacle repeatedly, but the high priest alone goes into the inner one once a year, not without blood that he offers for himself and for the sins of the people.

In this way the holy Spirit shows that the way into the sanctuary had not yet been revealed while the outer tabernacle still had its place. This is a symbol of the present time, in which gifts and sacrifices are offered that cannot perfect the worshiper in conscience but only in matters of food and drink and various ritual washings: regulations concerning the flesh, imposed until the time of the new order. But when Christ came as high priest of the good things that have come to be, passing through the greater and more perfect tabernacle not made by hands, that is, not belonging to this creation, he entered once for all into the sanctuary, not with the blood of goats and calves but with his own blood, thus obtaining eternal redemption. For if the blood of goats and bulls and the sprinkling of a heifer's ashes can sanctify those who are defiled so that their flesh is cleansed, how much more will the blood of Christ, who through the eternal spirit offered himself unblemished to God, cleanse our consciences from dead works to worship the living God. For this reason he is mediator of a new covenant: since a death has taken place for deliverance from transgressions under the first covenant, those who are called may receive the promised eternal inheritance.

For this reason he is mediator of a new covenant: since a death has taken place for deliverance from transgressions under the first covenant, those who are called may receive the promised eternal inheritance. Now where there is a will, the death of the testator must be established. For a will takes effect only at death; it has no force while the testator is alive. Thus not even the first covenant was inaugurated without blood. When every commandment had been proclaimed by Moses to all the people according to the law, he took the blood of calves [and goats], together with water and crimson wool and hyssop, and sprinkled both the book itself and all the people, saying, "This is 'the blood of the covenant which God has enjoined upon you.'"

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 8, August 20: *Homily of the Immaculate Conception, 8/15/2011; Pope Benedict XVI*

We are gathered here, once again, to celebrate one of the oldest and best loved of the feasts dedicated to Mary Most Holy: the feast of her Assumption into the glory of Heaven in body and soul, in other words in the whole of her human existence, in the integrity of her person. Thus we have been given the grace of renewing our love for Mary, of admiring her and of praising her for the “great things” which the Almighty worked through her and brought about in her.

In contemplating the Virgin Mary we are granted another grace: the ability to see our own life too in depth. Yes, because our own daily existence, with its problems and hopes, receives light from the Mother of God, from her spiritual journey, from her destiny of glory: a journey and a destination that can and must become, in a certain way, our own journey and our own destination. Let us allow ourselves to be guided by the passages of Sacred Scripture the liturgy proposes to us today. I would like to reflect in particular on an image we find in the Book of Revelation, which is in fact echoed by Luke's Gospel: the ark.

We hear: "God's temple in heaven was opened, and the Ark of his Covenant was seen within his temple" (Rev 11:19). What is the meaning of the ark? What appears? For the Old Testament, it is the symbol of God's presence in the midst of his people. However, the symbol has given way to reality. Thus the New Testament tells us that the true ark of the covenant is a living, real person: it is the Virgin Mary. God does not dwell in a piece of furniture, he dwells in a person, in a heart: Mary, the One who carried in her womb the eternal Son of God made man, Jesus our Lord and Savior.

In the ark — as we know — the two Tables of the Mosaic Law were kept. The Law expressed God's wish to preserve the Covenant with his People, pointing out the conditions for being faithful to the pact with God in order to conform to God's will and thereby also to our own profound truth. Mary is the Ark of the Covenant because she welcomed Jesus within her; she welcomed within her the living Word, the whole content of God's will, of God's truth; she welcomed within her the One who is the new and eternal Covenant, which culminated in the offering of his Body and his Blood: a body and blood received through Mary.

Therefore Christian piety rightly turns to Our Lady in the litanies in her honor, invoking her as *Foederis Arca*, that is, "the Ark of the Covenant", the Ark of God's presence, the Ark of the Covenant of love which God desired to establish with the whole of humanity, in Christ, once and for all. The passage from the Book of Revelation also indicates another important aspect of Mary's reality. As the living Ark of the Covenant, she has an extraordinary destiny of glory because she is so closely united to the Son whom she welcomed in faith and generated in the flesh, as to share fully in his glory in Heaven. This is what the words we have heard suggest: "A great portent appeared in heaven, a woman clothed with the sun, with the moon under her feet, and on her head a crown of twelve stars; she was with child.... She brought forth a male child, one who is to rule all the nations" (12:1-2; 5). The greatness of Mary, Mother of God, full of grace, fully docile to the action of the Holy Spirit, already lives in God's Heaven with her whole being, body and soul. St John Damascene, referring to this mystery in a famous homily, said: "Today the holy Virgin of Virgins is presented in the heavenly temple.... Today the sacred and living Ark of the living God [the Ark], who conceived her Creator himself, takes up her abode in the temple of God, not made by human hands; and he continues: "It was meet that she, who had who had sheltered the divine Logos in her own womb, should inhabit the tabernacles of her Son.... The place of the Bride whom the Father had espoused, was in the nuptial chambers of Heaven" (ibid., 14 PG 96, 742).

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.

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.

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,
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,

All: pray for us.

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.