

Our Lady of the Lake Catholic Church
Lake Ozark, Missouri

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

Day Nine: August 21



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.*

Scripture for the Novena Day 9, August 21: Mark 3:13-35

He went up the mountain and summoned those whom he wanted and they came to him. He appointed twelve [whom he also named apostles] that they might be with him and he might send them forth to preach and to have authority to drive out demons: [he appointed the twelve:] Simon, whom he named Peter; James, son of Zebedee, and John the brother of James, whom he named Boanerges, that is, sons of thunder; Andrew, Philip, Bartholomew, Matthew, Thomas, James the son of Alphaeus; Thaddeus, Simon the Cananean, and Judas Iscariot who betrayed him.

He came home. Again [the] crowd gathered, making it impossible for them even to eat. When his relatives heard of this they set out to seize him, for they said, "He is out of his mind." The scribes who had come from Jerusalem said, "He is possessed by Beelzebul," and "By the prince of demons he drives out demons."

Summoning them, he began to speak to them in parables, "How can Satan drive out Satan? If a kingdom is divided against itself, that kingdom cannot stand. And if a house is divided against itself, that house will not be able to stand. And if Satan has risen up against himself and is divided, he cannot stand; that is the end of him. But no one can enter a strong man's house to plunder his property unless he first ties up the strong man. Then he can plunder his house. Amen, I say to you, all sins and all blasphemies that people utter will be forgiven them. But whoever blasphemes against the holy Spirit will never have forgiveness, but is guilty of an everlasting sin." For they had said, "He has an unclean spirit."

His mother and his brothers arrived. Standing outside they sent word to him and called him. A crowd seated around him told him, "Your mother and your brothers [and your sisters] are outside asking for you." But he said to them in reply, "Who are my mother and [my] brothers?" And looking around at those seated in the circle he said, "Here are my mother and my brothers. [For] whoever does the will of God is my brother and sister and mother."

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 9, August 21: *Homily on the Mother of God, 1/1/2014, Pope Francis*

In the [Book of Numbers] we find the ancient prayer of blessing which God gave to Moses to hand on to Aaron and his sons: “The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord make his face to shine upon you, and be gracious to you. The Lord lift up his countenance upon you and give you peace”. There is no more meaningful time than the beginning of a new year to hear these words of blessing: they will accompany our journey through the year opening up before us. They are words of strength, courage and hope. Not an illusory hope, based on frail human promises, or a naïve hope which presumes that the future will be better simply because it is the future. Rather, it is a hope that has its foundation precisely in God’s blessing, a blessing which contains the greatest message of good wishes there can be; and this is the message which the Church brings to each of us, filled with the Lord’s loving care and providential help.

The message of hope contained in this blessing was fully realized in a woman, Mary, who was destined to become the Mother of God, and it was fulfilled in her before all creatures. The Mother of God. This is the first and most important title of Our Lady. It refers to a quality, a role which the faith of the Christian people, in its tender and genuine devotion to our heavenly Mother, has understood from the beginning.

We recall that great moment in the history of the ancient Church, the Council of Ephesus, in which the divine motherhood of the Virgin Mary was authoritatively defined. The truth of her divine maternity found an echo in Rome where, a little later, the Basilica of Saint Mary Major was built, the first Marian shrine in Rome and in the entire West, in which the image of the Mother of God – the Theotokos – is venerated under the title of The Wellbeing of the People of Rome. It is said that the residents of Ephesus used to gather at the gates of the basilica where the bishops were meeting and shout, “Mother of God!”. The faithful, by asking them to officially define this title of Our Lady, showed that they acknowledged her divine motherhood. Theirs was the spontaneous and sincere reaction of children who know their Mother well, for they love her with immense tenderness. But it is more: it is the sense for the faith of the holy People of God which, in its unity, never errs.

Mary has always been present in the hearts, the piety and above all the pilgrimage of faith of the Christian people. "The Church journeys through time... and on this journey she proceeds along the path already trodden by the Virgin Mary" Our journey of faith is the same as that of Mary, and so we feel that she is particularly close to us. As far as faith, the hinge of the Christian life, is concerned, the Mother of God shared our condition. She had to take the same path as ourselves, a path which is sometimes difficult and obscure. She had to advance in the "pilgrimage of faith".

Our pilgrimage of faith has been inseparably linked to Mary ever since Jesus, dying on the Cross, gave her to us as our Mother, saying: "Behold your Mother!". These words serve as a testament, bequeathing to the world a Mother. From that moment on, the Mother of God also became our Mother! When the faith of the disciples was most tested by difficulties and uncertainties, Jesus entrusted them to Mary, who was the first to believe, and whose faith would never fail. The "woman" became our Mother when she lost her divine Son. Her sorrowing heart was enlarged to make room for all men and women, all, whether good or bad, and she loves them as she loved Jesus. The woman who at the wedding at Cana in Galilee gave her faith-filled cooperation so that the wonders of God could be displayed in the world, at Calvary kept alive the flame of faith in the resurrection of her Son, and she communicates this with maternal affection to each and every person. Mary becomes in this way a source of hope and true joy!

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,
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.

All: pray for us.

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.

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.