

MARY, THE MOTHER OF

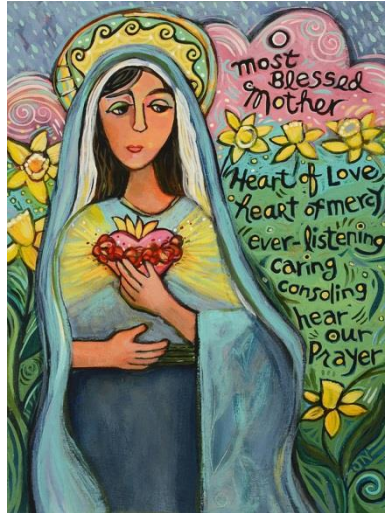
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Who was Mary?

Mary was born in the north of Palestine, in a small village called Nazareth. She brought Jesus into the world. She became the most amazing thing a person can be: **The Mother of God**. She is now known as a Mother to us all, a spiritual Mother.

What Pope Francis says....

In March 2015, Pope Francis visited Naples. As he addressed his congregation, he told them that the best way to make sure Jesus remained at the centre of their lives was to "ask His mother to take you to him". In this simple phrase, Pope Francis, captures Mary's role within the Church.



Special days to honour Mary....

- January 1 – Mary, the Holy Mother of God
- March 25 – The Annunciation of the Lord
- May 13 – Our Lady of Fatima
- May 31 – Visitation of Blessed Virgin Mary
- August 15 – The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary
- September 8 – The Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary
- October 7 – Our Lady of the Rosary
- November 21 – The Presentation of the blessed Virgin Mary
- December 8 – The Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary.

Prayers to Mary

- Hail Mary
- The Angelus
- Hail Holy Queen
- The Magnificat
- The Memorare
- Loving Mother of the Redeemer

Why do we turn to Mary in prayer?

We ask Mary for her intercessions because God became man through her. Mary is Jesus' mother. She is our mother too. For on the cross Jesus gave her to us as a mother. Loving mothers help their children. So does Mary.

Why is Mary important?

Mary holds a special place in the life of the Catholic Church because she displayed exceptional qualities and is therefore an ideal role model to follow. Mary's 'yes' made it possible for Jesus to enter the world. She was his first disciple and at the wedding in Cana we see that she was the first person to believe that he could perform miracles. At the cross when Jesus said to John "Here is your mother" Catholics believe Jesus is presenting Mary as a Mother to us all, a spiritual Mother. Mary lived a life of faith and trust in God, despite great suffering. She is an example for those who wish to follow Jesus, and as a Mother, she is honoured.

Note:

May is the Month of Mary
October is the Month of the Rosary

NOTE: Many people believe that Catholics worship Mary. This is not the case. Only God can be worshipped. Instead, Catholics can, and should, revere (honour and admire profoundly and respectfully) Mary.

