

# Month of Mary, Mother of God @ Home

## Month of May, Mary, Mother of God

### Alleluia!

During these Great 50 days of Easter, we also celebrate Mary, Mother of God during the *whole* month of May. The Catholic Church honors Mary as Mother of God, the Mother of the Church and our spiritual Mother. The ways Mary is honored in May is as varied as the people who honor her. Parishes might have daily recitation of the rosary, others creating a prayer space or altars to honor Mary, and many parishes celebrate the tradition of the May crowning, adorning Mary with blossoms representing her beauty and virtue. She is a reminder to all of the faithful to strive to imitate the virtues of the Blessed Mother. May altars and crownings aren't just "church" things. We can be doing the same in our homes. When we echo the customs and traditions of the Church in our homes – our domestic churches – we participate more fully in the life of the Church.

This month also coincides with Mother's Day, when we honor our own earthly mothers while celebrating our spiritual mother. At the end of May, the Church celebrates the Feast of the Queenship of Mary on May 31.

(Fenelon, Marge. *Why is May the Month of Mary?* NCRRegister. May 1, 2016)

### The Re-Consecration of Mary, Mother of the Church - May 1st, 3PM

The Marian title of "Mother of the Church," was given to the Blessed Mother by St. Pope Paul VI at the Second Vatican Council. On May 1st, U.S. Bishops will join the Canadian Conference of Catholic Bishops in renewing the consecrations of the two nations to the care of our Blessed Mother. In this re-consecration, the Church seeks the special intercession of the Mother of God, asking for the assistance of Our Lady all the more earnestly as we face together the effects of the global pandemic. **Watch live on USCCB facebook.**

### Celebrate @ Home Activities

Create a Mother's Day cards for your Mom, neighbors, nursing home residents.

Create your own prayer card. One side would be picture of Mary and the flip side you would write your own prayer to Mary.

Practice a "month of virtues" praying the rosary while focusing on a variety of virtues. See our virtues calendar to offer acts of virtues to the Blessed Mother of God. [bit.ly/virtuescalendar](http://bit.ly/virtuescalendar)



### Hail | Holy Queen

Hail Holy Queen, Mother of Mercy,  
our life, our sweetness and our hope.

To you do we cry,  
poor banished children of Eve.

To you do we send up our sighs,  
mourning and weeping in this valley of tears.

Turn then, O most gracious advocate,  
your eyes of mercy toward us;

and after this our exile,  
show unto us the blessed fruit  
of your womb, Jesus.

O clement! O loving! O sweet Virgin Mary!

Pray for us, O Holy Mother of God.  
That we may be made worthy  
of the promises of Christ.



### Links for More Ideas and Activities

[Sadlier.com](http://Sadlier.com) - *Flowers for the Blessed Mother* (Kathy Hendricks) A short blog that includes a downloadable [Floral Reflections on the Hail Mary](#).

[Catholicicing.com](http://Catholicicing.com): How to plan a May crowning for Kids and many more ideas

[Gotomary.com](http://Gotomary.com) : *Interactive Virtual Online Rosary* (a great way to learn how to pray the rosary)

[Udayton.edu](http://Udayton.edu) : *Annuals Mary Gardens* (annuals, garden layouts and tips, Marian garden prayers and more!)

### VIRTUAL TOURS

[Nationalshrine.org](http://Nationalshrine.org) - The Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception. Washington, DC

[Americasfirstcathedral.org](http://Americasfirstcathedral.org) - Basilica of the National Shrine of the Assumption of Mary. Baltimore, MD (America's first cathedral)



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Our website [RCfaithquest.syrdio.org](http://RCfaithquest.syrdio.org) has many ideas for this holy season!

