

Novena a MARY "MOTHER OF TRUST"



FORWARD

THE PICTURE OF MARY

The evangelical tradition speaks of Mary above all as the “**mother of Jesus**” and as the “Most High Mother of God” is venerated by Catholic and Orthodox Church. Besides her holiness is also accepted by the Anglican Church and by some protestant denominations. The Coran defines her “the Virgin Mother of Jesus”.

However most of the mentions of **Mary in the Gospels** describe a woman of the people, deeply true in her emotions, and real and concrete in her humanity. Rarely appears in her something miraculous. Her daily life is that of a **common woman**, of humble origin, and as such fully inserted in the historical and social environment where she lives. Her life is characterized by ordinary actions, visits to relatives, pilgrimages, marital engagement and wedding. She assists impotent to the passion and death of her Son, with all the sufferings of a common woman, a common mother may manifests in a so horrific occasion. The Annunciation of the Angel is the only moment when this woman, as many, seems to be touched by the divine mystery and by it she is totally overwhelmed with the consequences that we all know.

The person of Mary only in the gospels of Luke and John is further given attention. Among the Synoptic Gospels, that of Luke gives particular attention to **Mary, giving her a pride of place right from the beginning. She receives a special and fundamental role at the beginning of the gospel, in the infancy and public ministry.** Mary is no longer a common woman, or better she is such until God chooses her as mother of his Son. Right from that moment she cannot be as she was before.

Mary becomes both the mother of Jesus and of the Church, a common woman that has accepted a sublime and terrifying mission, and she has done it only because of faith, and of love.

The Annunciation presents her as an absolute protagonist, as she accepts being totally aware, of welcoming in her the Word become flesh, offering all of herself to a sacrifice of love that will upset all entire life.

In the Gospel of Jon, then, her role as the mother of Jesus, and consequently mother of all those who believe, comes out of the statements of Jesus himself. In fact, in this Gospel she is called always “**the Mother of Jesus**”. She takes part in the wedding at Cana in Galilee and convinces Jesus to perform his first miracle.

On the cross, as he was agonizing, Jesus addresses himself both to her and to his beloved disciple, stating that from that moment on, they would be mother and son. It is in that moment when Jesus gives her the new role of the **Mother of the Church and of all the believers**; such a role has made her one of the pictures, which is most reproduced in statues and paintings.

Mary, therefore, represents since the beginning of Christianity, the humble and common woman who unconditionally surrenders herself to the hands of God, accepting without hesitation, the immense meaning of such choice that will affect all her existence. Unconditional faith, unconditional love.

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PRESENTATION OF THE NOVENA

This year with the Novena we would like to know **MARY** in the devotion popular–intercultural first of all, where the LSSH charism is present and lives.

13 Febbraio 2020

MARY, MOTHER OF JESUS

(Annunciation of Beato Angelico - Cortona)

It is surely one of the most high and evocative moments of the Christian and catholic religion. Its symbolic and spiritual meaning is immense in that it represents the very exact moment when God extends his hand to offers them a second chance through the miraculous incarnation of his Son in the pure and virgin womb of Mary.

It is in this way that the adventure of Jesus among men starts, his mission of love and hope and of salvation for those who will receive his message.

It is the first time in the history of religions, that a God chooses deliberately to become a man, to take on himself the load of flesh. And all this, for a pure and absolute act of love.



Listening to the Word

Luke 2, 1-26

Brief pause of silence

The Holy Spirit has come upon her, making her a new and unique woman, destined for the salvation of the world. It represents in her very being the symbol of the Father's will to save all men through his Son incarnate. To her **carrier of love and grace, the faithful** go in search for comfort and security, consolation and truth, in each epoch troubled by doubts, corruption and despair.

21 Febbraio 2020

MOTHER OF TRUST

(SEMINARIO ROMANO – Roma)



Our Founder wished that May be venerated under the title of Mother of Trust. And our trust in her should be without limits. (M. Geltrude)

From Pope Francis' teaching

Let us be guided by the Mother, whose gaze instills trust

Her maternal gaze helps us to see ourselves as beloved sons among the people that believe in God and to love one another, beyond our limits and our own points of view . Mary establishes us in the Church, where unity matters more than diversity, and exhorts us to take care of each other.

Mary's gaze reminds us that for our faith is necessary tenderness, that embanks tepidity. Let us be hugged: Mary is with the one who is alone. Mary is the remedy of solitude and of disintegration. She is the Mother of Consolation, who comforts: she is with the one who is alone. She knows that to console the words are not enough, it is necessary to be present: and she is present as a Mother. Let her hug us our life: let her take us by hand. (catechesis of Pope Francis)

Brief pause of silence

LITANIES

Mary, model for each Little Servant *pray for us*
Mary, Queen of the mission
Mary, Mother of the Church
Apostle of the evangelization
Mary, Mother and disciple of her Son

LET US PRAY

Take our hand, Mary. Holding you, we shall overcome any difficulty of life. Lead us to rediscover what unites us. Gather us under your cloak, in an area of tenderness of love, where the human family is reconstructed. Under your protection we are looking for refuge, Holy Mother of God. AMEN

20 Febbraio 2020

MARY, MOTHER OF THE APOSTLES AND DISCIPLES

(MADONNA DI CZESTOCHOWA – Polonia)

The legend says that she was painted by St. Luke, who being contemporary to Mary, he painted his face. The name Black Madonna is linked to the village of Czestochova, which was done by bandits in 1430. These, after having thrown the picture to earth, hurt it with swords, making the two visible scars in the form of a cross on the right cheek of Mary. The scars can also be seen on her neck.



Listening to Word

Jn 19, 25-27

Brief pause of silence

LITANIES

Queen of love
Mother of hope
Mother of pain
Mediatrice of grace
Mother of the cross

pray for us

LET US PRAY

Awake within us the desire of holiness, train us as true apostles of faith, strengthen our love for the Church. O Mother of the disfigured face, in your hand we place ourselves and the entire humanity. We trust in you being sure of your intercession with your Son, in glory of the Holy Trinity. AMEN

LITANIES

Shoot of Jesse *pray for us*
Virgin of listening
Virgin of the “yes”
Virgin of waiting
Tabernacle of the Most High

LET US PRAY

O Virgin of the annunciation, make us, we pray, blessed in hope, teach us the heart vigilance, give us the tender love of a spouse, the perseverance in waiting, the fortitude of the cross. Amen

14 Febbraio 2020

MARY, QUEEN OF THE UNIVERSE

(Shrine of LOCARNO Switzerland)



The shrine of the Madonna of Sasso at Orselina in Locarno is the most important of the Italian Switzerland. For centuries pilgrims have been journeying towards the Sacred Mount, where, according to the tradition, in 1480 the Virgin Mary appeared.

From Pope Francis' teaching

"God has linked himself to humanity for good". His gaze reminds us that "for the faith it is essential tenderness", is the solution to tepidity, his hug is the remedy to solitude, and his hand leads us the ways

of good. So Pope Francis in his homily in the Mass for the Solemnity of the Most Holy Mary, Mother of God, celebrated in the Saint Peter Basilica, January 1, 2019.

Brief pause of silence

LITANIES

Virgin chosen since all eternity *pray for us*
Queen of the universe
Queen of all the peoples
Mother of humanity
Mother of mercy

LITANIES

Woman of journey *pray for us*
Mother of tenderness
Mother of the poor and marginalized
Mother of the believers
Mother of those who search for God

LET US PRAY

O Virgin of Guadalupe strengthen the faith of our brothers and sisters so that in all the fields of social, professional, cultural and political life, may act according to the truth and the new Law Jesus Christ. has brought. Look with tenderness those who suffer because of starvation, loneliness and ignorance. Make us recognize in them your beloved sons and pour in us the zeal of charity so that we may help them in their needs. Amen

19 Febbraio 2020

MARY, MOTHER OF THE LAST ONE

(OUR LADY OF GUADALUPE - America centrale)

Our Lady of Guadalupe is the title by which Catholic Church venerates Mary following the apparition (1531) to Juan Diego Cuauhtlatoatzin, one of the first atzeki converts to Christianity. In the shrine is kept the cloak of Juan Diego, on which appears the picture of Mary, painted as a young indian: for her dark skin she is called by faithful Virgin Morenita.



Teaching of *Papa Francesco*

She is a woman who journeyed with a mother's sensitivity and tenderness; she becomes a guest in family life, looses the knots of the many problems we manage to create, and teaches us to remain standing amid the storms. At the school of Mary we learn that her life is marked not by protagonism but by the capacity to enable others to be protagonists. She offers courage, teaches people to speak, and above all encourages people to live the boldness of faith and hope. At the school of Mary we learn to journey through the city and nourish our heart with the multicultural richness that inhabits the Continent; this when we are able to listen to that hidden heart that beats in our peoples and that safeguards — like a tiny flame under apparent ashes — the meaning of God and of his transcendence, the sacredness of life, respect for creation. P. Francesco Homily 12 Dec, 2018 Feast of B. Virgin Mary di Guadalupe

Brief pause of silence

LET US PRAY

O God, who, by the Most Holy Virgin Mary, your Mother, you have performed ever since marvelous actions for the salvation of people, we pray you, that, remembering her manifestation and the benefits received through her, we may be made worthy of understanding more and more and enjoying the vision of your face. You who live for ever and ever. **Amen**

15 Febbraio 2020

MARY, MOTHER OF FAMILIES

(Shrine of Scutari - Albania)

The picture of the **Mother of the Good Advice** or of the family: a mother with a child in her arms whom she looks with tenderness, manifests all the tenderness of a mother. In the past when in Albania was difficult to reveal to be Christians one had to hide himself, but in front of Mary it was and it is also nowadays a matter of pride to be from Albania. The inhabitants of Albania are very united to the values of family that the communist regime had tried to destroy. Mary has so become the patroness of family.



Listening to the World

Jn 2, 1-11

Brief pause of silence

LITANIES

Mother of the all families

pray for us

Mother of the all children

Virgin, mother and spouse

Tender spouse

Mother and woman of daily life

LET US PRAY

Mary of Nazareth, watch with tenderness over us and all our families; help us to fall in love with your virtues; come to help us in the day of our death, for, looking at you, stable stone, strongest tower, rock that does not shake, we may overcome the invisible enemy and obtain the eternal salvation.

LET US PRAY

Omnipotent and Eternal God, who, in your plan of love, you have inspired the Blessed Virgin, who was carrying in her womb your Son, to visit S. Elizabeth, grant us to be docile to the action of the Holy spirit, in order to praise with Mary your holy name. Through Jesus Christ. Amen

MARY, MOTHER OF PEOPLE

(VERGINE DI QUITO - Ecuador)



The gigantic statue, covered with aluminium of the Virgin of Quito, is placed on the summit of a hill over the city called El Panecillo. The Virgin is located on a big globe of aluminium who treads a bid snake. It is the classic icon of Madonna, less normal is that she is with wings. It seems that it is only statue of the Madonna in the world with wings of a angel. The Virgin is smiling and has the right hand lifted up as she were

blessing the city of Quito. This statue represents the Virgin in motion, as if she were dancing.

Listening to the Word

Luke 1, 39-55

Brief pause of silence

LITANIES

Virgin, help to those in need

pray for us

Mary, solicitous in visiting

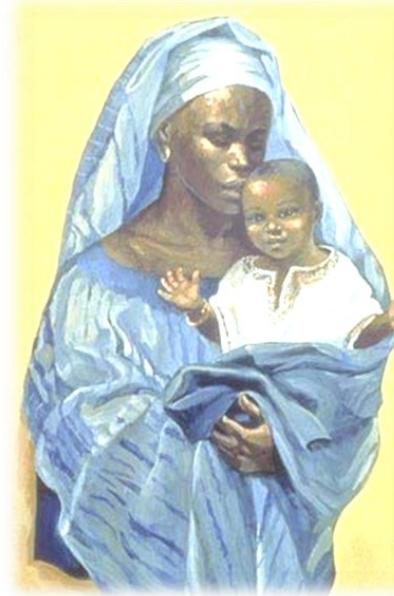
Woman clothed with sun

Madam of all cities

Mary, carrier of joy

MARY, A WOMEN OF OUR DAYS

(Africa - Kenya)



She used to live a life similar to others. Similar, that is, to the life of the next door. She used to drink the water of the same well. She used to crush wheat in the same mortar. She used seat to enjoy shadow in the same courtyard. She, too, were tired at twilight, after a day of work. Mary's life was full of attention for her family like us. This makes this person so similar to us in all human weariness, that we may suspect that our painful daily life is not so trivial as we might think (cfr Tonino Bello)

From Pope Francis

"The most influential woman in history"

"Obviously, the young woman of Nazareth was not part of the "social networks" of the time. She was not an "influencer", but without wanting or trying to, she became the most influential woman in history. Mary, the "influencer" of God. With just a few words, she was able to say "yes" and to trust in the love and promises of God, the only force capable of making all things new

(Papa Francesco to the youth in Panama 2019)

Brief pause of silence

LITANIES

Holy Mother, daily woman,

pray for us

Holy Mother, Virgin of waiting,

Holy Mother, woman in love,
Holy Mother, the sweetest creature
Holy Mother, welcoming woman

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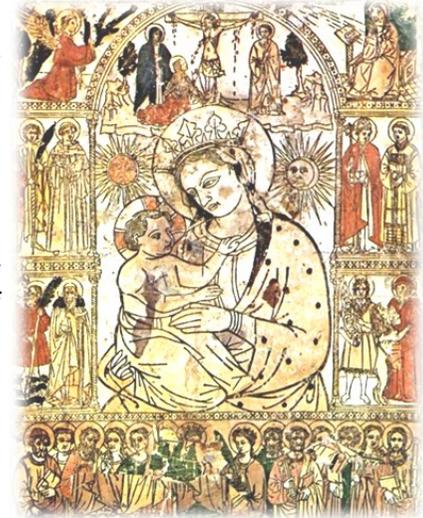
MARY, MOTHER OF THE CHURCH

(MADONNA of Fire - Uganda)

LET US PRAY

Holy Mary, true woman, icon of the feminine world, help to read history and to interpret life, with the tender and strong qualities of womanliness. In this world so dull, without tenderness, you Mary, image not only of the new woman, but of the new humanity, delivered from the expectations of false liberation, help us to thank God, who, in order to make earth more humane utilizes us.

The Madonna of Fire is one of the most ancient picture nowadays existing. Saved from fire which broke out during the night in a school classroom of the city, is kept in the Cathedral of Forlì. Devotion has spread also outside Forlì, Cervia, Rimini, Roma, Ancona, reaching even North Pole and Uganda. Commander Umberto Nobile in 1928, threw out of Italy airship, a picture of Madonna of Fire on the glacier of the ice-pack. In 1926 in Uganda a mission dedicated to the Madonna of Fire was opened.



Listening of the Word

Acts 2,1-41

Brief pause of silence

LITANIES

Burning Bramble-bush

Holy Spirit who proceeds from the Father and Son

Holy Spirit, equal to the Father and So

Promise of God the Father

Heavenly Spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary

Come into our heart

LET US PRAY (S. Catherine of Siena)

O Mary, vehicle of fire, you bore the fire hidden and veiled beneath the ash of your humanity. O Mary blessed are you among women throughout the ages. You today have given us some of your flour. Today, o Mary, divinity is united to and mixed with our humanity, pray that it may be never separated. In you, o Mary is written the Word, from whom we have the doctrine of life. You are such table that gives us such doctrine. Amen.