

**THE
CATHEDRAL
OF THE
RISEN
CHRIST**

Cathedral Bible Study

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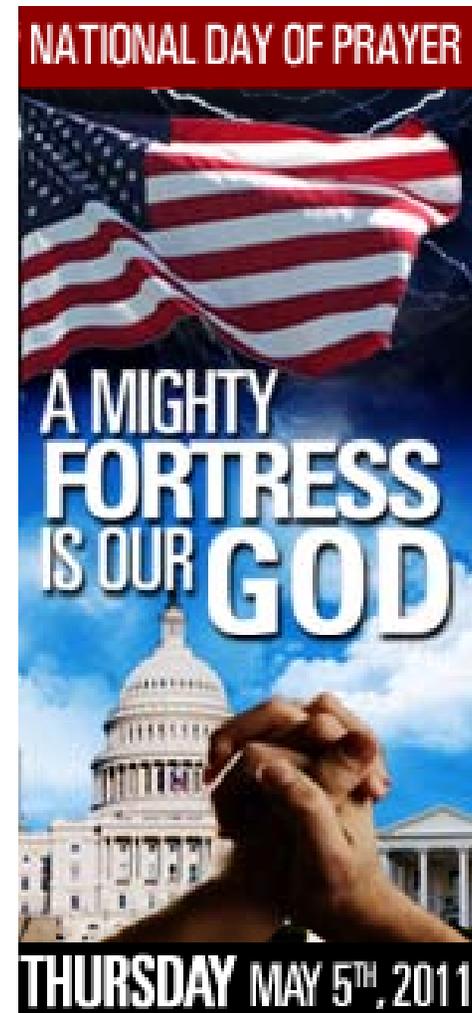
PUBLIC SERVICE ANNOUNCEMENTS

National Day of Prayer

- Papal Wednesday Audiences
- *“Grant that I may become beautiful within, and that whatever outward things I have may be in harmony with the spirit inside me.” (Socrates)*

May Crowning of Mary

- Friday @ 8:10AM School Mass w/Bishop Bruskewitz



BIBLE STUDY OBJECTIVES

- May → Month of Mary
- Marian: Holy Days of Obligation & Dogma's
- Learning to know Christ thru the "*School of Mary*"
- Have fun!



Marian Resources

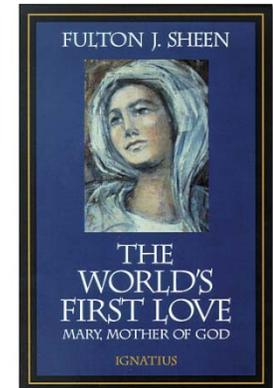
“Hail, Holy Queen”

by Dr. Scott Hahn



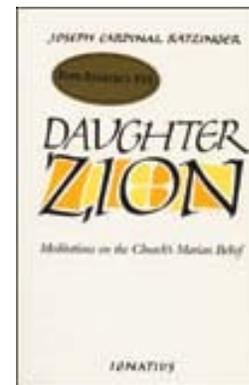
“The World’s First Love”

by Archbishop Fulton Sheen



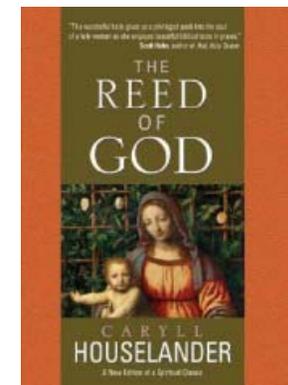
“Daughter Zion”

by Cardinal Joseph Ratzinger



“The Reed of God”

by Carol Houselander



U.S.A. Holy Days of Obligation

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| 1. January 1 → | Mary, Mother of God |
| 2. 6 th Thursday After Easter → | Ascension of Jesus |
| 3. August 15 → | Assumption of Mary |
| 4. November 1 → | All Saint's Day |
| 5. December 8 → | Immaculate Conception
<i>(Of Mary)</i> |
| 6. December 25 → | Christmas |

Marian Dogma's:

1. Divine Motherhood
2. Perpetual Virginity
3. Immaculate Conception
4. Assumption

Marian Dogma's

1. **Divine Motherhood (Council of Ephesus, 431)**
2. **Perpetual Virginity (Council of Latern, 649)**
3. **Immaculate Conception (December 8, 1854)**
4. **Assumption (November 1, 1950)**

Debated, Proposed, Discussed (5th Dogma?)

Mary as Spiritual Mother of all Humanity

(Co-Redemptrix, Mediatrix of all Graces, & Advocate)

REDEMPTION

How to describe Christ in the Marian dogmas?

REMEMBER: What is said of Mary is said of the Church!

The more that we understand the Marian Dogmas ...
the more we understand the role of the Church in
the Mission of Redemption ... why the Church is
necessary for salvation.

We must participate in the Marian dogmas in the way
that we were created to participate in them!

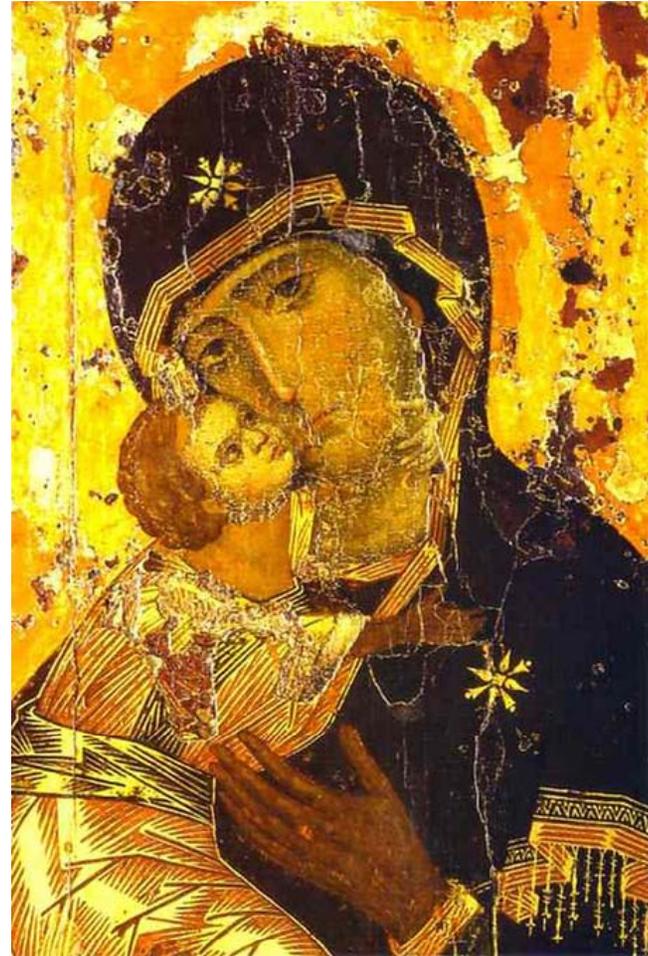
Marian dogmas help us to *know* Christ (not theological
facts & figures knowledge) but relationally!

PLANNED SCHEDULE

- May 5th → Divine Motherhood
- May 12th → Immaculate Conception
- May 19th → Perpetual Virginity
- May 26th → Assumption
- June 2nd → Apparitions (?)

DIVINE MOTHERHOOD

- **First Council of Ephesus**
(3rd ecumenical council)
held in 431 at the Church of
Mary in Ephesus (Western
Turkey)
- Fr. Nestorius incorrectly
emphasized disunity
between Christ's human
and divine natures (heresy!)
- Christotokos vs. Theotokos



The Theotokos of Vladimir (12th Century)

THEOTOKOS: MOTHER OF GOD

- Emphasizes the union (*communion*) between Divinity & Humanity
- PROTESTANTS: 'There is no difference between human mothers; My mother is no different than Mary' (*HINT: the difference is in the sons! Focus on the Work of God in choosing Mary!*)
- CREED: He "became Man" ... *'the Word became Flesh and dwelt (tabernacled) among us'* (John 1:14)
- Study of Mary protects the Study of Christ ... Mary didn't give birth to Jesus' human nature (natures aren't born, persons are!)
- Christ = 1 person; 2 natures (Human & Divine)

OLD TESTAMENT PREFIGUREMENT

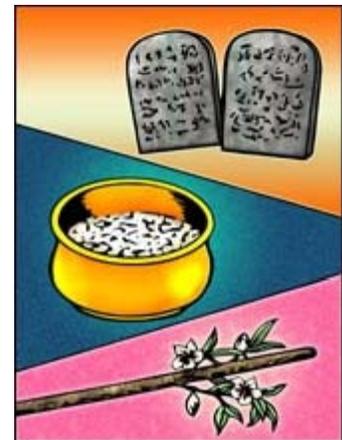
Exodus 33:7

“Moses’ Intimacy with God.

Moses used to pitch a tent outside the camp at some distance. It was called the tent of meeting. Anyone who wished to consult the Lord would go to the tent of meeting”

The Tent of Meeting:

- *‘Make a sanctuary for Me, and I will dwell among them’ (Ex 25:8)*
- Holiest Place
- Ark of the Covenant



NEW TESTAMENT

(Book of Revelation 11 & 12)



“Then the seventh angel blew his trumpet. There were loud voices in heaven, saying, "The kingdom of the world now belongs to our Lord and to his Anointed, and he will reign forever and ever." The twenty-four elders who sat on their thrones before God prostrated themselves and worshiped God Then God's temple in heaven was opened, and the ark of his covenant could be seen in the temple. There were flashes of lightning, rumblings, and peals of thunder, an earthquake, and a violent hailstorm.

A great sign appeared in the sky, 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 and wailed aloud in pain as she labored to give birth. Then another sign appeared in the sky; it was a huge red dragon, the dragon stood before the woman about to give birth, to devour her child when she gave birth. She gave birth to a son, a male child, destined to rule all the nations with an iron rod. Her child was caught up to God and his throne. The woman herself fled into the desert where she had a place prepared by God”

SO WHAT? LIFE WITHOUT IT...

NEWS FLASH! EXTRA! EXTRA!

Divinity and Humanity can co-exist!

- Mary offers HOPE: Union (Communion) between Divinity & Humanity is possible!
- Divinization (*Christification*) is possible!
- Within the Divinization ... we do NOT lose our humanity ... something remarkable is going on ... our human nature is not going to get in the way of our living the Divine Life
- God collapses the distance between Him and us! (Sin creates a gap in our relationship with God; Redemption closes the gap & restores union)



JANUARY 1st MEDITATIONS

Mary, Mother of God

- Mary as Mother of God, means Jesus is truly God! God loves us so much that He came to dwell among us! Consider the humility! Consider the Love! God wanted to have a mother!
- Mary is the only human who can say to Jesus, *'You are my son, I have begotten you'* (Ps 2:7)
- How did this honor come to Mary? How can we imitate her?
- Conception changes a person (physically, emotionally, chemically). Mary conceived by the Holy Spirit. How is the Holy Spirit changing us?

Mary, Mother of God

Meditations Cont.

Psalm 7:15

“Sinners conceive iniquity;
pregnant with mischief, they
give birth to failure.”

*Pay attention to the words,
actions, emotions birthed
from our lips & hands. What
are we giving birth to and
bringing into the world?*

*What are we
pregnant with?*

Luke 1:35

“The holy Spirit will come
upon you, and the power of
the Most High will
overshadow you. Therefore
the child to be born will be
called holy”

*Are we allowing the Holy
Spirit to Conceive Holiness
within us?*

*Are we spiritually
contracepting?*

St. Francis of Assisi

“We are mothers of Christ when we carry Him in our hearts and bodies through divine love and a pure and sincere conscience;

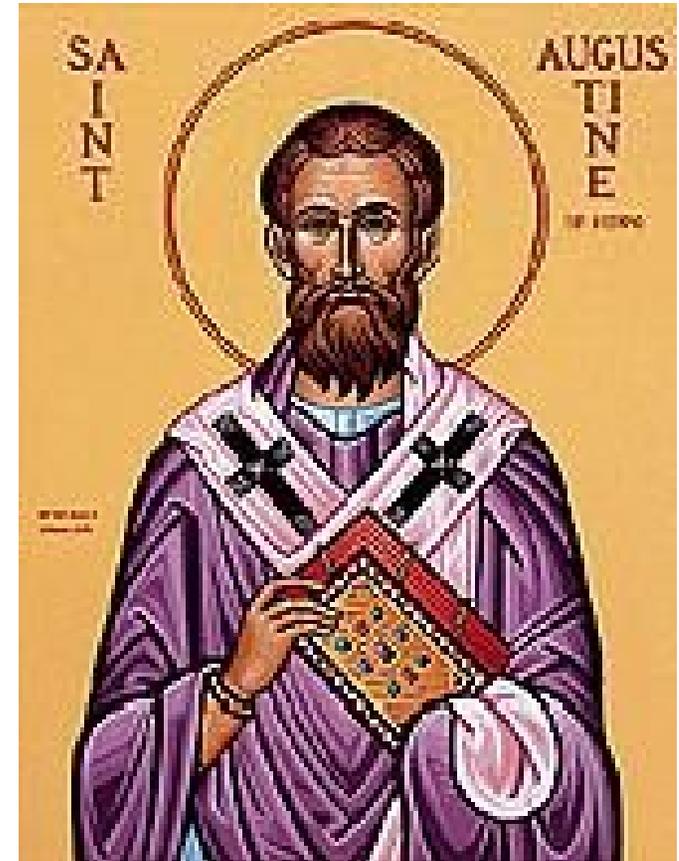
we bring Him forth through works which must be a shining example to others

O, how blessed and dear, how pleasant, humble, peaceful, sweet, amiable and desirable above all things to have such a brother and such a son as Our Lord Jesus Christ!”



St. Augustine

“His Mother carried Him in her womb,
may we carry Him in our hearts;
the Virgin became pregnant with the
Incarnation of Christ, may our hearts
become pregnant with faith in Christ;
she brought forth the Savior, may our
souls bring forth salvation and praise.
May our souls be not sterile, but fertile
for God.”



Sneak Preview:
Immaculate Conception
of Mary

