

FAVORITE NOVENAS TO MARY

Arranged for Private Prayer
in Accord with the Liturgical Year
on the Feasts of Our Lady



With a Short Helpful Meditation
Before Each Novena

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— JANUARY —

SOLEMNITY OF MARY, THE HOLY MOTHER OF GOD

(January 1)

MEDITATION

THE most sublime of Mary's privileges is her Divine Maternity. Without that Maternity, her other privileges would not exist; she herself would not exist, for she was created only to be the Mother of God.

Mary's Divine Maternity is great also because this privilege is the reason for her other privileges—her Immaculate Conception, miraculous virginity, fullness of grace, Assumption, and the spiritual maternity of all mankind. The Divine Maternity explains everything in her; without this Maternity nothing in Mary can be explained.



1. The Annunciation
For the love of humility.

The Five Joyful Mysteries

*Said on Mondays and Saturdays
[except during Lent], and the Sun-
days from Advent to Lent.*



2. The Visitation
For charity toward my neighbor.



4. The Presentation
For the virtue of obedience.



3. The Nativity
For the spirit of poverty.



5. Finding in the Temple
For the virtue of piety.

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—DECEMBER—

THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

(December 8)

MEDITATION

THE Church teaches that from the first moment of her conception the Blessed Virgin Mary possessed sanctifying grace, even the fullness of grace, with the infused virtues and gifts of the Holy Spirit. Yet she remained subject to death and other pains and miseries of life that her Son Himself willed to undergo.

Mary was “in the first instant of her conception, by the singular grace and privilege of the all-powerful God, in virtue of the merits of Jesus Christ, Savior of the human race, preserved from all stain of original sin.”



OUR LADY OF GUADALUPE

(December 12)

MEDITATION

ACCORDING to tradition the Blessed Virgin appeared to a fifty-five-year-old Aztec Indian Juan Diego, who was hurrying to Mass in Mexico City, on Saturday, December 9, 1531. She sent him to Bishop Zumaraga to ask that a church be built on the spot where she stood. She was at the same place that evening and Sunday evening to get the bishop's answer. After cross-questioning Juan, the bishop ordered him to ask for a sign from the lady who had said she was the Mother of God.

Mary spoke to Juan in these words: "Know and take heed, my dear little son, that I am the holy Mary, ever Virgin, Mother of the true God for Whom we live, the Creator of all the world, Maker of heaven