

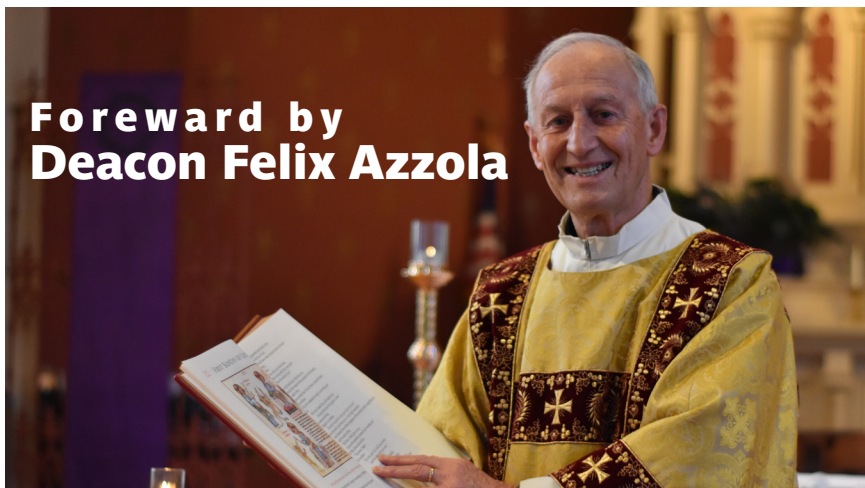


Summer 2020

DEVOTIONS

ST. MARY CATHOLIC CHURCH

Foreward by Deacon Felix Azzola



Dear Parishioners of Saint Mary Parish, This Prayer Book of Devotions has been assembled in honor of the Blessed Virgin Mary, patroness of St. Mary Church in Delaware, Ohio, on the occasion of the 25th Anniversary of my Ordination as a Deacon. It is presented to the Parishioners of St. Mary as a reminder and as an aid to remain steady in the practice of the Catholic Faith by re-discovering traditional devotions. Indeed this Prayer Book has been developed in response to some Parishioners who regularly attended Mass on Friday morning and desired to deepen their prayer life by praying new devotions after Mass. It is wonderful to see among our parishioners such thirst for holiness.

On this Anniversary of my Ordination, 5 of August, the Church celebrates the Memorial of the Dedication of the Basilica of St. Mary Major in Rome. It is a Marian Feast. I chose this date for my Ordination as a tribute to our Mother Mary, through whom I received this vocation and to whom I owe my growth as Deacon. It is on this Marian Feast, then, that we hear again Mary's invitation to pray the Rosary and to follow more closely her example in our way of life. We know for sure that She, who gave us her Son Jesus, will lead us more surely to her Son Jesus: "Ad Iesum per Mariam" - "To Jesus through Mary". Join me in thanking the Lord for his many blessings on me during the past 25 years. May the Lord reward the goodness of our Parishioners and continue to shower abundant blessings upon this warm and gracious Parish that has allowed me the opportunity to serve as Deacon for the past 25 years. And may Mary's protection and intercession be a source of inspiration for greater and more generous service to our beautiful Parish.

Many blessings and much love!
-Deacon Felix Azzola

INSIDE DEVOTIONS

St. Mary Parish Mission Statement

Under the patronage of Our Blessed Mother, and rooted in the Roman Catholic faith since 1835, St. Mary Delaware is a vital and vibrant community that engages the living God in worship and prayer, and in Word and Sacrament. Led by the Holy Spirit, and imploring the intercession of St. Mary, we desire to imitate her role of being the Christ bearer, and bear witness to her Son's redeeming love that has been poured upon us in Baptism, and sustained by the practices and teachings of the Church.

ORDER OF MASS



Introductory Rites

- Entrance
- Greeting
- Penitential Act
- Glory to God
- Collect

Liturgy of the Word

- First Reading
- Responsorial Psalm
- Second Reading (on Sundays and solemnities)
- Gospel Acclamation
- Gospel
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(on Sundays, solemnities, special occasions)
- Universal Prayer/Prayers of the Faithful

Liturgy of the Eucharist

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 - Preface
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- Sign of Peace
- Lamb of God
- Communion
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Concluding Rites

- Optional announcements
- Greeting and Blessing
- Dismissal



**“It would be easier for
the world to survive
without the sun than
to do so without the
Holy Mass.”**

- St. Pio of Pietrelcina

THE INTRODUCTORY RITES

The Introductory Rites help the faithful come together as one, establish communion and prepare themselves to listen to the Word of God and to celebrate the Eucharist worthily.

Sign of the Cross

All make the Sign of the Cross as the Priest says:

In the name of the Father, the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

(R) Amen.

Greeting

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God,
and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

(R) And with your spirit.

Penitential Act

*The Priest invites the faithful to the Penitential Act.
Then one of the Penitential Acts follows:*

The Confiteor

I confess to almighty God
and to you, my brothers and sisters,
that I have greatly sinned,
in my thoughts and in my words,
in what I have done and in what I have
failed to do,

Striking your breast three times, say:
through my fault,
through my fault,
through my most grievous fault;

therefore I ask blessed Mary ever-Virgin,
all the Angels and Saints,
and you, my brothers and sisters,
to pray for me to the Lord our God.

Lord, have mercy

You were sent to heal the contrite of heart:
Lord, have mercy.
(R) Lord, have mercy.

You came to call sinners: Christ, have mercy
(R) Christ, have mercy.

You are seated at the right hand of the
Father to intercede for us: Lord, have mercy.
(R) Lord, have mercy.

Kyrie, elesion (kir-ree-eh el-eh-zon)

Kyrie, elesion
(R) Kyrie, elesion.

Christe, elesion
(R) Christe, elesion.

Kyrie, elesion
(R) Kyrie, Elesion.

The Gloria

Glory to God in the highest,
and on earth peace to people
of good will.

We praise you,
we bless you,
we adore you,
we glorify you,
we give you thanks for your great glory,
Lord God, heavenly King,
O God, almighty Father.
Lord Jesus Christ, Only Begotten Son,
Lord God, Lamb of God,
Son of the Father,
you take away the sins of the world,
have mercy on us;
you take away the sins of the world,
receive our prayer;
you are seated at the right hand
of the Father,
have mercy on us.
For you alone are the Holy One,
you alone are the Lord,
you alone are the Most High,
Jesus Christ,
with the Holy Spirit,
in the glory of God the Father.
Amen

The Collect

When the Gloria or a hymn if it is the Lenten Season is concluded, the Priest, says:

Let us pray.

And all pray in silence with the Priest for a while. Then the Priest says the Collect prayer, at the end of which the people acclaim:

(R) Amen.



By hearing the word proclaimed in worship, the faithful again enter into the unending dialogue between God and the covenant people, a dialogue sealed in the sharing of the Eucharistic food and drink.

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

First Reading

To indicate the end of the reading, the lector acclaims: The word of the Lord.

(R) Thanks be to God.

Psalms

After the First Reading the psalmist or cantor sings or says the Psalm, with the people making the response.

Second Reading

On Sundays and certain other days there is a second reading. It concludes with the same response as the first reading.

(R) Thanks be to God.

Gospel Reading

This is the high point of the Liturgy of the Word so all stand to respect the Word.

The Lord be with you.

(R) And with your spirit.

A reading from the holy Gospel according to (gospel writer)

(R) Glory to you, O Lord.

At the end of the Gospel, the Deacon, or the Priest, acclaims: The Gospel of the Lord.

(R) Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

The Homily

All sit during the homily. At the end of the Homily it is appropriate for there to be a brief silence for recollection.

The Nicene Creed

*On Sundays and Solemnities, the Profession of Faith or Creed will follow.
During Lent and Easter Time, especially, the Apostles' Creed may be used.*

I believe in one God,
the Father, the Almighty,
Maker of heaven and earth,
of all things visible and invisible.
I believe in one Lord Jesus Christ,
the only-begotten Son of God,
born of the Father before all ages,
God from God, Light from Light,
true God from true God,
begotten, not made,
consubstantial with the Father.
Through him all things were made.
For us and for our salvation
he came down from heaven

All bow up to and including became man
and by the power of the Holy Spirit
was incarnate of the Virgin Mary,
and became man.

For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;
he suffered death and was buried,
and rose again on the third day
in accordance with the Scriptures.
He ascended into heaven
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,
and his kingdom will have no end.
I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son.
With the Father and the Son he is adored and glorified.
He has spoken through the Prophets.
I believe in one, holy, catholic and apostolic Church.
I confess one baptism for the forgiveness of sins,
and I look forward to the resurrection of the dead,
and the life of the world to come.



This Creed is the spiritual seal,
our heart's meditation and an
ever-present guardian; it is,
unquestionably,

THE TREASURE OF OUR SOUL.

Catechism of the Catholic Church
(CCC 197)

The Apostles' Creed can be found in the section of Devotions
dedicated to Praying the Rosary.



THE LITURGY OF THE EUCCHARIST

For Catholics, the Eucharist is the source and summit of the whole Christian life. It is the vital center of all that the Church is and does, because at its heart is the real presence of the crucified, risen and glorified Lord, continuing and making available his saving work among us.

Preparation of the Altar & Prayer over the Offerings

During the Offertory Song the gifts of bread and wine are brought in procession. The Priest offers the prayers of blessing quietly at the altar. If the priest says the prayers aloud the assembly's acclamation each time is:

(R) Blessed be God for ever.

The Priest completes additional personal preparatory rites, and the people rise as he says:

Pray, my brothers and sisters,
that my sacrifice and yours
may be acceptable to God,
the almighty Father.

**(R) May the Lord accept the sacrifice
at your hands for the praise and glory of
his name, for our good and the good of
all his holy Church.**

Then the Priest says the Prayer over the Offerings, at the end of which the people acclaim:

(R) Amen.

The Eucharistic Prayer

The Lord be with you.

(R) And with your spirit.

Lift up your hearts.

(R) We lift them up to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

(R) It is right and just.

Holy, Holy, Holy (Sanctus)

Holy, Holy, Holy Lord God of hosts.

Heaven and earth are full of your glory.

Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is he who comes in the name
of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest.

The Mystery of Faith

We proclaim your Death, O Lord,
and profess your Resurrection
until you come again.

Or:

When we eat this Bread
and drink this Cup,
we proclaim your Death, O Lord,
until you come again.

Or:

Save us, Saviour of the world,
for by your Cross and Resurrection
you have set us free.

At the conclusion of the prayer the Priest takes the chalice and the paten with the host and, raising both, he says:

Through him, and with him, and in him,
O God, almighty Father,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
all glory and honour is yours,
for ever and ever.

Doxology of St. Mary (The Great Amen)

Amen, Amen, Amen, Amen

Blessing and glory,
wisdom, thanksgiving, and honor
power and might belong to the Lord
forever and ever
Amen.

*Our Great Amen was brought to St. Mary
with the appointment of Father Sylvester
Onyeachonam in January 2019. If Father
is not presiding sometimes there may be a
simple Amen said.*

The Apostles' Creed

I believe in God, the Father Almighty, Creator of Heaven and earth;
and in Jesus Christ, His only Son Our Lord, Who was conceived by the
Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried.

He descended into Hell; the third day He rose again from the dead;
He ascended into Heaven, and is seated at the right hand of God, the
Father almighty; from thence He shall come to judge the living and
the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Catholic Church, the communion
of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body and life
everlasting. Amen.

Our Father | The Lord's Prayer

Our Father, Who art in heaven,
Hallowed be Thy Name.

Thy Kingdom come.

Thy Will be done,
on earth as it is in Heaven.

Give us this day our daily bread.

And forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive those who trespass against us.

And lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil. Amen.

Hail Mary

Hail Mary,

Full of Grace,

The Lord is with thee.

Blessed art thou among women,
and blessed is the fruit
of thy womb, Jesus.

Holy Mary, Mother of God,
pray for us sinners now,
and at the hour of our death. Amen.

Glory Be | Glory to the Father

Glory to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit

As it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.

O My Jesus | The Fatima Prayer

O my Jesus, forgive us our sins, save us from the fires of Hell and
lead all souls to Heaven, especially those most in need of Thy Mercy.
Amen.

Hail Holy Queen

Hail, holy Queen, mother of mercy, our life, our sweetness, and our hope. To thee do we cry, poor banished children of Eve. To thee do we send up our sighs mourning and weeping in this valley of tears. Turn then, most gracious advocate, thine eyes of mercy toward us, and after this our exile show us the blessed fruit of thy womb, Jesus. O clement, O loving, O sweet Virgin Mary.

(V) Pray for us, O Holy Mother of God.

(R) That we may be made worthy of the promises of Christ.

Rosary Prayer

(V) Let us pray,

(R) O God, whose only begotten Son, by His life, death, and resurrection, has purchased for us the rewards of eternal salvation. Grant, we beseech Thee, that while meditating on these mysteries of the most holy Rosary of the Blessed Virgin Mary, that we may both imitate what they contain and obtain what they promise, through Christ our Lord. Amen.

The Angelus

The Angel of the Lord declared unto Mary...

And she conceived of the Holy Spirit.

Hail Mary...

Behold the handmaid of the Lord...

Be it done unto me according to Your word.

Hail Mary...

And the Word was made Flesh...

and dwelt among us.

Hail Mary...

Pray for us, O Holy Mother of God...

That we may be made worthy of the promises of Christ.

Angel of God | Guardian Angel Prayer

Angel of God...

My guardian dear, to whom God's love commits me here, ever this day, be at my side, to light, to guard, to rule and to guide. Amen.

Prayer to St. Michael the Archangel

St. Michael the Archangel, defend us in battle. Be our defense against the wickedness and snares of the devil. May God rebuke him we humbly pray, and do you, O Prince of the heavenly host, by the power of God, cast into Hell, Satan and all the other evil spirits, who prowl about the world for the ruin of souls. Amen

The background of the entire image is a dark, textured surface covered with a pattern of small, five-pointed stars. Overlaid on this are several thick, light-colored lines that intersect at various angles, creating a complex geometric design. Some of these lines have a dashed or dotted texture. The overall effect is reminiscent of a celestial map or a stylized representation of the night sky.

"AS MARINERS ARE
GUIDED INTO PORT BY
THE SHINING OF A STAR,
**SO CHRISTIANS ARE
GUIDED TO HEAVEN
BY MARY."**

SAINT THOMAS AQUINAS