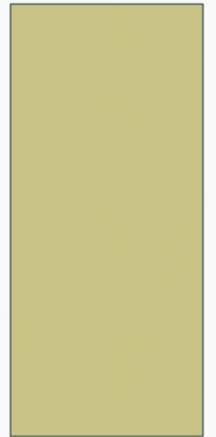


# FAMILY FAITH FORMATION – 2025/2026

SAINT PATRICK'S & SAINT LUKE'S



# THE PURPOSE OF FAMILY FAITH FORMATION

- To help you learn more about God so that you can deepen your own personal relationship with Him.
- To give you the confidence to speak about your Catholic faith with others.
- To help you as you guide your children in their own personal relationship with God.
- To provide you with an opportunity to spend more time with your immediate family and also with our parish family.
- To provide you with a short time for prayer and an opportunity to use the Sacrament of Reconciliation.

# THE PURPOSE OF FAMILY FAITH FORMATION

- The Catechism of the Catholic Church is divided into 4 sections. They are:
  - The Creed – What we believe
  - The Sacraments – How we are sanctified
  - The Commandments – How we are to live
  - Prayer – How we relate and interact with God
- This year we will be studying Prayer

# MARIAN DEVOTIONS (PART 1)



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- Mary was born about 20 B.C. probably in Jerusalem.
- Tradition says that she was the daughter of Saint Joachim and Ann (their feast day is July 26<sup>th</sup>).
- Mary was the wife of Saint Joseph (Mt1:18-25).
- When Mary's life on earth came to an end, she was taken up into heaven, body and soul. This is called the Assumption.

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- When God created Mary, He preserved her free from Original Sin.
- This is called the Immaculate Conception.
  - December 8th
- The Annunciation (Jesus conception)
  - The Angel appeared, Mary's great YES, and Jesus!
  - March 25th.

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- Mary is the mother of Jesus Christ, the Son of God.
- We celebrate the birth of Christ on Christmas; this is called the Nativity.
- Because Jesus is God, it means that Mary is the mother of God.
- Jesus was Mary's only child.

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- There are those who say Mary had other children and hence was not a virgin. For example, they cite Mt 13:55-56 and Mt 1:25.
- However, “until” did not imply any conclusions about the future.
- Also, the Jews had no word for cousin. All members of the tribe were brother and sisters.

# MARIAN DEVOTIONS (PART 1)

- Worship and adoration belong to God alone.
- Through worship, we acknowledge our total dependence upon God.
- Devotion is love or loyalty or enthusiasm for a person, activity, or cause.
- Honor and devotion are given to people who have followed God's teachings.

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- We honor Mary because she did God's will perfectly (Lk 1:38).
- We honor Mary out of respect and obedience to Scripture (Lk 1:48).

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- Intercession is when someone steps in to help another.
- Mary asked Jesus to help a young couple at their wedding (Jn 2:1-12). Here you can read the story of the Wedding at Cana.
- Mary is always ready to intercede with Jesus for US.
- We should not hesitate to ask for her help.

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- Some comments on the “Hail Mary”
- The first half of this prayer is Scriptural.
- When the angel Gabriel Mary (Lk 1:28), he said, “Hail, full of grace, the Lord is with you.
- When Saint Elizabeth’s greeted Mary (Lk 1:42), she said, “Blessed are you among women and blessed is the fruit of your womb.
- The Council of Ephesus (431) affirmed Mary’s title “Mother of God.”

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- The word “Hail” (in Latin Ave) means greetings.
- “Full of grace” is difficult to translate from the Greek. It is only used in one other place in the Bible and there to refer to Jesus.
- “Fruit of thy womb” refers to her child, Jesus.
- Mother of God because she is the mother of a Person, Jesus Christ not the mother of a nature.

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- The Rosary is a favorite prayer of Catholics around the world.
- There is a tradition that its origin is linked to Saint Dominic. He was working to convert the Albigensians who denied the Incarnation.
- It is said that Mary appeared to him and gave him the Rosary to use as a way of overcoming the Albigensians.
- When saying the Rosary, we both honor Mary and ask for her help and intercession.

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- The parts of the Rosary ...
  - The crucifix
  - The first five beads
  - The medal
  - The decades

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- The Prayers ...
  - The Apostles' Creed
  - The Lord's Prayer
  - The Hail Mary
  - The Glory Be
  - The Fatima Prayer

# MARIAN DEVOTIONS (PART 1)

- The *Mysteries* ...
  - Joyful
  - Luminous
  - Sorrowful
  - Glorious
- Each *Mystery* is divided into five decades

# MARIAN DEVOTIONS (PART 1)

- The Rosary combines vocal prayer and meditation.
- As one says the different prayers of the Rosary out loud, they are to meditate on the mysteries in their thoughts.
- Consider the 5<sup>th</sup> Sorrowful mystery, the Crucifixion ...

# MARIAN DEVOTIONS (PART 1)

- The power of the Rosary ...
- The Battle of Lepanto, October 7<sup>th</sup>, 1571.

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- Pope Saint Pius V said,
- “By the Rosary, the darkness of heresy has been dispelled and the light of the Catholic faith shines out in all its brilliancy.”

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- Some facts:
- Last naval battle using ships propelled by oars.
- Our Lady of Guadalupe flag/image.
- Miguel Cervantes was one of the soldiers.

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# HOMework

- Parents at Home:
  - Read from the Catechism 963-975 (Mary as Mother).
  - Watch the two short videos on Prayer.
  - Ask your children:
    - What is the difference between worshipping and honoring someone.

# HOMEWORK

- Ask your children why we should pray to Mary.
- Ask your children when (or if) they personally pray to Mary.
- Listen to your children recite the Hail Mary out loud and correct any mistakes.

# HOMEWORK

- Ask your children if and when they are saying their prayers.
- Recite the Joyful Mysteries of the Rosary together as a family.
- See that your children complete any homework assignments they have.

# FAMILY PRAYER

