



Ta' Pinu Shrine

Our Lady, Queen of the Family

A CALL TO PRAYER



Mary, Mother of God— Our Mother

“Let us come to his bride, let us come to his mother, let us come to the best of his handmaidens.” All of these descriptions fit the Blessed Mary.

But what are we to do for her ? What sort of gifts shall we offer her?

So that we might at least repay to her the debt we owe her!

We owe her honour , we owe her devotion, we owe her love, we owe her praise.

We owe Her honour because she is the mother of Our Lord. He who does not honour the mother, will without doubt dishonour the Son. Besides Scripture say: “Honour your father and your mother”

What shall we say then, brothers and Sisters? Is she not our mother?

Certainly, she is in truth our mother. Through her, we are born, not to the world but to God. We all, as you believe and know, were in death, in the infirmity of old age, in darkness ,in misery. In death because we had lost the Lord; in the infirmity of old age because we were in corruption, in darkness because we had lost the light of wisdom and so we had altogether perished.

But through Blessed Mary, we all underwent a much better birth than through Eve, in much as Christ was born of Mary. Instead of infirmity, we have regained youth, instead of corruption-incorruption, instead of darkness light.

She is our mother, mother of our life, our incorruption, our light.

The Apostle says of the Lord, ‘Whom God made our wisdom, our righteousness, our sanctification and redemption’ She, therefore who is the mother of Christ is the mother of our wisdom, mother of our righteousness, mother of our sanctification, mother of our redemption.

St John Paul II’s Prayer to the Virgin Mary, Our Mother

May the Virgin Mary, who is the Mother of the Church, also be the Mother of the “Church of the home”. Thanks to her motherly aid, May each Christian really become a “little Church” in which the mystery of the Church of Christ is mirrored and given new life. May She, the Handmaid of the Lord, be an example of humble and generous acceptance of the will of God.

May she, the Sorrowful Mother, at the foot of the Cross, comfort the sufferings and dry the eyes of those in distress because of the difficulties of their family life.

May Christ the Lord, the Universal King , the King of Families, be present in every Christian home as he was at Cana, bestowing Light, Joy, Serenity

Therefore she is more our mother than the mother of our flesh. Better therefore is our birth, which we derive from Mary, for from her is our holiness, our wisdom, our righteousness, our sanctification, our redemption.

The Scriptures say:

“Praise the Lord in his Saint”

If our Lord is to be praised in those Saints through whom he performs mighty works and miracles, how much more should he be praised, in whom he fashioned himself, he who is wonderful beyond all wonder.





AN EXTRACT FROM THE CATECHISM OF THE CATHOLIC CHURCH

Christ 's ascension and His second coming

Christ's ascension marks the definitive entrance of Jesus' humanity into God's heavenly domain, whence he will come again (*Acts 1:11*); this humanity in the meantime hides him from the eyes of

man (*Col.3:3*)

Jesus, the head of the Church, precedes us into the Father's glorious kingdom so that we, the members of his Body, may live in the hope of one day being with him for ever.

Jesus Christ, having entered the sanctuary of heaven, once and for all, intercedes constantly for us as the mediator who assures us of the permanent outpouring of

the Holy Spirit.

Christ the Lord already reigns through the Church, but all the things of this world are not yet subjected to him. The triumph of Christ's kingdom will not come about without one last assault by the power of evil.

On Judgement Day, at the end of the world, Christ will come in glory to achieve the definitive triumph of good over evil which, like the wheat and the tares, have grown up together in the course of history.

When he comes at the end of time to judge the living and the dead, the glorious Christ will reveal the secret disposition of the hearts and will render to each man ac-

BE CAREFUL FOR YOUR ACTIONS: Dead flies make perfumer's ointment give off an evil odour; so a little folly outweighs wisdom and honour. (Eccl.10:1)

THE GOSPEL REFLECTION OF THE MONTH:

"The time has come, and the kingdom of God is at hand" (Mark 1:15).

"The time has come", Jesus exclaimed after John had been arrested, "and the kingdom of God is close at hand. Repent and believe the Good News".

It seems a little strange to talk about repentance when we have just celebrated, with great enthusiasm and joy, Jesus' Birthday. Jesus birthday was a great day. The Angels who appeared on his birthday sang "Glory to God in the highest and on earth peace to men with whom he is pleased". On the other hand, when his parents, Mary and Joseph, took him to the temple to fulfill the Law prescribed by Moses, so as to give an example of obedience and humility, the holy old man, pointing to Jesus, turned his eyes to Mary and said to her, "Behold this child is set for the fall and rise of many in Israel and a sign that is spoken "against.." (*Luke 2:34*).

It seems that these two prophesies contradict each other. But it is the truth. The angels foretold peace to "people of good will". In one of his sermons, Pope Leo the Great said, "Nobody is outsider to this happiness. The same cause for joy is common to all, for our Lord found nobody free from guilt when he came to bring an end to death and to sin, so he came with redemption to all.". (*Sermon 1 Nativ.1*).

For many people Christmas comes for decorations, whether home or street decorations. Where, in times past, the presence of Baby Jesus was a must at our homes, nowadays few are those who accept it. On All Souls Day many people like to present a photo of their loved ones. Is it not appropriate, just the same, not to say a must, to present Jesus in our homes on his Birthday, since by his birth he gave us the possibility of being born to heaven?

For us Christians, first of all, Christmas should come to decorate our soul with God's main three virtues, Faith, Love and Hope. These were the three special graces that decorated our mother Mary's heart, faith in what the angel Gabriel announced to her, loved her son Jesus even to the Cross and hoped in the success of his mission.

St. Mark tells us "After John had been arrested, Jesus went back to Galilee. There he proclaimed the Good News from God. "The time has come" he said "and the kingdom of God is close at hand. Repent, and believe in the Good News". By these words Jesus did not want to scare us but to encourage us. Because he came into this world to redeem us from the bond of sin. He left his godly vest and put on our human one so that he may bestow on us his godly one. This is what Jesus expects from us by this statement after the celebration of his birthday and the beginning of this year. He wants us to listen to the Good News which is his teaching and practice it. St John the evangelist told us that Jesus "Came into his own home, and his own people received him not" (*John 1:9-11*)

All of us baptized are Jesus' homes. Are you refusing him like his contemporary people did to Him, by ignoring the Good News?



An Inspirational Story About The Eucharist

I am 46 years old and live in the city of Montreal, Canada. I love going to mass everyday, and receiving the body, blood of Jesus in holy Communion,

The Eucharist became more precious to me after I heard the homily of Father Rob, preaching at a First Communion Mass at my home parish of St Luke.

During his homily, he said: "When you eat meat, vegetables, fish, eggs, etc. they become you, your flesh. When you eat (receive) Jesus in holy Communion, you become part of Him. This may not be scientifically proven, but cell by cell, with each holy Eucharist, you receive in faith, you change into Him until one day you are truly Jesus in your behaviour, in your words, In your life." I was deeply touched by his words, were actually directed to children.

On introspection, I recognize the change in myself after years of receiving Jesus. I am changed in the way I react to things, the way I reach out to people, and in the way I resolve matters.

Jesus is always the first recourse in, my first responder. He is my strength and compassionate listener.

I don't even want to imagine the person I would be without Jesus in my life, without receiving Him every day in Holy communion. I feel so privileged and blessed to be Catholic and to live in a city that still has daily Mass. Best of All, I am blessed to be able to spend most of my day in God's house working as a parish secretary. I am just a few dozen feet away from the Tabernacle when I am at work. What more could I ask for?

GOD IS SO GOOD TO ME!!! Another thing I have experienced by receiving the Eucharist daily is the bond of Love that is created among the congregation, Often we do not know each other's names but by seeing each other regularly, we notice the absence of a person who sits regularly in a particular pew or that someone is looking sick or distressed. Then we automatically send up a prayer for that person., whether we know them or not. Yes the holy Eucharist creates a bond of love among the people of God, just like Jesus promised.

I feel blessed to have freedom of religion, freedom to read my Bible, and to be able to go to church and participate in the celebration of the holy Eucharist. I am blessed to be able to receive Jesus everyday.

If every catholic realised how powerful and healing the holy Eucharist really is, they would stampede to the church to attend every Mass and receive the body and blood of Jesus.

May I ,live to see that day, Maranatha, Come Lord Jesus!!

Liturgical Celebrations for January 2015

Date	January 2015 Celebrations
Sat 3rd Jan 2015	Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God 2.00p.m. Rosary Procession Confession followed by Holy Mass led by Rev Carmel Borg and Benediction at 2.30p.m.
Sun 4 th January	Solemnity of The Epiphany of the Lord Our Lady of Lanka Oratory: Private Family Prayer Day
Sun 11 th January	Solemnity of The Baptism of the Lord from 1.45p.m Our Lady of Good Health, Vailankanni: Rosary procession Followed by Confession, Adoration, Chaplet of Divine Mercy, Holy Mass, Carols during Fellowship
Wed 21st May	Mother and Child Oratory Wednesday Novenas will be held at 7.30p.m
Friday 23 rd January	ESPOUSAL OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN TO ST JOSEPH Rosary, Holy Mass & Eucharistic Benediction at 6.30 p.m
Major Events for February 2015	
Wed 11th February	Celebrating the 23rd World Day of the Sick 11.00 a.m. ADORATION , ROSARY FOLLOWED BY HOLY MASS WITH SPECIAL BLESSINGS OF THE SICK
Sunday 15 th February	10.00 a.m. Feast of Our Lady of Lanka Rosary procession from the Oratory and Holy Mass

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THE HOLY FAMILY OF NAZARETH.

Address by H.H. Pope Paul VI on 5th January 1964



The home of Nazareth is the school where we begin to understand the life of Jesus. The first lesson we learn here is to look, to listen, to meditate and penetrate the meaning—of this very simple, very humble and very beautiful manifestation of the Son of God. Perhaps we learn even imperceptibly, the lesson of imitation.

Here we learn the method which will permit us to understand who Christ is. Here above is made clear the importance of taking into account the general picture of his life among us, with its various

background of place, of custom, of language, of religious practices—in fact, everything Jesus made use of to reveal himself to the world. Here all is eloquent, all has a meaning.

Here, in this school, one learns why it is necessary to have a spiritual rule, if one wishes to follow the teaching of the Gospel and become a disciple of Christ. How gladly would I become a child again, and go to school once more in this humble and sublime school of Nazareth: close to Mary, I wish I should make a fresh start at learning the true science of life and the highest wisdom of divine truths.

But I am only a passing pilgrim. I must renounce this desire to pursue in this home my still incomplete education in the understanding of the Gospel. I will not go on my way however without having gathered—hurriedly, it is true, and as if wanting to escape notice—some brief lessons from Nazareth.

First, then, a lesson of silence. May esteem of silence, that admirable and indispensable condition of mind, revive in us, besieged as we are by so many uplifted voices, the general noise and uproar in our seething and over sensitized modern life.

May the silence of Nazareth teach us recollection, inwardness, the disposition to listen to good inspirations and the teachings of true masters. May it teach us the need for and the value of preparation, study, of meditation, of personal inner life, of the prayer which God alone sees in secret.

Next, there is a lesson on family life. May Nazareth teach us what family life is, its communion of love, its austere and simple beauty and its sacred and inviolable character. Let us learn from Nazareth that the formation received at home is gentle and irreplaceable. Let us learn the prime importance of the role of the family in the social order.

Finally there is a lesson of work. Nazareth, home of the “carpenter’s Son”, in you I would choose to understand and proclaim the severe and redeeming law of human work; here I would restore the awareness of the nobility of work; and reaffirm that work cannot be an end in itself, but that its freedom and its excellence derive, over and above its economic worth, from the value of those for whose sake is undertaken. And here at Nazareth, to conclude, I want to greet all the workers of the world, holding up to them their great pattern, their brother who is God. He is the prophet of all their just causes, Christ our Lord.

NEED OF PRAYER : Souls who do not have the habit of prayer are like paralysed bodies with hands and feet they cannot use. It seems to me that to stop praying is to take a wrong turn, because prayer is the door through which God’s graces come to us. If this door is closed, I do not know what might happen. (*St. Theresa of Avila*)

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