

Mary, Mother of Mercy



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Feast Day:

Saturday
before the
fourth Sunday
in July

When Adam and Eve sinned and broke the original communion between heaven and earth, God did not abandon mankind. He sent prophets to tell people a savior was coming. Then He created a baby girl, the daughter of Anne and Joachim. From the very beginning of her life, the moment of her conception, God gave this girl the gift of being pure of all sin.

When Mary was a young woman, God sent an angel to her. The angel called Mary “Full of Grace”, for no part of her soul was damaged by sin. The angel asked her to be the Mother of Jesus, so that God could come and give His abundant mercy to everyone. Mary submitted herself fully to God’s will and became the mother of His Son.

With Jesus growing in her womb, she visited her cousin Elizabeth. Mary told her that God had fulfilled His promise to show His mercy by sending a savior. Mary gave birth to Jesus, nursed Him and bathed Him, played with Him and taught Him. For 30 years, Jesus stayed with her and His foster father Joseph.

Then Jesus began His mission. At Mary’s request, Jesus performed His first public miracle for guests at a wedding. When Jesus was dying on the Cross, Mary stayed with him. Jesus entrusted his mother to the care of His apostle John. Mary stayed with John until God took her up to Heaven.

In Heaven, Mary prays constantly to God for everyone who asks for her help, and she asks Him to show His mercy. That is why we pray to her, “Holy Mary, Mother of God, pray for us sinners now and at the hour of our death.” God provides us with a Savior in His Son, and He provides us with a Mother, an example, and an intercessor in Mary. Jesus died so that everyone may be a child of God the Father, and Jesus entrusts every person to Mary our Mother.