

COMING EVENTS

Novena May 17th thru 25th.

Pilgrimage Sunday, May 19th.

Mass at 11:00 AM

Rosary and Novena Prayers before Mass

Mass Times at St. Wenceslaus Home of the National Shrine of the Infant Jesus

Saturday Night Vigil 5:00 PM

Sunday 11 :00 AM

Tuesday through Friday at 9:00 AM

Holy Hour 9:30 to 10:30 AM

First Friday and First Saturday Mass 9:00 AM

Holy Hour 9:30 to 10:30 AM

Gift Shop hours are Tues-Fri 10:00 AM to 3:00 PM

Sunday Shrine open till 2:00 PM

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THE NATIONAL SHRINE OF THE INFANT JESUS OF PRAGUE

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THE MORE YOU HONOR ME
THE MORE I WILL BLESS YOU



May devotions to the Blessed Virgin Mary
Brothers and Sisters in Christ !

May devotions to the Blessed Virgin Mary refer to special Marian devotions held in the Catholic Church during the month of May honoring Mary, mother of God, as "the Queen of May". These services may take place inside or outside. A "May Crowning" is a traditional Roman Catholic ritual that occurs in the month of May.

In 1929, just 17 days short of his 9th birthday, the young Karol Wojtyla - the future Pope Saint John Paul II - entered his family home during the afternoon. His parents were very pious, and young Karol was accustomed to see his father - a strong soldier in the Polish army - praying on his knees on their parlor's hardwood floor. That day, when the young Karol saw his father praying, he saw his dad's knees bathing in a pool of tears.

"What's wrong, Papa" the young future Pope asked his father. "Karol, your mother has died!" was his father's answer. His mother had Emilia died in childbirth.

The eight year old ran out of his home to the local parish Church, which was actually right across the street from the Wojtyla apartment home. He entered the Church and ran up the aisle of the Church to a kneeler in front of a statue of Mary. Tearfully, he said to her: "Blessed Lady, I don't know why God took my mother home at the time he did. But I do know one thing: YOU are my mother now!"

Pope Saint John Paul's devotion to the Blessed Mother deeply impacted his life, his priesthood, and his papacy. When he was made bishop of Krakow, he took as his episcopal motto the words: "Totus Tuus", which is latin for "I am completely yours." The motto "Totus tuus" was taken from a prayer by Saint Louis Marie de Montfordt: "Totus tuus ego sum, et omnia mea tua sunt. Accipio te in mea omnia. Praebe mihi cor tuum, Maria." "I am completely yours, and all that I have is yours. I take you for my all. O Mary, give me your heart"

People see Mother Teresa always praying the Rosary even at the busiest times. Mr. Daniel O'Connell, a politician known as the "Father of the Irish Nation" recited the Rosary in his private room before each session of parliament, and it is no wonder that Ireland is called the "Land of the Rosary". Famous person who launched the recitation of the Rosary, Fr. Peyton, challenges us: "Spend ten minutes praying the Rosary at home and you will transform your home into a haven of peace." The great scientist, William Ampere -discoverer of electricity-, in his old age inspired and converted Frederick Osanam (founder of the Society of Vincent de Paul), by reciting the Rosary daily at a cave. Louis Pasteur's last words to his nurse before he died far from home were: "Tell my wife that I died while praying the Rosary."