

The Month of Mary

May 5, 2019

“The flowers have appeared in our land, the time of pruning is come, the voice of the turtle dove is heard in our land.” Cant. 2:12

The month of May brings the blooming of flowers and plants, where we see nature coming alive again. This is more noticeable in the northern states after the cold winters, but it is a beautiful time of the year for us too. It is an apt time to think of Mary and her role in helping her children here below.

The “fiat” of the Blessed Virgin Mary allowed the root of Jesse to bloom and the earth to bud forth its Savior. It is the Holy Ghost that worked this miracle in Mary. She is now in heaven receiving the homage of angels and saints and she will graciously accept our humble devotion as well. The devotions of the month of Mary are a beautiful way of expressing our faith and trust in her intercession. In these troubled times, we need her help and cultivating devotion to her is a wonderful way to ask for her heavenly assistance.

I encourage you, therefore, to add a special devotion to her during this month, be it an additional prayer such as the Rosary, the Litany of Loreto, the “Memorare”, or the “Sub Tuum Praesidium”, or performing some other act of love, such as visiting her altar every day after Mass or keeping fresh flowers in front of her statue. Mary will be pleased with your devotion, even a small one, if done with love.

We show our love to one another by the sacrifices we do for each other. It costs us something. The love and devotion of our heavenly Mother should be shown in the same manner. We can even offer her hidden sacrifices, like striving to correct a hidden fault, or trying to grow in a virtue and fervently asking her help. In doing these things, we proclaim her excellence and she, being our Mother, will be pleased to have her children try to imitate her good qualities. The desire for spiritual progress is a mark of solid piety. Let us show our heavenly Mother our love in our prayers, acts and hidden sacrifices with an affectionate heart full of love and devotion.

Sincerely in Christ,

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