

St Mark's Catholic Mission Parish

6th Sunday of Easter

The Spirit of God's Love

5 May 2024

1ST Reading: Acts 10: 25-26. 34-35. 44-48 **The Holy Spirit has been poured out on the pagans too.**

Psalm: 97: 1-4 **The Lord has shown his salvation to the nations.**

2ND Reading: John 4: 7-10 **God is love.**

Gospel: John 15: 9-17 **A man can have no greater love than to lay down his life for his friends.**

Reflection

"Love one another as I have loved you." In the Gospel today, this is the commandment Jesus teaches his disciples, emphasizing the importance of love and friendship. These words may be familiar to us, but what does Jesus mean when he says this?

Jesus teaches us to treat others with kindness, compassion, selflessness, and acceptance. In today's world, we get wrapped up in school and work, and tend to forget to show love to others, whether it be our families or our friends.

In most cases, stress and exhaustion cover up the reason for not showing kindness and love. However, this commandment reminds us to look beyond ourselves and consider the well-being of others. In a world that can sometimes feel divided and filled with conflicts, Jesus encourages us to build bridges and foster unity. Jesus soon follows on by saying, *"It was not you who chose me, but I who chose you."*

Jesus' unconditional love is shown through this verse and remind us that our relationship with Him is not dependent on what we do or don't achieve, but rather on His choice to love and pursue us. Jesus wants us to understand that we are chosen and loved by God, and that our response should be one of gratitude, faith, and a desire to follow Him.

Abby Martis 

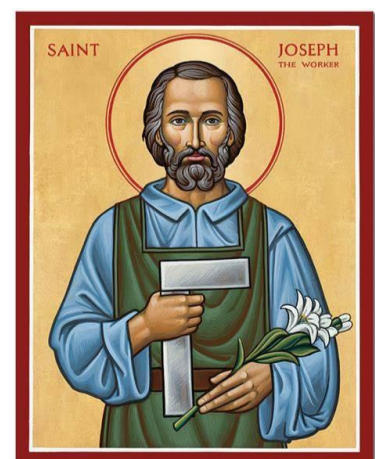
Important Notices

- **NO Morning Tea** this **Sunday, 5th May**, as the St Mark's Catholic Primary School will be having their bake sale .
- **Legion of Mary** – Please contact the following members if you would like Our Lady or the Sacred Heart visiting your homes.
 - Legion Our Lady of Fatima Statue – [Divine Dumlao – 029 650 0735](tel:0296500735)
 - Big Our Lady of Fatima Statue – [Marie Endaya – 021 141 4647](tel:0211414647)
 - Small Our Lady of Fatima Statue – [Tui Pesamino – 021 0820 9880](tel:02108209880)
 - Sacred Heart Statue – [Akuhata Nahi – 021 0220 4171](tel:02102204171)
- **Christian Family Life Programme** – **Saturday @ 2.00pm – 4.00pm.** From the **4th May – 22nd June 2024**
- **Gifting Envelopes** – Please collect these from the parish office if you are still using the envelopes.
- **Tax Receipts** – Please email Priscilla if you are wanting a tax receipt – accounts@stmark.org.nz

ST. JOSEPH THE WORKER - EWTN

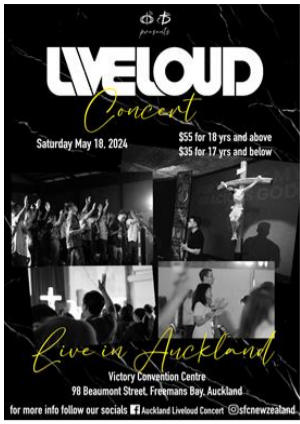
What is the feast of St. Joseph the Worker?

While Saint Joseph's primary feast day is March 19th, in 1955 Pope Pius XII added a second day on May 1st, celebrated as the Memorial of St. Joseph the Worker. As a carpenter, St. Joseph worked very hard. His manual labour was difficult, and he is a great example to all of us in our daily work. In addition, he is a powerful intercessor for those who are seeking employment.



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YOUTH & YOUNG ADULTS



One of the bands that played in World Youth Day Lisbon, **LIVELOUD**, is coming to New Zealand.

Saturday, 18th May 2024 **Gates open at 3:00PM.**

Tickets are on SALE: <http://couplesforchrist.nz/registration/2024LiveloudAKL.html>

Come and immerse yourself in an atmosphere filled with the spirit of worship, where hearts unite in adoration and voices blend in praise. Together, let us lift our souls to the heavens and rejoice in the boundless love of our Savior. Whether you're a devoted Christian, a passionate worshiper, or a faithful Catholic, this event is for you. Let's come together as one family in Christ, embracing our shared identity as children of God.

EVANGELISATION

Chinese Catholic Bible Study **Monday, 9.30am – 10.30am** in the Lyon's Den. For more information contact **John Ko – 022 031 7755**

Chinese RCIA Class **Tuesday @ 9.00am – 11.00am** in the Lyon's Den. For more information contact **Thomas Wong – thomas_tkwong2@hotmail.com**

Joshua Men's Fellowship St Marks invites you to an evening of purpose and prayer. This month's speaker is Dr Ethan Breinhorst who will speak on Mens Health. Come along and bring a friend. Please join us for a sumptuous supper. **Monday, 13th May 2024 @ 7.30pm – 9.30pm** in the Parish Centre. For more information contact **Mike Lobo - 09 390 0048**

Life in the Spirit Prayer Group – Thursday @ 7.30pm – 9.00pm in the Parish Centre. A warm welcome to all Parishioners to come and spend time in prayer, praise and fellowship with the Lord and each other. Enquires: call **Mary – 09 576 3657** or **Joanne – 021 114 374.**

Legion of Mary – Thursday @ 6.00pm – 7.30pm in the Lyon's Den. New members are always welcome. Contact **Hata – 021 0220 4171**

Email Hata – Akuhata.nahi@gmail.com or **Divine – 021 0832 5400** email: divine_dumlao@yahoo.com

“**The Marian Centre, CATHOLIC KINDERGARTEN**” is located in Panmure beside St. Patrick's Church. The Centre operates **Monday to Friday from 8:00 am to 4:30 pm** for children 2-5 years old. We follow the Catholic Early Childhood Religious Education Curriculum Statement, and is guided by the Catholic Liturgical Calendar and focuses on Catholic values and virtues. **Please phone: 5705690 or visit Abigail at 19A Sunset View Road, Panmure**


Te Kupenga Catholic Theological College is offering a lecture series called A Taste of Theology. Topic 2 is entitled “Celebrating Christian identity, life and mission rooted in the Word of God”, revisiting *Dei Verbum*, the Dogmatic Constitution on divine revelation. Speaker is Rev Dr Kevin Waldie, sm. This is on **Tuesday, 07 May 2024 from 5:30-6:30pm** on Zoom. For a fee of \$60 you get access to all 9 courses in this lecture series. Go to www.tekupenga.ac.nz/tasteoftheology to register.

ALTAR

Wedding Anniversary Mass will be on **Wednesday, 29th May 2024**. Please contact Hazel hdezario@gmail.com or Yasmina mynsr8@gmail.com if you will be attending the Mass..

Adrian & Barbara Brown, Brendon & Lee-Ann Earlam, Adrian & Nadine Ensil, Savio & Genevieve Fernandes, Peter & Ivy Lavas, Jerry & Lut Mangalino Kurt & Tiana Meyer, Sendo & Judy Miguel, John & Carmina Montero, Jeffrey & Vivien Ocampos, John & Maria Packham, Gabriel & Tui Pesamino, Mickey & Melaine Pillay, Alfred & Sumathy Pushpakumar, Nelson & Eden Saavedra, Victor & Annette Southon, Alex & Shella Tabaco, Audi & Elise Teves, Ryan & Genevieve Venter, Vernon & Janesha Velayo

Rosters – 11th & 12th May 2024

	Music	Data Projector	Altar Servers	Commentator	Readers	Communion Minister	Flowers
5.30pm	Tawag-Awit	Hayden Kwan	Sylvia Tan Sophia Zhang	Cherise Didier Serre	Pat Wackrow Juliet Martis	Maria Cardoza Denis D'Souza Cyprus Causer	
8.30am	Cheryl & Choir	Priscilla Cefre	Aziz Tapelu Charlie Coad	Kurt Meyer	Jeffrey Wu Andre van Heerden	Ina Karl Susan Lagman Grace Cheah	
10.30am	Gospel Choir	Jannine Eeson	Ariana Cordeiro Gianna Cordeiro	Francis Coutinho	Ezekial Bulay Sydney Causer	John Bulay Florinda Petterson Kaylee Ong Brenda Causer	
6.30pm	El Shaddai	El Shaddai	Annika Tigley Christian Tan	Joanne van Heerden	Emily Cloete Charmaine Cloete	Kirk Gaabucayan Carmel Gaabucayan Karen Gaabucayan	
Recording/Counting		Maureen Kearns, Genevieve Tham, Gene Smallwood		Cleaning	Paul & Theresa Siao, Don Santosa, Don Rey Vargas, Joseph Abasolo		

In the Celebration of the Eucharist and in your personal prayers, remember:

Recently Deceased

Fr Bruce McGill, Pedro Manuel, Bruce Harrison, Philomena D'Souza, Bonifacio Capitulo

Anniversary of Death

Joseph Rex Fernando, Patrick Mascarenhas, Maria Rivera Venzon, Esperanza Mangalino, Maria Su, Susenia Delos Sants, Christian, Rudolfo Ranario, Johny Seviliano, Onofre Vazquez, Maria Su, Ma. Nita Pastor, Antonio & Sabastiana De Souza, Betty Osuyos, Gene, Evan, Amy, Felix, Melissa, Tjan Bing Tjiang, Markus Tjandra

For the Sick: **Prayer requests for the sick whose names appear here, will be replaced on a monthly basis.**

Joseph Yap, William Foo, Evelyn Gillen, Toni Mcleod, Leoncia Cadiz, Jessica, Lina Bagsic, Cheryl Divinagracia, Baby Asher, Carolina Kwari, Stuart Bauld, Ian McEnteer, Paul Oliver, Charlie, Craig Lambert, Paul Bury, Barbara Bury, Marie Bury, Matthew Bury, Sheila Cray, Michelle Williams, Michael Cowan, Rowena & Mark MacKenzie

Mass Live Streaming – Saturday Vigil @ 5.30pm; Sunday @ 10.30am & Tuesday – Friday @ 9.00am.

St Mark's FB Page: [St. Mark's Pakuranga | Facebook](https://www.facebook.com/StMarkPakuranga) & YouTube – subscribe to: <https://www.youtube.com/@SaintMarkPakuranga>

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SOCIAL RESPONSIBILITY MINISTRY, EVENTS & COMMUNITY OUTREACH



For sale in the church foyer @ \$4. New name sought for Christchurch cathedral. Workshop helps identify future Catholic school principals. Church recognises right to a good reputation. Strengthening relationships after marriage..

As a promotion venture for this issue, the entire current edition is supplied. <https://indd.adobe.com/view/59667795-59f2-4110-a7b6-fa37588e9730>

SVDP & Foodbank



Please email your request to svdpfoodbank@stmark.org.nz For All donations to SVDP please do a direct debit into their bank account:-
ASB Acc No.: 12-3056-0661768-00 Include your name as reference. **Please call SVDP Otahuhu when donating clothing, blankets, or furniture 09 270 4088.** Please email svdpfoodbank@stmark.org.nz for 2023/2024 tax receipts

Sewing Time

The first session will be the **11th May 2024** Mending, hemming, beginning a small sewing project? Come and join us for Sewing Time in the Lion's Den from **2-4pm on the second Saturday every month**. All the equipment you need will be available for you to learn how to sew and mend things yourself, under the guidance of our team. Sewing Time is the perfect time to get all those little sewing jobs done. [Contact Cheryl van Heerden - 021 057 7131](mailto:Cheryl@stmark.org.nz)

Concern/Complaint about Harm or Abuse

If you have a concern or complaint of harm involving someone within the church, please contact:

National Office for Professional Standards: 0800 114 622 email: prof.standards@nzcbc.org.nz

or

Mannix Lopez - Safeguarding Officer - Phone: 027 248 4232 email: mannix@stmark.org.nz

You can also report your complaint directly to the New Zealand Police or to Oranga Tamariki

Catholic 30s & 40s Singles Meetup, Dinner and Karaoke - 11 May 2024 @ 7.30pm at Pasta & Cuore in Mt Eden for dinner, and then, for those who feel brave, go on to karaoke! Please note that numbers are limited for this meetup - due to the maximum dinner booking at the restaurant - so anyone interested needs to get in quick! Any questions at all, do get in contact. **Marie-Claire [Auckland Catholic Singles Social Group | Facebook](https://www.facebook.com/AucklandCatholicSinglesSocialGroup)**

TEMPORALITIES

We need your help... Please support us via: Direct Debit: BNZ Acc No.: 02-0108-0708684-00.

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ST MARK PARISH APP! - To download:

- ❖ Download **ChurchApps NZ**
- ❖ Search "St Mark" and it will pop up with our parish
- ❖ Choose your Groups to get alerts of events, rosters
- ❖ Stay updated and connected to St. Mark's

Thank you for your continued support!

EFTPOS machine is on the right-hand side as you enter the church. Donations can be made using your credit or debit card. Set the amount to donate

[Give to St Mark Pakuranga Catholic pushpay.com](https://www.pushpay.com)



Push Pay – link: <https://ppay.co/FPfSp-0wfYg> **Tap & Go** – donations can be made when lighting candles

How to Give Using a QR Code - Open your phone's QR Scanner:

- For **iOS**, use the built-in camera app. For **Android**, use [Google's official QR Scanner](#).
- Aim your camera at the QR Code and wait for the giving link to appear. Once it appears, tap the link.
- You will be routed to give through your organization's giving page.
- If you need additional help after this step, check out our article on giving through your organization's website [here](#)
- Then input the amount that you would like to donate.



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Collection – 27th & 28th April 2024 Envelopes & Loose Collection \$2,558.20 Direct payment, Automatic Payment & Push Pay \$3,525.89

Finance Ministry - Alfred Pushpakumar – Chairman, Fr. Sherwin Lapaan, Aaron William, Alice Sung, Besky Fernando, Brian Bengan, Priscilla Cefre

Facilities Ministry - Dean Saunders, Nicholas Tan, Alice Sung, Paresh Macwan, Tano Cayetano, Michael Earl

OTHER

Vacancies

University Ministry Coordinator - Catholic Diocese of Auckland Are you a self-motivated relationship-builder who can be the driving force behind a new project? We're looking for someone who answers "Yes!" to become our full-time University Ministry Coordinator. You'll be part of a tight-knit team implementing a bold new strategy for ministry to young people in the Diocese of Auckland. To learn more, please visit: www.aucklandcatholic.org.nz/staff-vacancies/

Marriage and Family Life Ministry at the Diocese is seeking married couples of 5 years or more who would like to train as Marriage Educators to prepare engaged couples for marriage in the church. This is a very rewarding and significant role in the church. Enquiries Gerry on 021 02247442 or gerrys@cda.org.nz

Jubilee Bursary Semester 2, 2024 For Theology and RE courses at tertiary level. Applications close **Thursday, 6 June 2024** please contact: michellej@cda.org.nz

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CDA Connect Catch up with happenings in the diocese and get the heads-up on upcoming events. The latest edition of CDA connect is now available <https://www.aucklandcatholic.org.nz/services/cda-connect/>

Let's Talk About Mary 8 May 7.30pm Poynton Room, Pompallier Diocesan Centre and on zoom. In May traditionally the month of Mary join Sr Sian for an opportunity to explore **Mary**, missionary disciple. Please register pastoraloffice@cda.org.nz

KID'S CORNER

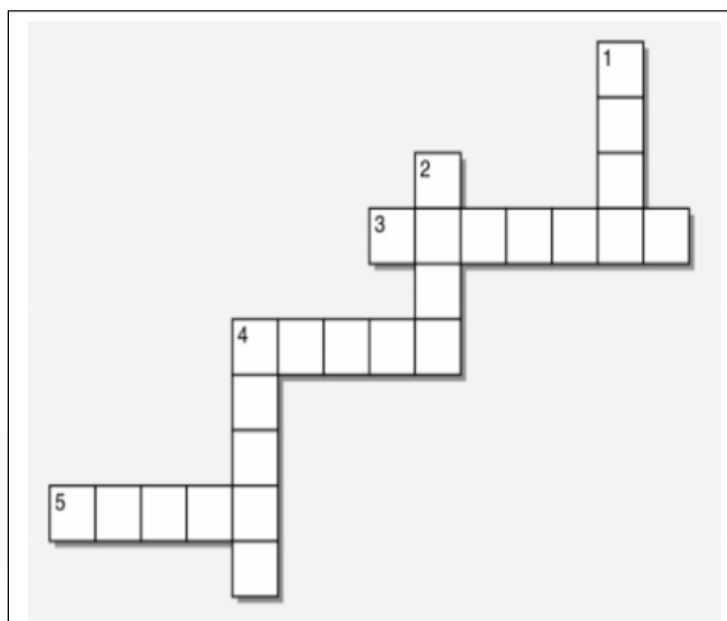
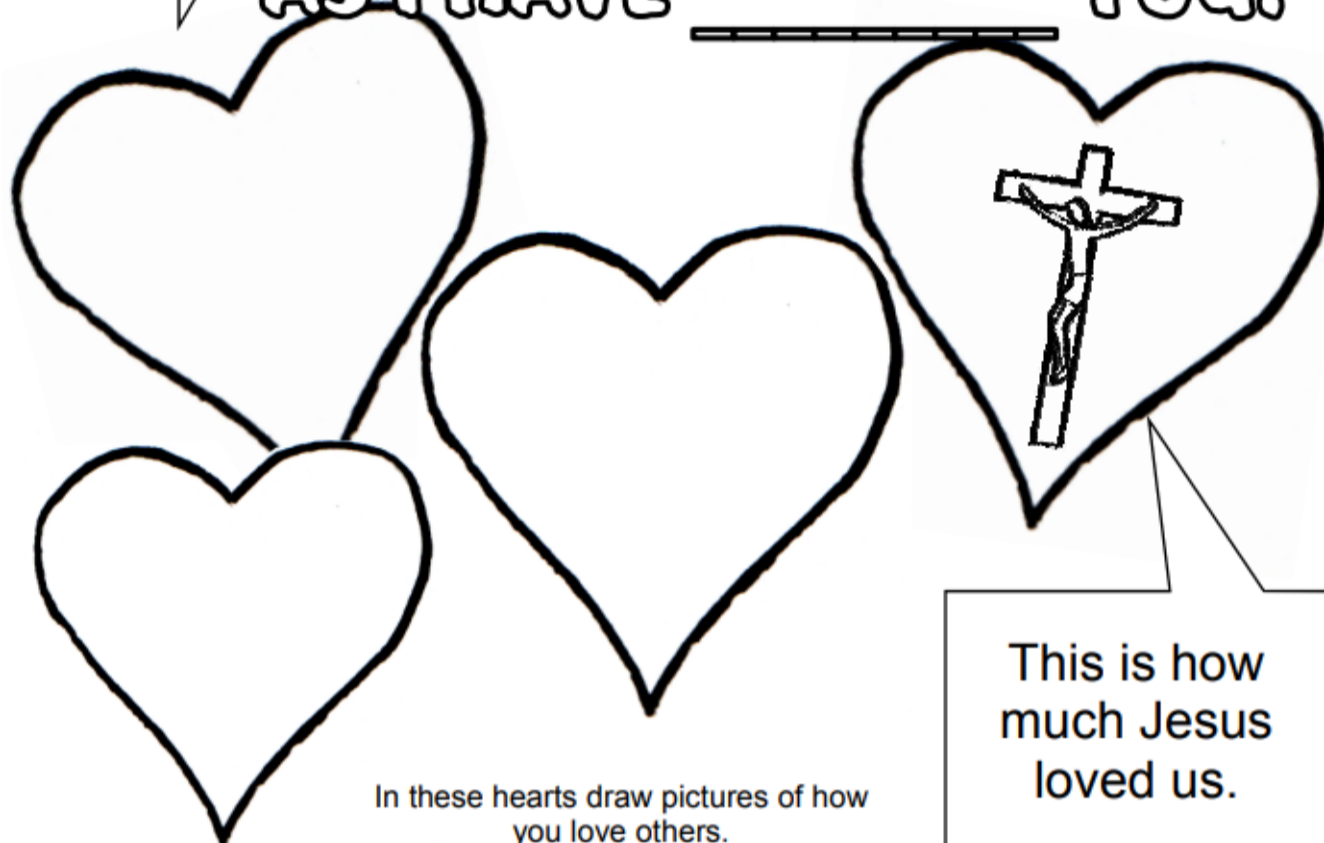
Kids Media- 6th Sunday . My Suggestion to start at 2.56 - https://youtu.be/jf_5eSqNgww?list=PLbg4F9JBVbPcsEsJ9GjvIOITUpToAER

Reflection - Love in Action - <https://youtu.be/vLYzxRxwqiw> Song - [Love One Another \(Yancy/Body Worship\) - Kidspring Worship](#)

Jesus says:

"THIS IS MY COMMANDMENT:
ONE ANOTHER,
AS I HAVE YOU."

What are the missing words?



Down

1. Today's Gospel is from the Gospel according to _____
2. Jesus says that this is what we are called to do.
4. Today we celebrate the _____ Sunday of Easter

Across

3. When someone tells you to do something.
4. The opposite of a free person; a _____ is owned by someone else or not able to make free choices.
5. A food we eat.

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Mass Times: Tuesday – Saturday: 9.00am **Wednesday:** 7.00pm **Saturday Vigil:** 5.30pm **Sunday:** 8.30am, 10.30am, 6.30pm **Rosary:** Tuesday – Friday: 8.30am **Saturday:** 8.00am **Exposition & Holy Hour:** Saturday: 8.00am – 9.00am **1st Friday:** 7.30pm – 10.00pm **Liturgy of the Word:** Monday 9.00am
Divine Mercy Devotion: Tuesday – Friday: 9.30am **Confession:** On request **Saturday:** 9.30am & 4.30pm – 5.15pm

Email: admin@stmark.org.nz **Website:** stmark.org.nz **Instagram:** [stmarkpakuranga](https://www.instagram.com/stmarkpakuranga/) **Facebook:** www.facebook.com/groups/stmarkpakuranga/
Phone: (09) 576 7959 **Address:** 334 Pakuranga Rd, PO Box 51184: Pakuranga **Office Hours:** Mon to Fri: 8.30am — 3.00pm **Sunday:** 9.30am — 1.00pm

St Mark's Mission Statement

To promote a loving, caring, Christlike Community which accepts all people. And inspired by the Holy Spirit to spread the good news of Jesus Christ.

St Mark Catholic Mission Parish Council – Email: missioncouncil@stmark.org.nz - **Chair** – Malcolm Martis, **Council Secretary** – Myra D'Souza, **Youth & Young Adult Ministry** – Donamae dela Cruz & Raewyn Tan, **Evangalisation Ministry** – Andre Van Heerden, **Altar Ministry** – Kurt Meyer, **Social Services Ministry** –Melania Jurgens, **Temporalities Ministry** – Alice Sung, **School Principal** -Tracey Kopua, **Pastoral Coordinator**- Mannix Lopez, **Parish Priest** – Fr Sherwin Lapaan

May: Month of Mary - Today's Catholic (todayscatholic.org)



It is a centuries-old custom of Catholics to dedicate the month of May to the Blessed Virgin Mary. The month of May is always part of the Easter season, the fifty days we celebrate in the liturgy the Resurrection of Our Lord, a time also of awaiting the outpouring of the Holy Spirit at Pentecost. The celebration of May as a Marian month fits well with the liturgical celebrations of Easter and Pentecost as we recall Mary's great joy in her Son's victory over death as well as her presence with the apostles in the upper room prayerfully awaiting the descent of the Holy Spirit at Pentecost.

In our pilgrimage of faith, we walk always with Mary at our side. She is our model of faith and she helps us with her prayers to live by faith. She teaches us to believe as she believed.

During this month of May, we pay special honour to our Blessed Mother. In 1965, Pope Paul VI wrote a short encyclical on the month of May. He wrote that May is an occasion for a "moving tribute of faith and love which Catholics in every part of the world pay to the Queen of Heaven. During this month Christians, both in church and in the privacy of the home, offer up to Mary from their hearts an especially fervent and loving homage of prayer and veneration. In this month, too, the benefits of God's mercy come down to us from her throne in greater abundance."

All honour that we give to Mary is ordered to, and leads to, the adoration of God. Devotion to Mary fosters within us a faithful adherence to her Son. When we crown images of Mary, we are honouring her. In honouring Mary, we are ultimately praising God for the grace He bestowed on her.

May the Blessed Virgin Mary intercede for us and draw us closer to Christ her Son!

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