

# MARY'S SHRINE

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*Mother of Perpetual Help*



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“**H**ope does not disappoint.” These words of Saint Paul to the Romans (5:5) were chosen by Pope Francis to begin his proclamation for the Ordinary Year of Jubilee 2025. This jubilee year began this past Christmas Eve when Pope Francis opened the Holy Year Door at the Basilica of Saint Peter in Rome.

The custom of the Jubilee Year has its origins in the Old Testament and is celebrated in both the Jewish and Christian traditions. According to the ancient Mosaic Law, every fifty years there was to be a year of jubilee; a time of forgiveness and reconciliation; a time of celebration and renewal. In the Judaic tradition, the year began with the sounding of “the ram’s horn,” or “yobel,” the Hebrew root of our English word, “jubilee.” During the Jubilee Year, debts were forgiven, slaves were freed, and land was returned to its original owners.

In the Roman Catholic Church, the first Jubilee Year was established by Pope Boniface VIII in 1300, and since 1470, a Jubilee Year is celebrated every twenty-five years, the most recent being the great Jubilee of the Year 2000. There is also the extraordinary year of jubilee, an observance declared within the twenty-five-year waiting period. Pope Francis declared the “Face of Mercy” or the “Extraordinary Jubilee of Mercy,” during the third year of his pontificate. It began on December 8, 2015, the Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception, and ended on November 20, 2016, the Solemnity of Jesus Christ, King of the Universe. Throughout that year, the Holy Father hoped that the “whole Church” would “be able to find ... the joy of rediscovering and rendering fruitful God’s mercy” (Homily, March 13, 2015).

In this Jubilee of 2025, hope is “the central

message” and Pope Francis tells us that this year is meant to “be a moment of genuine, personal encounter with the Lord Jesus ... to put Jesus back at the center ... and to re-center ourselves in him.” Jesus is the one who is our hope and it is Jesus who helps “us rise above our trials and difficulties and inspires us to keep pressing

forward” (Address, November 28, 2024; *Spes Non Confundit*, 1, 25).

Pope Francis reminds us that “pilgrimage is a fundamental element of every Jubilee event” noting that Jubilee churches “can serve as an oasis of spirituality and places of rest on the pilgrimage of faith, where we can drink from the wellspring of hope” (SVC, 5).

For the past one hundred years, Mary’s Shrine has served as a place of worship, of pilgrimage, of solace and

devotion, providing an oasis of spirituality for the faithful from both far and near. During this Jubilee Year, the National Shrine has been designated as a “special place of pilgrimage” by the Administrative Committee of the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops and is among the “Jubilee Churches” in the Archdiocese of Washington.

Throughout the Holy Year, many people will make a pilgrimage to Rome to walk through the Holy Doors at the Papal Basilicas. Not everyone, however, can afford to make such a journey. A pilgrimage to the Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception, our nation’s preeminent Marian shrine, however, can be a manageable trip for the faithful. We look forward to welcoming the fifteen dioceses who have already scheduled pilgrimages for this Jubilee Year, together with religious and multi-cultural communities, all of whom are *Pilgrims of Hope* who desire to avail themselves of the graces of the Jubilee Year and be filled with the hope which Pope



Francis says “finds its supreme witness in the *Mother of God* ... who amid the tempests of this life, comes to our aid, sustains us and encourages us to persevere in hope and trust” (*SNC*, 24).

If you have not planned a Jubilee Year pilgrimage, I invite you to consider a spiritual journey to Mary’s Shrine and experience the new life this time-honored tradition provides. With more than 80 chapels and oratories dedicated to Our Lady, you will readily find yourself at home, embraced by our loving

Mother with every step you take.

We live in a time which is often in turmoil both at home and abroad. The Jubilee Year provides an opportunity for us all to begin again, to start anew with God, to have a “future full of hope” (Jer. 29:11), and to experience the hope that the life, death and resurrection of Jesus gives. With Mary Immaculate, the *Mother of Hope* as our guide and companion, may we embrace the path of hope, spread light and sow peace as faithful witnesses to the “hope does not disappoint.” 🌹

## » ON THE COVER

## Byzantine Ruthenian Chapel

The fiftieth anniversary of the dedication of the Byzantine Ruthenian Chapel was celebrated on October 12, 2024, with a Hierarchical Divine Liturgy in the Crypt Church, followed by Moleben (a prayer service to the Mother of God) and Panachida (a requiem service) in the chapel itself.

Monsignor Walter Rossi, Rector of the Basilica, welcomed Archbishop William Skurla of the Archeparch of Pittsburgh, Bishop Kurt Burnette of the Eparch of Passaic, and Bishop Robert Pipta of the Eparch of Parma, priest concelebrants, and “the devoted faithful of the Byzantine Ruthenian Eparchies to celebrate this special day and give thanks to your ancestors, who provided this magnificent chapel to Mary’s Shrine in honor of the Theotokos,” the God-Bearer.

The Divine Liturgy, Moleben, and Panachida were celebrated with great solemnity according to the Byzantine Rite. In full communion with Rome, the Byzantine Ruthenian Catholic Church emerged



Photo by Matthew Barrick

50th Anniversary of the Byzantine Ruthenian Chapel



in the 19th century as Central and Eastern European immigrants brought their strong faith, tradition, and work ethic to America in the late nineteenth century. The mosaic from the chapel displayed on the cover symbolizes their spiritual, social, and ethnic integration by prominently featuring Our Mother of Perpetual Help, the Statue of Liberty, and the Byzantine Catholic Seminary of Saints Cyril and Methodius in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania. 🌹

# MISSION STATEMENT

The Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception, a Catholic church dedicated to the patroness of our nation, is a place of worship, pilgrimage, evangelization and reconciliation. It offers visitors the occasion for a deepening conversion, a step forward in the journey to God, with Mary as the model for that journey. This monumental church, raised by Catholics of the United States because of their devotion to Mary the Mother of God, gives visibility to their faith and Catholic heritage. Mary’s Shrine invites people from across the country and beyond into the saving moment of faith, hope and charity, so that they may be reconciled and transformed into living symbols of Christ’s presence in the world. It is here that the faithful gather to worship God, give honor to Mary, and are sent to spread God’s word wherever they go. 🌹

# Our Lady of Aparecida: New Oratory Dedicated

On Saturday, September 14, 2024, over 7,000 pilgrims, including bishops and priests, from across the United States and Brazil, gathered at the Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception to witness a historic moment: the dedication of the Oratory of Our Lady of Aparecida, patroness of Brazil.

Monsignor Walter Rossi, Rector of the National Shrine, greeted the standing-room-only Brazilian Catholic Community who filled the Great Upper Church. In his remarks, Monsignor Rossi referenced the 2013 visit of Pope Francis to the Basilica of Our Lady of Aparecida in Brazil, where the Holy Father spoke of Our Lady as the “Mother of every Brazilian.”



Our Lady of Aparecida

principal celebrant of the dedication Mass who gifted the statue of Our Lady of Aparecida for



7,000 attend the Mass and Dedication of Our Lady of Aparecida

enthronement; Bishop Edgar da Cunha of Falls River, the homilist and promoter of the oratory; and the Aparecida Oratory Committee, under the leadership of Dr. Dulia de Mello, whose persistence and determination led to the day’s dedication.

The Mass and dedication were celebrated in Portuguese, the primary language of Brazil. Dedicated in the southeast vestibule of the Great Upper Church, the Oratory of Our Lady of Aparecida is perfectly situated across from the Oratory of Our Lady of Fatima.

To watch the Mass and dedication, and to learn more about the history of and devotion to Our Lady of Aparecida, please visit <https://www.nationalshrine.org/blog/new-oratory-at-the-basilica-our-lady-of-aparecida>. 🇧🇷

## UPCOMING BASILICA BROADCASTS ON EWTN *(all times Eastern)*

ALSO LIVESTREAMED AT NATIONALSHRINE.ORG/MASS

March 27	24 Hours for the Lord Forty-Hours Devotion Opening Mass	5:15pm
March 29	24 Hours for the Lord Forty-Hours Devotion Closing Mass	4:30pm
April 13	Palm Sunday	12 noon
April 17	Choral Meditations on Eucharistic Themes	5:30pm
	Holy Thursday – Mass of the Lord’s Supper	6pm
April 18	Choral Meditation on the Passion of the Christ	2:30pm
	Good Friday - Liturgy of the Lord’s Passion	3pm
April 19	Solemn Easter Vigil	8pm
April 20	Easter Sunday	12 noon
	Easter Sunday Spanish (EWTN Español)	2:30pm
June 1	Ascension of the Lord	12 noon
June 8	Pentecost	12 noon
June 22	The Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ	12 noon
August 5	Knights of Columbus Supreme Convention Opening Mass	9:30am
August 15	Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary	12 noon



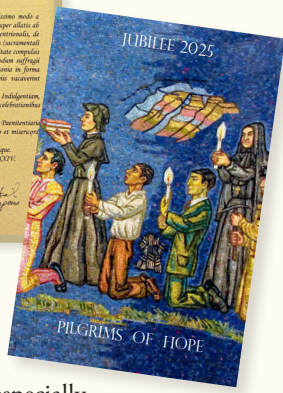
# America's Catholic Church: National Jubilee Site

The Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception has been designated a national pilgrimage destination for the faithful of the United States by the Administrative Committee of the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops; and, by Decree of the Apostolic Penitentiary of the Holy See, those who visit *America's Catholic Church* may gain a Jubilee Year plenary indulgence, under the usual conditions.

Monsignor Walter Rossi, the Rector of the Basilica, expressed his gratitude to the Apostolic Penitentiary and the Administrative Committee of the USCCB “for the privilege of designating Mary’s Shrine as a special place of pilgrimage for the Holy Year.” He continued, “This honor will



Decree of the Apostolic Penitentiary of the Holy See



provide a moment of grace for all ‘Pilgrims of Hope’ and will be especially beneficial to those who are unable to travel to Rome to pass through the Holy Doors and obtain the Jubilee Indulgence.”



America's Catholic Church awaits Jubilee pilgrims

Open from 6 a.m. to 6 p.m. 365 days a year and offering five hours of confession each day, four daily Masses Monday through Saturday, and seven Masses each Sunday (including the Saturday evening Vigil), Mary’s Shrine is eager to welcome “Pilgrims of Hope” during Jubilee Year 2025.

Archbishop Timothy Broglio, President of the USCCB, under whose leadership the Decree from the Vatican and the designation by the Administrative Committee came to be, said, “Visiting the Basilica is a powerful way to take advantage of the grace of the Jubilee and to be filled with the hope that flows from the embrace of our Mother.”

For more information on the Jubilee Year at Mary’s Shrine, please visit [www.nationalshrine.org/jubilee](http://www.nationalshrine.org/jubilee).

## UPCOMING PILGRIMAGES TO MARY’S SHRINE

May 3	Asian and Pacific Island Catholics
May 4	Our Lady of Lujan
May 18	Archdiocese for the Military Services, USA
May 24	Mother of Miracles
May 24	National Maritime
May 31	Archdiocese of Washington
June 14	Filipino
August 2	Salvadoran
August 15	Catholic Golden Age

# National Prayer Vigil for Life 2025

For the 46th year, the Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception hosted the National Prayer Vigil for Life on January 23 and 24, 2025. More than 10,000 of the faithful participated in the Vigil from its Opening Mass to its Closing Mass, as well as through the various diocesan Masses that preceded and followed the March for Life in downtown Washington, DC.

Bishop Daniel Thomas of Toledo was scheduled to be the principal celebrant and homilist of the Opening Mass but, due to a death in his immediate family, Archbishop Joseph Naumann of Kansas City in Kansas celebrated the Mass and delivered Bishop Thomas' homily.

"John's Gospel," Bishop Thomas' homily read, "compels us to offer praise and thanks for the life and light of Christ in every human person, preborn and born, in the image and likeness of God, because Jesus took on our very flesh, with all its frailty."

He continued, "We encounter Jesus preeminently in the fragile flesh of the defenseless baby in the womb ... of those born with physical and mental disabilities ... of the persecuted, the victim, the immigrant poor and the needy ... in the vulnerable elderly, the imprisoned, the addicted, the depressed, the anxious, the fearful, the dying ....

"Here and now, we recommit ourselves to seeing Jesus in the flesh when we see our brothers and sisters clothed in the fragile flesh of their humanity, the humanity of Jesus .... He fills us anew so that we might bring His life and light



Catholic Standard Photo by Mihoko Owada

Opening Mass National Prayer Vigil for Life

to our nation, to our states, to our dioceses, to the Church and to the world!"

After delivering Bishop Thomas' homily and celebrating the remainder of the Opening Mass, Archbishop Naumann led a Eucharistic Procession through the Great Upper Church, after which Bishop Barry Knestout of Richmond gave a reflection during the Holy Hour for Life that concluded with Benediction.

The following morning, at the Closing Mass celebrated by Bishop Robert Brennan of Brooklyn, Monsignor Walter Rossi, Rector of the Basilica, looked out to the congregation of young faces and said, "You are the future of the Church and the pro-life movement," and prayed, "May God bless you and Our Lady of Guadalupe guide all of your efforts to safeguard life!"

To view the National Prayer Vigil for Life in its entirety, please visit the National Shrine's YouTube channel at [www.youtube.com/marysshine](http://www.youtube.com/marysshine). 🙏

## Holy Father Appoints Eighth Archbishop of Washington

*Statement by Monsignor Walter Rossi, Rector*

On January 6, 2025, the Holy Father, Pope Francis, appointed Cardinal Robert McElroy of San Diego as the eighth Archbishop of Washington. With this appointment, Cardinal McElroy becomes the chair of the National Shrine Board of Trustees.

Cardinal McElroy has served as a member of the Shrine Board since 2022 and faithfully attends our annual meeting. We look forward to hosting his Installation Mass as Archbishop of Washington in Mary's Shrine on March 11, 2025.



Photo by Geoffrey RCADW

Cardinal Gregory and Cardinal McElroy

I am grateful for the six years that Cardinal Wilton Gregory served as chair of the Shrine Board, as well as for the thirteen years he served as chair of the Liturgy and Music Committee prior to his appointment as Archbishop of Washington. Cardinal Gregory will remain a member of the Shrine Board of Trustees, as all

United States cardinals serve as ex officio members of the Shrine Board.

During this time of transition, please keep Cardinal McElroy, Cardinal Gregory, and the faithful of both the Archdiocese of Washington and the Diocese of San Diego in your prayers. 🙏



# A YEAR OF CELEBRATION

Geraldine M. Rohling, PhD, MAEd, DSG  
Archivist-Curator Emerita

On Easter Sunday 2024, the National Shrine began its celebration of “100 Years of Worship,” the centenary of the liturgical life of this Marian shrine that began on Easter Sunday 1924. This coming Easter Sunday, this celebration will conclude, and we will begin the next one hundred years.

The liturgical life of the National Shrine is like Creation itself: prolific. It is a source of spiritual and sacramental expression, of celebration and of solace. It is a world of Marian devotions under one roof: a Marian demography of the United States.

In our celebration of that inaugural year, there were several anniversaries that wove themselves seamlessly into the one banner. Included among them was the celebration of “100 Years of Ordinations,” celebrated on August 22, the Queenship of Mary, with a Mass of Thanksgiving. His Eminence Wilton Cardinal Gregory, then the Archbishop of Washington and Chairman of the National Shrine board of trustees, was the celebrant and homilist. Priests and bishops who were ordained at the National Shrine, who had ministered or served at the National Shrine, or who simply wished to celebrate their presbyteral ministry, were invited to concelebrate. The deceased were remembered during the Mass. This Mass is available for viewing on the National Shrine YouTube channel.

In addition to the Mass, an exhibit in Memorial Hall (22 Aug to 2 Dec 2024) transported visitors through the last one hundred years, featuring “time-capsules” of ordinandi, photos of ordination classes, of prelates and episcopal ordinations, of ordination “firsts,” and liturgical events in the National Shrine. Artifacts and vintage vestments were also displayed. A brief

history was provided for the rites of tonsure, the four minor orders, and the three major orders, along with their reforms.

Within that first year of worship in the Crypt Church, the degree and rank of the liturgies kept pace with the Construction Cross. As the cross moved in a southerly direction, the worship space grew larger. With this increase in latitude came an increase in liturgical ceremony. By September 1924, the cross stood at the “vestibule” of the Crypt Church, between the four columns of Irish Rose Marble. The solemn pontifical Mass was now finding its place in the liturgical calendar. The first such event of a national character in the Crypt Church was the convention of the Holy Name Society.



Crypt Church, September 1924

Established by Pope Gregory X at the Second Council of Lyon (A.D. 1274), the Holy Name Society began love and reverence for the Holy Name of God and of Jesus Christ. This reverence for the “holy name,” was to encourage the suppression of “blasphemy, profanity, perjury, oaths of any kind, and unlawful swearing.” (Blessed) Giovanni da Vercelli, OP, the sixth Master General of the Dominicans (OP),

volunteered his community for the responsibility, management, and promotion of the society.

The earliest recorded Holy Name Society in the United States was near Bardstown, Kentucky, and



22 August 2024 Mass of Thanksgiving

dates from 1809. Its membership book includes names of both men and women. The Belgian missionary Father Charles Nerinckx, assigned by Archbishop John Carroll to assist Fr. Stephen Badin, the *only* priest in Kentucky, established the society. Although Carroll gave his permission for the society, it still required a charter or diploma from the Master General of the Dominicans for it to be an authorized, canonical society. Something it never received. Thus, the first group in the United States to receive official status was at the parish church of Saint Vincent Ferrer in New York City. Established in 1868, it took three years for the New York society to receive the official documents. Consequently, the official date of the first Holy Name Society in the United States is 1871. (The life of Charles Nerinckx [Nerinx] intertwines flawlessly with the life of the Catholic faith in North America and the lives of those missionaries he inspired to come and serve, including Pierre-Jean De Smet, SJ. Articles and biographies about Fr. Nerinckx are worth reading.)



Fr. Bernard A. McKenna and Very Rev. Charles H. McKenna, OP

Very Reverend Charles H. McKenna, OP, the older cousin of Reverend Bernard A. McKenna, the first director of the National Shrine, was “the Apostle of the Holy Name [Society] in the United States.” Father Charles is credited with firmly establishing the society in the United

States and increasing its membership exponentially. In part, this was through his struggle to abolish “the restrictions and rigid formalities” surrounding the founding of these societies. He also promoted devotion to the Blessed Sacrament and the praying of the rosary, which earned him the added title of “Apostle of the Rosary.”

In a letter to *The Holy Name Journal* (10 Dec 1915) Father Charles encouraged the members of the society “to contribute towards ... the National Shrine.” Prophetically, he stated that “many thousands” of its members were likely to visit the National Shrine in the future and hoped that “in due time every member ... will proudly proclaim that he has contributed towards this good and holy work.” The appeal was highly successful. Though he died in 1917, three years before the foundation stone of the National Shrine was set, the influence and

encouragement of Father Charles extended not only to the membership but also to his young cousin, Fr. Bernard. In addition to the personal influence, the elder clergyman also gave guidance and insight into Marian and Eucharistic devotions, ecclesiastical art, and prose, all of which factored into the work Fr. Bernard came to command for the National Shrine.



Very Reverend Michael J. Ripple, OP

In 1924, in celebration of the 650th anniversary of the founding of the Holy Name Society and its 50th anniversary in the United States—give or take a few years—Very Reverend Michael J. Ripple, OP, the national director of the society, along with the Washington delegation,

brought to the capital of the nation “the greatest national convention of the Holy Name Society ever held in America.” Of the 1.5 million members in the United States, the city of Washington readied itself for an influx of more than 100,000 members.

For a devotional society of such lineage and ecclesiastical rank, the emerging National Shrine was the ideal location for the opening ceremonies. On Thursday, September 18, at 9:00 a.m., a solemn pontifical high Mass was celebrated by Bishop Thomas J. Shahan, assisted by Rev. Bernard A. McKenna in the Crypt Church. In addition to the customary officers of the Mass, members of the American hierarchy were seated in the chancel area, including Archbishop Michael J. Curley of Baltimore, the ordinary of the diocese to which the District of Columbia belonged at that time. News stories reported that five hundred priests, members of forty religious communities of women, and members of the laity swelled the Crypt Church “beyond its capacity” of 1,800 to more than 2,000. Outside the Crypt Church, there were at least as many people, if not more.

Throughout the weekend, 120 Masses were celebrated daily at the National Shrine. Fr. Bernard, ever the advocate of the National Shrine, had arranged this convenience for priests attending the convention. This necessitated the removal of the framework that was enclosing the three apses and the construction of fifteen temporary wood altars—all within the span of two weeks. This *tour de force* was accomplished with three days to spare!



On Sunday morning, September 21, William Cardinal O'Connell, Archbishop of Boston and personal representative of Pope Pius XI, sang the closing pontifical high Mass. What had been planned as an "open air" Mass was moved indoors because of the weather. In the Crypt Church, the previous "comfortable seating" of 1,800 persons was now changed to *standing room only* for "3,000 persons." Thousands of convention-goers who had hoped to participate in the "open air" Mass, now found themselves either standing outside in the rain or staying indoors. This was a great disappointment. Others, who were still arriving by train, attended Mass at Union Station Plaza, where an altar was built and Mass was offered every half hour, starting at 5:30 a.m., until 12 noon.



Holy Name Society Parade, Reviewing Stand at the US Treasury

As a grand closing to the entire weekend, an elaborate public demonstration of the Holy Name Society was planned for the most historic parade route of the United States: Pennsylvania Avenue. Undaunted by the steady drizzle and occasional showers, the parade began punctually at 12:30 p.m. and marched from the east front of the Capitol, down Pennsylvania Avenue, to the reviewing stand at the Treasury Building, turning onto Fifteenth Street, and ending at the Washington Monument. The Grand Marshall, Captain Harry Walsh, US Army veteran, member of the Holy Name Society and a Knight of Columbus led the parade. Second in the line-up were the Catholic clergymen, followed by individual delegates, and then the collective delegations from across the country.

The Washington D.C. delegation of 1,500, being the host delegation, came last. One hundred brass bands set the pace with their renditions of religious tunes and hymns of the society, two of which were composed by Cardinal O'Connell and his auxiliary, Bishop Joseph G. Anderson. As each delegation passed the reviewing stands, the command "eyes right" was given and all heads turned towards the dignitaries and officials, including Cardinal O'Connell, Archbishop

Pietro Fumasoni-Biondi, the Apostolic Delegate, Archbishop Curley, Bishop Shahan, and the Very Rev. Ripple, OP.

The parade lasted five hours and was billed as a "simple demonstration of religious piety." Accordingly, only American flags and Holy Name banners were displayed, with each man carrying a small blue and white Holy Name pennant.



President Calvin Coolidge, Holy Name Society Convention

At the Washington Monument President Calvin Coolidge gave an address on religious freedom, one of the highlights of the event. At the very end, Archbishop Curley gave the Benediction of Pope Pius XI, and all joined in singing the *Te Deum*: "Holy God, We Praise Thy Name."

This brief look back in time does not adequately describe all the events of 1924 at the National Shrine. What it does define is the place the National Shrine occupies, from the very beginning to the present day, as a house of worship, a holy place, a refuge for prayer dedicated to Mary, the Immaculate Conception, the patroness and protectress of the United States.



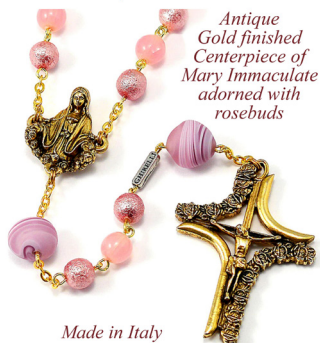
24 Dec 1924, Pius XI Opens Holy Door

On Christmas Eve, almost three months to the day after the close of the convention, Pope Pius XI inaugurated the Ordinary Year of Jubilee 1925. This was the first of five such jubilees in the liturgical life of the National Shrine. During this Jubilee Year 2025, the USCCB has designated the National Shrine as a "Jubilee site" where the Plenary Jubilee Indulgence may be obtained.

To honor the closing of our centenary and as an added pilgrimage opportunity, Exposition of the Passion Relics will be held on Good Friday, 7:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. in the Crypt Church. For further details regarding events at the National Shrine, please visit our website at [nationalshrine.org](http://nationalshrine.org).

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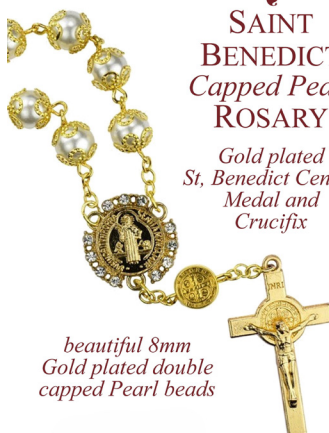
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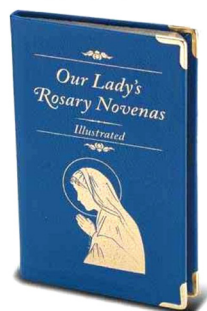
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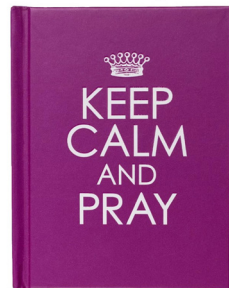


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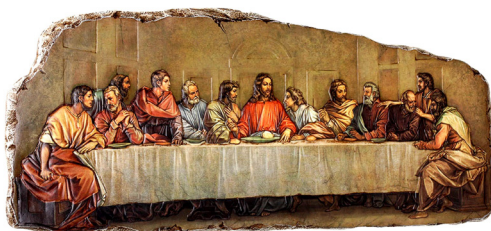


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4:30 pm

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