



“MARY: MORE THAN A WOMAN”



The month of May, dedicated as it is to the Blessed Virgin Mary, provides Catholics with an extended period of time to consider this woman whom “all generations call blessed”. Mary however (in the words of Barry, Robin, and Maurice Gibb (*The Bee Gees*)) is “more than a woman”! Mary is (in the words of *the Litany of Loreto*):



Holy Mother of God, Holy Virgin of Virgins, Mother of Christ,
 Mother of Divine Grace, Mother most Pure, Mother most Chaste,
 Mother Inviolate, Mother undefiled, Mother most Amiable,
 Mother most Admirable, Mother of good Counsel,
 Mother of our Creator, Mother of our Saviour,
 Virgin most Prudent, Virgin most Venerable,
 Virgin most Renowned, Virgin most Powerful,
 Virgin most Merciful, Virgin most Faithful,
 Mirror of Justice, Seat of Wisdom,
 Cause of our Joy, Spiritual Vessel,
 Vessel of Honor, Singular Vessel of Devotion,
 Mystical Rose, Tower of David, Tower of Ivory,
 House of Gold, Ark of the Covenant, Gate of Heaven,
 Morning Star, Health of the Sick, Refuge of Sinners,
 Comforter of the Afflicted, Help of Christians, Queen of Patriarchs,
 Queen of Prophets, Queen of Apostles, Queen of Martyrs,
 Queen of Confessors, Queen of Virgins, Queen of all Saints,
 Queen conceived without Original Sin, Queen assumed into Heaven,
 Queen of the most Holy Rosary, Queen of the Family, Queen of Peace.

In addition to all of this, Mary is (as revealed in Sacred Tradition and indicated on the bulletin cover) Our Lady of Lourdes, Our Lady of Guadalupe, Our Lady of Knock, Our Lady of Czestochowa, Our Lady of Fatima, ... Our Lady! With so many battles brewing both inside and outside of our borders of body, country, family, workplace, school, ..., let us *come home* with Rosaries in our hands **every Saturday in May at 8:30 A.M. in the church, Tuesday 07 May at 7:30 P.M. in the lower church, Thursday 09 May after the 12:10 P.M. Mass in the church, and Friday 17 May at 7:30 P.M. in the church** and find the way that on 07 October 1571, brought victory to Christendom in the Battle of Lepanto! **Our Lady of Victory, pray for us!**

Let us pray. O God, Who by the Resurrection of Thy Son, our Lord Jesus Christ, granted joy to the whole world; grant, we beg Thee, that through the intercession of the Virgin Mary, His Mother, we may attain the joys of eternal life. Through the same Christ our Lord. Amen.