



MARY: THE MEANS TO PROVIDE THE WAY TO HEAVEN

The Month of May was ushered* in at Our Holy Redeemer with help from *Saint Joseph the Worker* whose Feast Day was celebrated throughout the world on 1 May. What better way to start the month dedicated to the Blessed Virgin Mary than by entrusting our labours to get closer to God through her intercession to her most chaste spouse (Saint Joseph the Worker, pray for us).

The Marian labours we choose to bridge the gap between us and God are not nearly as varied as the Catholics who employ them. It is true that the images of Mary we choose to venerate during her month are varied but there always seems to be one common denominator underlying them all: the Most Holy Rosary.

Whether we kneel before Our Lady of Lourdes with Saint Bernadette or before Our Lady of Guadalupe with Saint Juan Diego or Our Lady of Fatima with Saint Jacinta and Saint Francesco, it is more than likely that we will kneel with Rosary beads in our hands. Once they are removed from our pockets or the rearview mirrors of our cars, those Rosary beads provide the means to provide for what we need to get to where we are going – no matter how much money is in our pockets or what kind of car we drive.

***Speaking of Ushers**, if you are looking for what “one small step” you can take as a Parishioner, why not become a Parish Usher? Call Judy Germaine at (516) 580-3160 and help your Parish take “one giant leap”!



FAITH AND THE ROMAN MISSAL

Another Marian-way to help us get where we are going, comes to us in *The Roman Missal* (the official “prayer book” of the Church). In addition to the prayers of the Roman Missal that we are all familiar with – those we hear offered at the Altar every Sunday and other Holy Day of Obligation – are a number of other prayers that seek the intercession of Mary and the Saints while on our journey home. The following *Collect* (Opening Prayer) is taken from the Common of the Blessed Virgin Mary in Easter Time.



COLLECT

O God, Who have been pleased to gladden the world by the Resurrection of Your Son our Lord Jesus Christ, grant, we pray, that through His Mother, the Virgin Mary, we may receive the joys of everlasting life. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, Your Son, Who lives and reigns with You in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.