

September 12, 2021

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## Standing under the Cross



As Jesus was dying, His mother Mary stood under the Cross. On the surface she is mute, seemingly passive, overtly not doing anything. But at a deeper level she is doing all that can be done when one is standing under the weight of the Cross. Had Mary, in emotional and moral outrage, begun to scream hysterically, shout angrily at those crucifying Jesus, or physically tried to attack someone driving the nails into Jesus' hands, she would have been caught up in the same kind of energy as everyone else, replicating the very anger and bitterness that caused the crucifixion. What Mary was doing under the Cross was radiating all that is antithetical to crucifixion: gentleness, understanding, forgiveness, peace, light, and courage.

—Fr. Ronald Rolheiser



## The Sanctuary Lamp

The Sanctuary Lamp near our  
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In Loving Memory of  
**MARY & JOHN JENNERJAHN**

## WHAT ARE THE SEVEN SORROWS OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY?



The Feast of Our Lady of Sorrows dates back to the 12th Century. Since that time, Catholics have recognized seven events in the life of Mary that caused her great sorrow. While Mary, being fully human, experienced the difficulties, pain and sorrow that are part of the human condition, this Feast recognizes her seven most grievous sorrows.

They are:

1. The Prophecy of Simeon (Saint Luke 2:25-35)
2. The Flight into Egypt (Saint Matthew 2:13-15)
3. Loss of the Child Jesus for three days (Saint Luke 2:41-50)
4. Mary meets Jesus on His way to Calvary (Saint Luke 23:27-31; Saint John 19:17)
5. Crucifixion and Death of Jesus (Saint John 19: 25-30)
6. The Body of Jesus being taken down from the Cross (Psalm 130; Saint Luke 23:50-54; Saint John 19:31-37)
7. The Burial of Jesus (Isaiah 53:8; Saint Luke 23:50-56; Saint John 19:38-42; Saint Mark 15:40-47)

That's a lot for one woman to endure in a lifetime! Love is what gave her the strength to embrace each of these sorrows that pierced her heart. Love is what compels her to continue caring for us tenderly, limitlessly, and faithfully, as the Mother of the Church and our Mother as well.



## PRAYER TO OUR LADY OF SORROWS

Our Mother of Sorrows, with strength from above, you stood by the cross, sharing in the sufferings of Jesus, and with tender care you bore Him in your arms, mourning and weeping.

We praise you for your faith, which accepted the life God planned for you.  
We praise you for your hope, which trusted that God would do great things in you.  
We praise you for your love in bearing with Jesus the sorrows of His Passion.

Holy Mary, may we follow your example, and stand by all your children who need comfort and love.

Mother of God, stand by us in our trials and care for us in our many needs.

Pray for us now and at the hour of our death.

Amen.

*"We adore you, O Christ,  
and we praise You.  
Because, by your Holy Cross,  
You have redeemed the world."*



## *Reflections on Our Lady of Sorrows*

*By Saint John Paul II*

*(The Feast of Our Lady of Sorrows is September 15<sup>th</sup>)*

*S*imeon's words ["A sword shall pierce your heart"] seem like a *second Annunciation to Mary*, for they tell her of the actual historical situation in which the Son is to accomplish his mission, namely, in misunderstanding and sorrow.

*O*n seeing his mother beside the Cross, Jesus recalled the memories of Nazareth, Cana, and Jerusalem. Perhaps he reviewed in memory the moments of Joseph's death, and then of his own separation from her... For her part Mary considered all the things which for years and years "she had kept in her heart" (cf. Luke 2:19, 51). Then more than ever, she understood them in connection with the Cross. Sorrow and faith were united in her heart. And then, at a certain point, she became aware that Jesus was looking at her and speaking to her from the Cross.

*M*ary is... the one who obtained mercy in a particular and exceptional way, as no other person has. At the same time, still in an exceptional way, she made possible with the sacrifice of her heart her own sharing in revealing God's mercy. This sacrifice is intimately linked with the Cross of her Son, at the foot of which she was to stand on Calvary.

*M*ary's presence beside the Cross indicates her commitment of total sharing in her Son's redemptive sacrifice. Mary had willed to participate to the very depth in the sufferings of Jesus because she did not reject the sword foretold to her by Simeon. Instead, she accepted with Christ the mysterious plan of the Father. She was the first to partake in that sacrifice, and she would forever remain the perfect model of all those who would agree to associate themselves unreservedly with the redemptive offering.

*T*he Gospel stories never mention the tears of our Lady... We do not know anything ever about her tears of joy when Jesus rose again. Even if Sacred Scripture makes no reference to this fact, the intuition of faith does however speak in its favor. Mary who weeps with sadness or joy is the expression of the Church, which rejoices on Christmas night, suffers on Good Friday at the foot of the Cross, and again rejoices at the dawn of the Resurrection.

# dear Padre

*I'm having trouble finding a good place to pray. I can't get to church every day. I have a noisy household, and I can't pray at work. Any ideas?*

**The best place to pray is in solitude.** But solitude in this case doesn't mean an isolated place; it is, rather, a state of the mind and heart. Many Catholics can enter into a state of solitude on a crowded train. I've talked with others who find solitude while sitting on a bench in the middle of a crowded shopping mall.

However, to cultivate this interior state that opens you to have a heartfelt conversation with God, many of us need to physically shut out distractions. As Jesus advised, go into your room—your secret place—close the door to distractions, and pray there. For some people, this "secret place" is a church or a chapel. Many people pray before or after Mass. Some churches have a special oratory or chapel for the Blessed Sacrament.

But like you, lots of people find it difficult to go to a church or chapel every day, so some of them devote a special corner of their home to prayer. This prayer corner usually has a Bible, a crucifix, a statue, a sacred picture, in a word, something that helps you focus on the Lord so you can lift up your life to Him in prayer.

Surprisingly you can find solitude in the car, in a favorite nature spot, in the garden, or on a morning jog. Once you start looking for it, solitude isn't as difficult to find as you'd expect because God is present in every place and in every moment—so wherever you can find solitude in your life, know that God will be there.

*Fr. Michael Brehl, CSSR*

## A Word from Pope Francis

*You may know all the commandments, all the prophecies, all the truths of the faith, but if this isn't put into practice, is not translated into works, it serves nothing...A faith without works, a faith that doesn't get you involved, isn't faith. It's words and nothing more than words.*

—Homily, February 21, 2014



## Mass Intentions

### SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 11, 2021

5:30pm +Marie Chesro (Vigil Mass for Sunday)

## THE TWENTY-FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

### SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 12, 2021

8:30am +Mary & John Jennerjahn

10:30am +Michael Fein

12:30pm +Isabella Cohan

5:30pm +Maria Valdivia

### SAINT JOHN CHRYSOTOM, BISHOP AND DOCTOR OF THE CHURCH MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 13, 2021

8:15am +Richard M. Cashin

12:10pm +Carolyn Roque

### THE EXALTATION OF THE HOLY CROSS TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 14, 2021

8:15am +All Souls in Purgatory

12:10pm +Teri Petti Butler Galemi

### OUR LADY OF SORROWS WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 15, 2021

8:15am +Margaret & John Arthur

12:10pm +Kathryn Lindquist

### SAINT CORNELIUS, POPE, AND SAINT CYPRIAN, BISHOP—MARTYRS THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 16, 2021

8:15am For Our Parishioners

12:10pm +Edith Pugata

### SAINT ROBERT BELLARMINE, BISHOP AND DOCTOR OF THE CHURCH FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 17, 2021

8:15am +Marie Louise Andrei

12:10pm Intentions of Lino Bordi & Family

### BLESSED VIRGIN MARY SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 18, 2021

8:15am +All Souls in Purgatory

12:10pm In Thanksgiving

5:30pm Special Intentions (Vigil Mass for Sunday)

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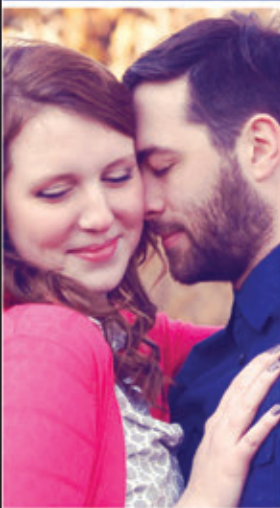
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