

*Our Lady of the
Assumption Church
Crowning of Mary*

Tuesday, May 19, 2019 @ 7:00 PM

Homilist: Fr. Gerald P. Carey



PROCESSION HYMN: Immaculate Mary

Immaculate Mary, thy praises we sing,
who reigns now in heaven with Jesus our King.
Ave, Ave, Ave Maria!

In heaven the blessed thy glory proclaim;
on earth we your children invoke thy fair name.
Ave, Ave, Ave Maria!

Thy name is our power, thy virtues our light.
Thy love is our comfort, thy pleading our might.
Ave, Ave, Ave Maria!

We pray for God's glory, the Lord's kingdom come!
We pray for His vicar, our father, and Rome.
Ave, Ave, Ave Maria!

We pray for our mother, the Church upon earth,
and bless holy Mary, the land of our birth.
Ave, Ave, Ave Maria!

For poor, sick, afflicted thy mercy we crave;
and comfort the dying, thou light of the grave.
Ave, Ave, Ave Maria!

There is no need, Mary, nor ever has been
which thou cannot comfort, Immaculate Queen.
Ave, Ave, Ave Maria!

In grief and temptation, in joy or in pain,
we'll ask thee, dear Mother, nor seek thee in vain.
Ave, Ave, Ave Maria!

In death's solemn moment, our Mother, be nigh,
as children of Mary—help us when we die.
Ave, Ave, Ave Maria!

And crown thy sweet mercy with this special grace,
to behold soon in heaven God's ravishing face.
Ave, Ave, Ave Maria!

To God be all glory and worship for aye,
and to God's own Mother an endless Ave.
Ave, Ave, Ave Maria!

CELEBRANT: In the name of the Father
and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

ALL: Amen.

CELEBRANT: The Lord be with you.

ALL: And with your spirit.

CELEBRANT: Savior, our Lord and King! On the throne
of Your cross You bestowed on us a precious legacy, a
gift cherished from generation to generation. You have
given us Your Mother. “Look, there is your mother!”
These words are Your last will and testament for us.
Mary was meant not only to give birth to You but also
to continue working with You for all times to establish
the kingdom of the Father on this earth.

ALL: Blessed be God forever!

CELEBRANT: Mary, we need your assistance. You are a
mother who shelters and prays for us. You are the
model for those who want to be faithful followers of
Christ. Above all, you wish Christ to be born in us
anew.

ALL: (Sing) Ave, Ave, Ave Maria! Ave, Ave Maria!

Reader 1: We look at the Blessed Mother; this is the cry
that comes from the lips of the elderly. Mary must help
us to share with others the wisdom which faith has pro-
vided for us. She will walk with us.

ALL: Ave, Ave, Ave Maria! Ave, Ave Maria!

Reader 2: We look at the Blessed Mother. She is the hope
of the fathers and mothers among us. With the mother
who guides and educates, we dare to let our children go
out onto the stormy ocean of public and social life. We
know they need a mother, a model, and a sure refuge.

ALL: Ave, Ave, Ave Maria! Ave, Ave Maria!

Reader 3: We look at the Blessed Mother, the youth of our parish. Young men and women, we admit our need. With the protection and guidance of Mary's Immaculate Heart, it will be possible to enter life with an undefiled heart, and a pure, strong ability to love faithfully.

ALL: Ave, Ave, Ave Maria! Ave, Ave Maria!

Reader 4: We look at the Blessed Mother, the children who call out to Mary in our happy voices. With her care we can grow in body and soul. Our journey of faith will also grow if we look to her again and again.

ALL: Ave, Ave, Ave Maria! Ave, Ave Maria!

Reader 5: We look at the Blessed Mother, our Bishops, Priests and Deacons. We proclaim solemnly that Mary is the great missionary who works miracles of transformation in our lives, and a home for restless hearts.

ALL: Ave, Ave, Ave Maria! Ave, Ave Maria!

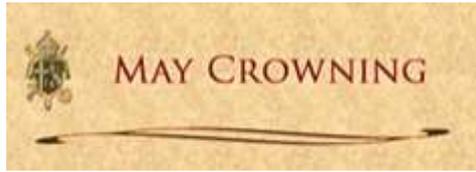
Reader 6: We look at the Blessed Mother, Religious consecrated to her Immaculate Heart. In your powerful yet gentle motherly hands we entrust our lives and those whom we serve. Lead your children to the infinite, loving Heart of Jesus.

ALL: Ave, Ave, Ave Maria! Ave, Ave Maria!

Reading: Luke 1: 46-55

Homily





CELEBRANT: Mary, we wish to crown you to acknowledge our gratitude to you for your part in the coming of Jesus Christ into this world. We place the future of our nation and world into your powerful yet kind, motherly hands. Accept our May blossoms, accept each flower as a symbol of praise and thanksgiving. Teach us, Mary, teach us, that we, too, may make the place where we are a little paradise for God.

The May Queen with her court will approach and crown the statue of the Blessed Mother.

Crowning Hymn: Bring Flowers of the Rarest

Bring flow'rs of the fairest, Bring flow'rs of the rarest,
From garden and woodland And hillside and vale;
Our full hearts are swelling, Our Glad voices telling
The praise of the loveliest Rose of the vale.

*O Mary! we crown thee with blossoms today,
Queen of the Angels, Queen of the May,
O Mary! we crown thee with blossoms today,
Queen of the Angels, Queen of the May.*

Our voices ascending, In harmony blending,
Oh! Thus may our hearts turn Dear Mother, to thee;
Oh! Thus shall we prove thee How truly we love thee,
How dark without Mary Life's journey would be.

CELEBRANT: Let us pray: Queen of our hearts, your destiny is meant to be our destiny. Teach us to love God as you did, to love our neighbors as you did, and above all, to love our families as you loved yours. We consecrate ourselves and our loved ones to you as together we pray:

ALL: My Queen, my Mother,/ I give myself entirely to you,/ and to show my devotion to you,/ I consecrate to you this day/ my entire self without reserve. As I am your own, my good Mother,/guard me and defend me as your own child./ Amen.

CELEBRANT: The Lord be with you

ALL: And with your spirit

Deacon John: Bow down for the blessing

CELEBRANT: May God, who through the childbearing of the Blessed Virgin Mary, willed in His great kindness to redeem the human race, be pleased to enrich you with His blessing.

ALL: Amen

CELEBRANT: May you know always and everywhere the protection of her, through whom you have been found worthy to receive the author of life.

ALL: Amen

CELEBRANT: May you who have devoutly gathered on this day, carry away with you the gifts of spiritual joy and heavenly rewards.

ALL: Amen

CELEBRANT: And may Almighty God bless you,
+ the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit.

ALL: Amen

DEACON: Go in peace, glorifying the Lord by your life.

ALL: Thanks be to God!

Recessional hymn: Hail, Holy Queen

Hail, Holy Queen enthroned above, O Maria!
Hail, Mother of mercy and of love, O Maria!

*Triumph all ye cherubim!
Sing with us ye seraphim!
Heaven and earth resound the hymn!
Salve, salve, salve, Regina!*

Our life, our sweetness here below, O Maria!
Our hope in sorrow and in woe, O Maria!

When this our exile is complete, O Maria!
Show us thy Son, our Jesus sweet, O Maria!

