



THE MEANING OF THE MIRACULOUS MEDAL



MONDAY NOVENA SCHEDULE

7:00 AM
Novena Prayers and Mass

9:00 AM,
12:05 PM, and
7:30 PM
Novena Prayers, Mass, and Sermon

2, 3:30, 5, and
6:30 PM
Novena Prayers, Sermon, and Benediction

Confessions begin 15 minutes before each service and end at its conclusion.

SHRINE HOURS

Monday
7am - 8:30pm
Tuesday - Friday
8:30am - 4pm
Saturday
8:30am - 1pm
Sunday
8:30am - 10am
Gift Shop
Monday
8:30am - 7:30pm
Tuesday - Friday
10am - 2pm
Closed Weekends

Come to the Foot of Mary's Altar and Join Us for Prayer and Reflection



FRONT SIDE

The front side depicts Mary Immaculate, her hands open, full of light; she is the messenger of God, who loves us and who never ceases to come to our aid. St. Catherine Labouré saw Our Lady appear like this and heard her say, "Have a medal made according to this model. Everyone who wears it around their neck will receive great graces."

Mary stands upon the globe as the Queen of Heaven and Earth. Her feet crush the serpent to proclaim that Satan and all his followers are helpless before her (Gn. 3:15).

The year 1830 on the Miraculous Medal is the year the Blessed Mother gave the design of the Miraculous Medal to St. Catherine. The reference to "Mary conceived without sin" supports the dogma of the Immaculate Conception of Mary — referring to Mary being sinless, "full of grace," and "blessed among women" (Lk. 1:28). The dogma of the Immaculate Conception was proclaimed 24 years later in 1854, and then confirmed when Mary appeared to St. Bernadette Soubirous in Lourdes, France.

REVERSE SIDE

Cross and the Letter M

On the reverse side, the Cross and the letter M symbolize the close relationship of Mary to the suffering, passion, and death of her Son. The cross can symbolize Christ and our redemption, with the bar under the cross a sign of the earth and the Altar, for it is on the Altar at Mass that the Sacrifice of Calvary continues to be present in the world today. The M signifies "Mary" and "mother." Jesus gave us Mary to become our Mother. The interweaving of Mary's initial and the cross shows Mary's close involvement with Jesus and our world. In this, we see Mary's part in our salvation and her role as mother of the Church.

Two Hearts Side-By-Side

Beneath the cross, bar, and the M are two hearts side-by-side: the Sacred Heart of Jesus crowned with thorns and the Immaculate Heart of Mary pierced by a sword. The two hearts represent the love of Jesus and Mary for us. (See also Lk. 2:35).

Twelve Stars

The twelve stars signify the twelve tribes of Israel and the twelve apostles, who represent the entire Church as it surrounds Mary. They also recall the vision of Saint John, writer of the Book of Revelation (12:1), in which "a great sign appeared in heaven, a woman clothed with the sun, and the moon under her feet, and on her head a crown of 12 stars."

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Mary's Miraculous Medal Family
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Miraculous Medal Novena Prayers and Hymns

IMMACULATE MARY

(Lourdes Hymn)

Immaculate Mary,
Your praises we sing,
You reign now in splendor
With Jesus, our King.

Chorus

Ave, Ave, Ave Maria!
Ave, Ave, Maria!

Your name is our power,
Your virtues our light,
Your love is our comfort,
Your pleading our might.

Chorus

Reading of Announcements and Favors

Opening Prayer

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

People: Amen.

Priest: Come, O Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of Your faithful, and kindle in them the fire of Your love. Send forth Your Spirit, and they shall be created.

People: And You shall renew the face of the earth.

Priest: Let us pray. O God, who did instruct the hearts of the faithful by the light of the Holy Spirit, grant us in the same Spirit to be truly wise and ever to rejoice in His consolation, through Jesus Christ Our Lord.

People: Amen.

Priest: O Mary, conceived without sin...

People: Pray for us who have recourse to you. (3 times)

Priest and People: O Lord Jesus Christ, who have vouchsafed to glorify by numberless miracles | the Blessed Virgin Mary, | immaculate from the first moment of her conception, | grant that all who devoutly implore her protection on earth, | may eternally enjoy Your presence in heaven, | who, with the Father and Holy Spirit, | live and reign, God forever and ever. Amen.

O Lord Jesus Christ, | who for the accomplishment of Your greatest works, | have chosen the weak things of the world, | that no flesh may glory in Your sight; | and who for a better and more widely diffused belief | in the Immaculate Conception of Your Mother, | have wished that the Miraculous Medal | be manifested to Saint Catherine Labouré, | grant, we beseech You, | that filled with like humility, | we may glorify this mystery by word and work. Amen.

Memorare

Priest and People: Remember, O most compassionate Virgin Mary, | that never was it known | that anyone who fled to your protection, | implored your assistance, | or sought your intercession, | was left unaided. | Inspired with this confidence, | we fly unto you, | O Virgin of Virgins, our

Mother; | to you we come; | before you we kneel | sinful and sorrowful. | O Mother of the Word Incarnate, | despise not our petitions, | but in your clemency hear and answer them. Amen.

Novena Prayer

Priest and People: O Immaculate Virgin Mary, | Mother of Our Lord Jesus and our Mother, | penetrated with the most lively confidence | in your all-powerful and never-failing intercession, | manifested so often through the Miraculous Medal, | we your loving and trustful children | implore you to obtain for us | the graces and favors we ask during this Novena, | if they be beneficial to our immortal souls, | and the souls for whom we pray.

(Here privately form your petitions.)

You know, O Mary, | how often our souls have been the sanctuaries of your Son | who hates iniquity. | Obtain for us then | a deep hatred of sin | and that purity of heart | which will attach us to God alone | so that our every thought, word and deed | may tend to His greater glory. | Obtain for us also | a spirit of prayer and self-denial | that we may recover by penance | what we have lost by sin | and at length attain to that blessed abode | where you are the Queen of angels and of men. Amen.

An Act of Consecration to Our Lady of the Miraculous Medal

Priest and People: O Virgin Mother of God, | Mary Immaculate, | we dedicate and consecrate ourselves to you | under the title of Our Lady of the Miraculous Medal. | May this Medal be for each one of us | a sure sign of your affection for us | and a constant reminder of our duties toward you. | Ever while wearing it, | may we be blessed by your loving protection | and preserved in the grace of your Son. | O most powerful Virgin, | Mother of our Savior, | keep us close to you | every moment of our lives. | Obtain for us, your children, | the grace of a happy death; | so that, in union with you, | we may enjoy the bliss of heaven forever. Amen.

Priest: O Mary, conceived without sin...

People: Pray for us who have recourse to you. (3 times)

SHORT SERMON

HYMN – HAIL, HOLY QUEEN ENTHRONED ABOVE

(All seated)

Hail, holy Queen enthroned above,
O Maria.

Hail, Queen of mercy and of love,
O Maria.

Chorus

Triumph, all ye Cherubim
Sing with us, ye Seraphim,
Heav'n and earth resound the hymn:
Salve, Salve, Salve Regina.

The cause of joy to us below,
O Maria.

The spring through which all graces flow,
O Maria.

Chorus

O gentle, loving, holy one,
O Maria.
The God of Light became your Son,
O Maria.

Chorus

Benediction of the Most Blessed Sacrament

Humbly let us voice our homage
For so great a sacrament,
Let all former rites surrender
To the Lord's New Testament;
What our senses fail to fathom
Let us grasp through faith's consent!

Glory, honor, adoration

Let us sing with one accord!

Praised be God, almighty Father;

Praised be Christ, His Son, Our Lord;

Praised be God the Holy Spirit;

Triune Godhead be adored! Amen.

LET US PRAY

Priest: God, who left us in this wondrous sacrament a memorial of Your Passion, help us, we beg You, so to reverence the sacred mysteries of Your Body and Blood, that we may always experience the effects of Your Redemption. Who live and reign forever and ever.

People: Amen.

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THE DIVINE PRAISES

Blessed be God.

Blessed be His holy Name.

Blessed be Jesus Christ, true God
and true Man.

Blessed be the Name of Jesus.

Blessed be His Most Sacred Heart.

Blessed be His Most Precious Blood.

Blessed be Jesus in the most holy
Sacrament of the Altar.

Blessed be the Holy Spirit, the Paraclete.

Blessed be the great Mother of God,
Mary most holy.

Blessed be her holy and Immaculate
Conception.

Blessed be her glorious Assumption.

Blessed be the name of Mary,
Virgin and Mother.

Blessed be St. Joseph, her most chaste
spouse.

Blessed be God in His angels and in
His saints.

May the Heart of Jesus | in the Most Blessed Sacrament | be praised, adored and loved | with grateful affection | at every moment | in all the tabernacles of the world | even to the end of time. Amen.

Sing:

O Mary, conceived without sin,

Pray for us, pray for us,

O Mary conceived without sin,

Pray for us, who have recourse to thee.