

## Marian Reflection for the Month of May

May 13

*MARY: HER HIDDEN LIFE WITH JESUS*

*"I like to go back in my imagination to the years Jesus spent close to his mother, years which span almost the whole of his life on earth. I like to picture him as a little child, cared for by Mary, who kisses him and plays with him. I like to see him growing up before the loving eyes of his mother and of Joseph, his father on earth. What tenderness and care Mary and the holy Patriarch must have shown toward Jesus, as they looked after him during his childhood, all the while, silently, learning so much from him. Their souls would become more and more like the soul of that Son, who was both man and God. This is why his mother, and after her St. Joseph, understand better than anyone the feelings of the heart of Christ; and the two of them are thus the best way, I would say the only way, to reach the Savior."*

Let us offer to our Mother today:

The effort of doing our ordinary work well, on time, with competence and finesse.

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May 14

*MARY: LOSING AND FINDING THE CHILD JESUS*

*"The Mother of God, who looked for her Son so anxiously when he was lost (through no fault of her own) and experienced such great joy in finding him, will help us retrace our steps and put right whatever may be necessary when, because of our carelessness or our sins, we have been unable to recognize Christ. With her help, we will know the happiness of holding him in our arms once more and telling him we will never lose him again."*

Let us offer to our Mother today:

A good, sincere, sorrowful confession of our sins and failures, in the sacrament of Penance.

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May 15

### MARY: AT CANA

*"In the Gospel, St. John has recorded a wonderful phrase of our Lady. At the wedding of Cana she turned to the waiters and said: 'Do whatever he tells you.' That is what it is all about -- getting people to face Jesus and ask him: 'Lord, what do you want me to do?' "*



Let us offer to our Mother today:

Prompt obedience, when we are called or asked to do some errand or some act of service.

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### MARY: AT THE FOOT OF THE CROSS

*"We find her on Calvary, at the foot of the cross, praying. This is nothing new for Mary. She has always acted like this, in fulfilling her duties and looking after her home. As she went about the things of this earth, she kept her attention on God."*



Let us offer to our Mother today:

An act of contrition, said many times, asking her to offer our sorrow for our sins to Jesus crucified.

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May 17

### MARY: THE SORROWING MOTHER

*"Our Lady is there listening to the words of her Son, united to him in his suffering, when he cried out 'My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?' What could she do? She united herself fully with the redemptive love of her Son and offered to the Father her immense sorrow, which pierced her pure heart like a sharp-edged sword."*

Let us offer to our Mother today:

The mortification of keeping quiet about any pain or discomfort, any inconvenience or disappointment, uniting it with her pain as she stood by her crucified Son.



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### MARY: THE CO-REDEMPTRIX

*"It is with good reason that the popes have called Mary co-redemptrix. 'So fully, in union with her suffering and dying Son, did she suffer and nearly die; so fully, for the sake of the salvation of all souls, did she abdicate the rights of a mother over her Son, and immolate him, insofar as it was in her power, to satisfy the justice of God, that it can rightly be said that she redeemed mankind together with Christ.' This gives us a deeper understanding of that moment in the Passion of our Lord on which we shall never tire of meditating: Stabat autem iuxta crucem Iesu mater eius, 'There, standing by the cross of Jesus, was his mother.'"*

Let us offer to our Mother today:

Five small hidden sacrifices in honor of the five major wounds of our Lord.



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