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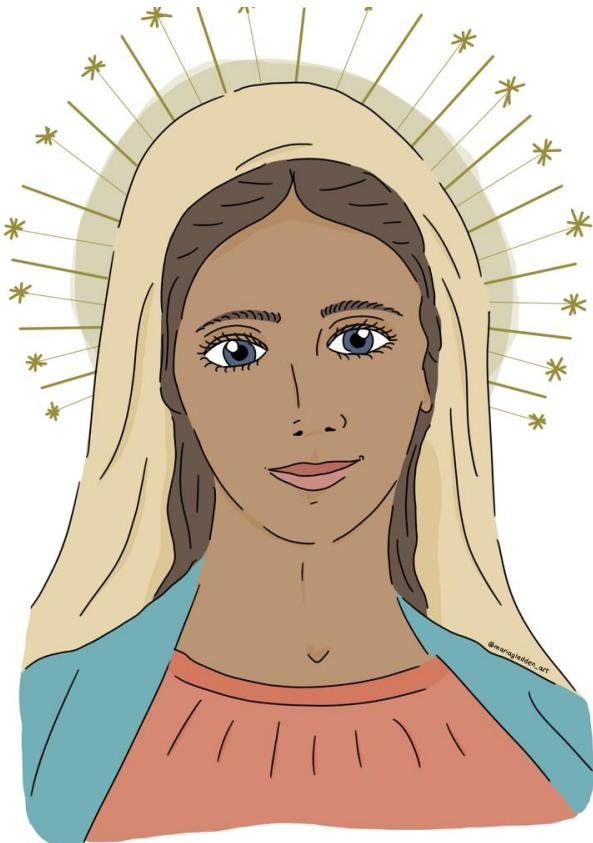
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An Introduction to the Holy Rosary



Did You Know?

The Holy Rosary was given to us by Our Lady, herself! It is a powerful form of prayer, second only to the Mass itself.

The Holy Rosary is a way of *reflecting deeply* on the Mysteries surrounding Jesus.

Throughout history, our Blessed Mother Mary has frequently made appearances to people. In her appearances, she has frequently delivered messages *urging* people to pray the Rosary. Here are some examples:

- *Fatima in Portugal, 1917;*
- *Betania in Venezuela in 1976;*
- *Cuapa in Nicaragua, 1980;*
- *Medjugorje, Bosnia and Herzegovina, 1980 to the present day.*

Our Blessed Mother Mary asks us to pray the Holy Rosary:

- as a form of *personal protection*.
- *to create peace* in our families, communities, societies and nations.
- *for more souls to be saved*, through their belief in her son, Jesus.





We Begin by making...

... the **Sign of the Cross**

And by saying the **Apostles Creed:**

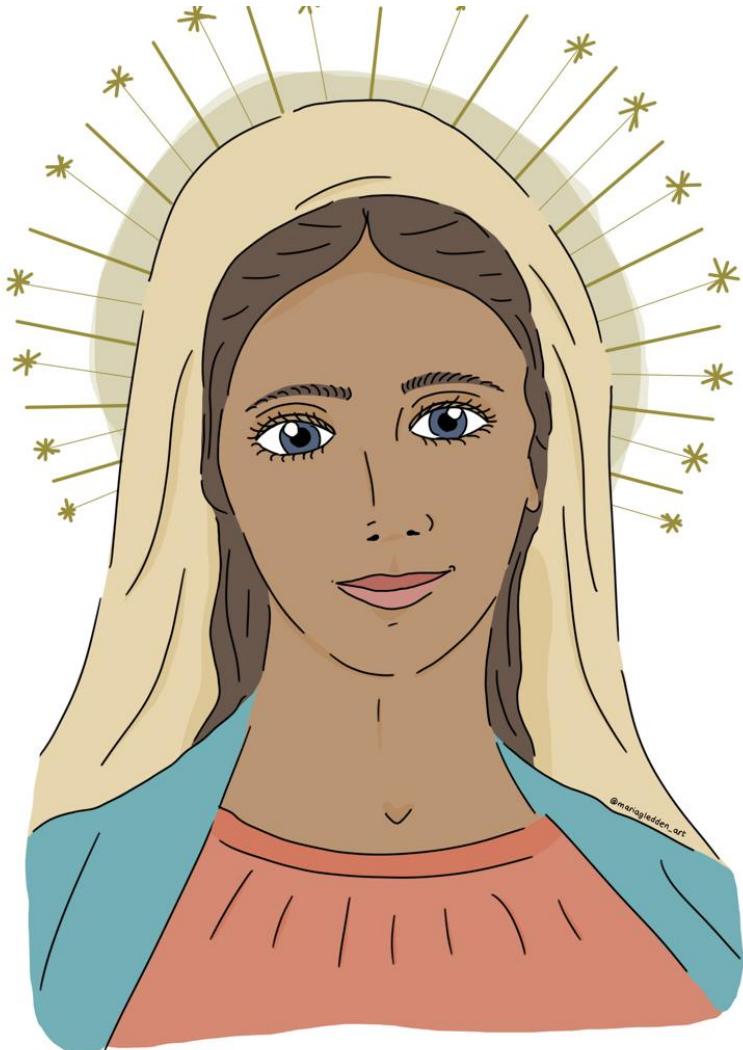
I believe in God,
the Father Almighty,
Creator of heaven and earth,
and in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the Virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died and was buried;
He descended into hell;
on the third day He rose again from the dead;
He ascended into heaven,
and is seated at the right hand of God the Father Almighty;
from there He will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the Holy Catholic Church,
the communion of Saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and life everlasting.
Amen.





We say one Our Father...

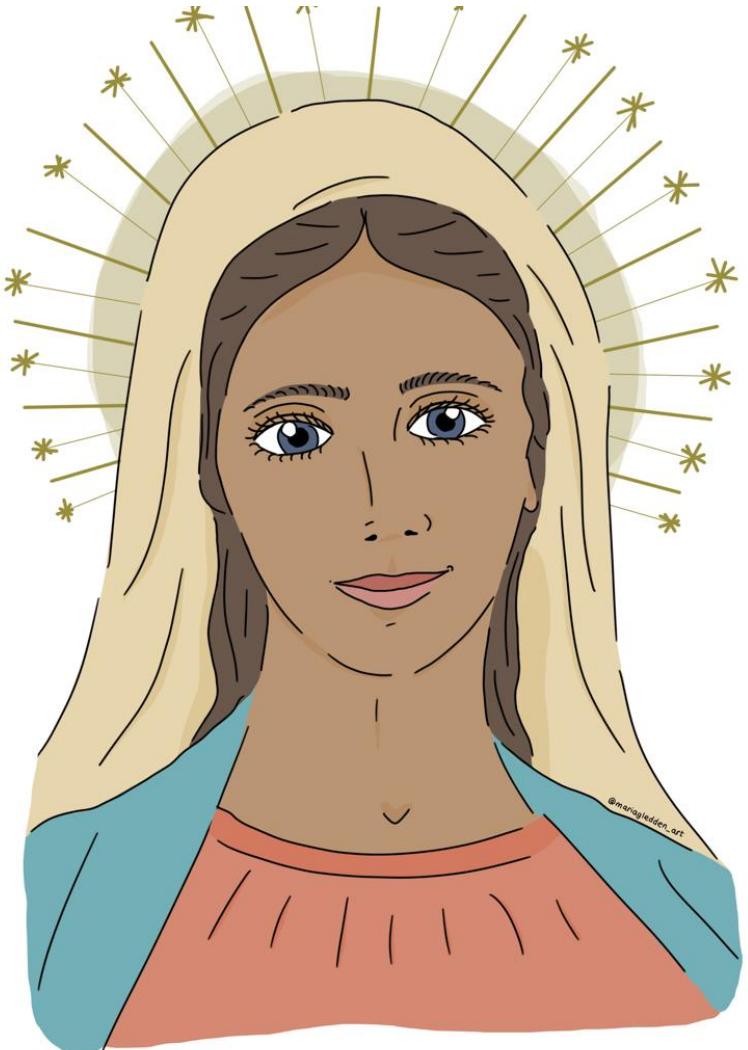


Our Father,
Who art in heaven,
Hallowed be Thy Name.
Thy Kingdom come.
Thy Will be done,
on earth as it is in Heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread.
And forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive those who trespass
against us.
And lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.
Amen.





... Two Hail Marys...



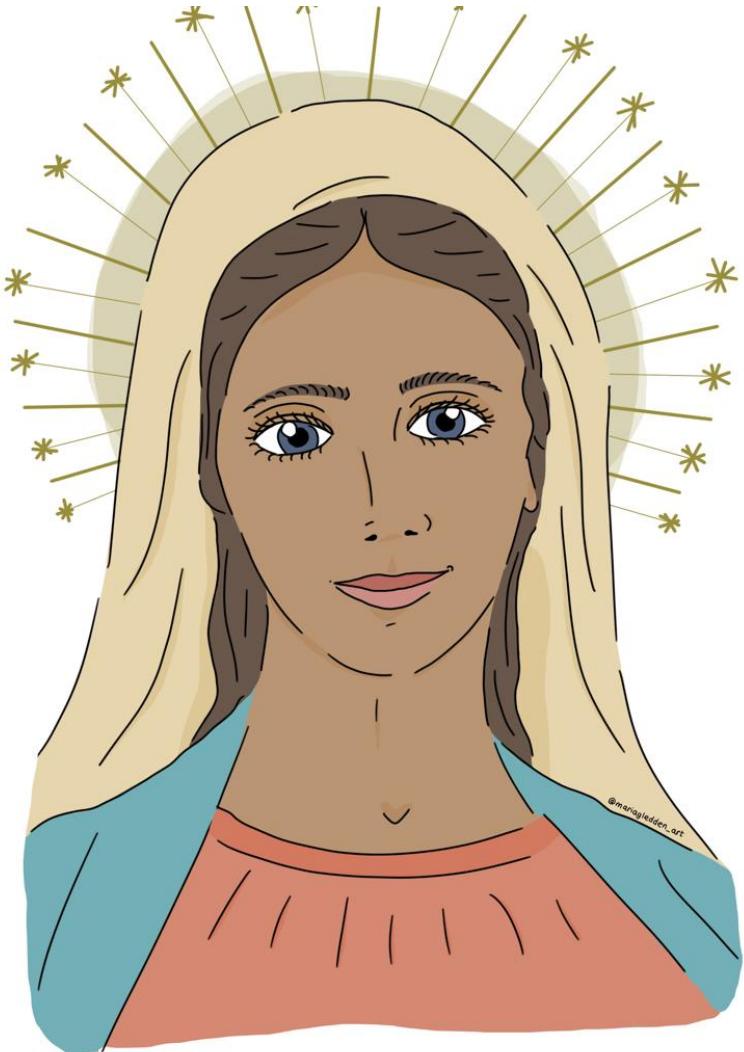
Hail, Mary,
full of grace,
the Lord is with thee.
Blessed art thou amongst women
and blessed is the fruit of thy womb,
Jesus.

Holy Mary,
Mother of God,
pray for us sinners,
now and at the hour of our death.
Amen.





... And a Glory Be



Glory be to the Father,
and to the Son,
and to the Holy Spirit.
As it was in the beginning,
is now,
and ever shall be,
world without end.
Amen.





We Reflect on a Mystery of Light:

The Wedding Feast at Cana, John 2:1-11

2 On the third day there was a wedding at Cana in Galilee, and the mother of Jesus was there. **2** Jesus also was invited to the wedding with his disciples. **3** When the wine ran out, the mother of Jesus said to him, “They have no wine.” **4** And Jesus said to her, “Woman, what does this have to do with me? My hour has not yet come.”

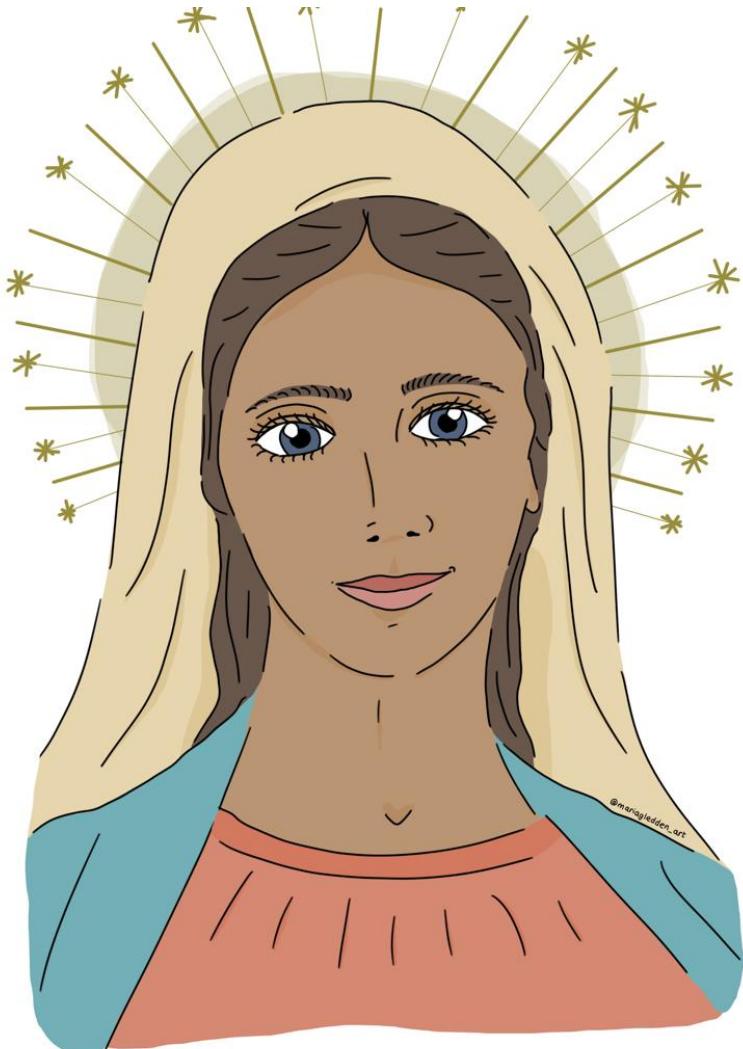
5 His mother said to the servants, “Do whatever he tells you.” **6** Now there were six stone water jars there for the Jewish rites of purification, each holding twenty or thirty gallons.^[a] **7** Jesus said to the servants, “Fill the jars with water.” And they filled them up to the brim. **8** And he said to them, “Now draw some out and take it to the master of the feast.” So they took it. **9** When the master of the feast tasted the water now become wine, and did not know where it came from (though the servants who had drawn the water knew), the master of the feast called the bridegroom **10** and said to him, “Everyone serves the good wine first, and when people have drunk freely, then the poor wine. But you have kept the good wine until now.” **11** This, the first of his signs, Jesus did at Cana in Galilee, and manifested his glory.

And his disciples believed in him.





We Reflect with Our Blessed Mother

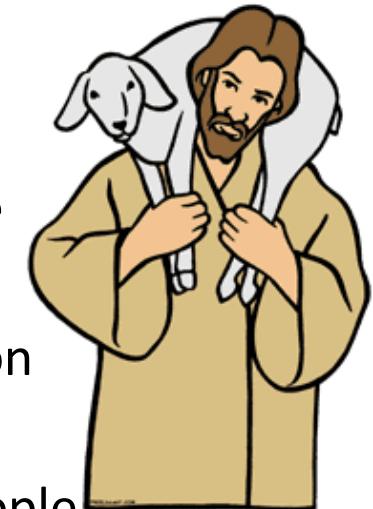


Reflection:

If you feel comfortable doing so, **close your eyes for a moment.**

- Imagine the warmth of the room on your skin.
- Hear the clatter and chatter of people around you, as the wedding celebration continues in full swing.
- Imagine the smells of good food around you.
- Taste the food in your mouth.

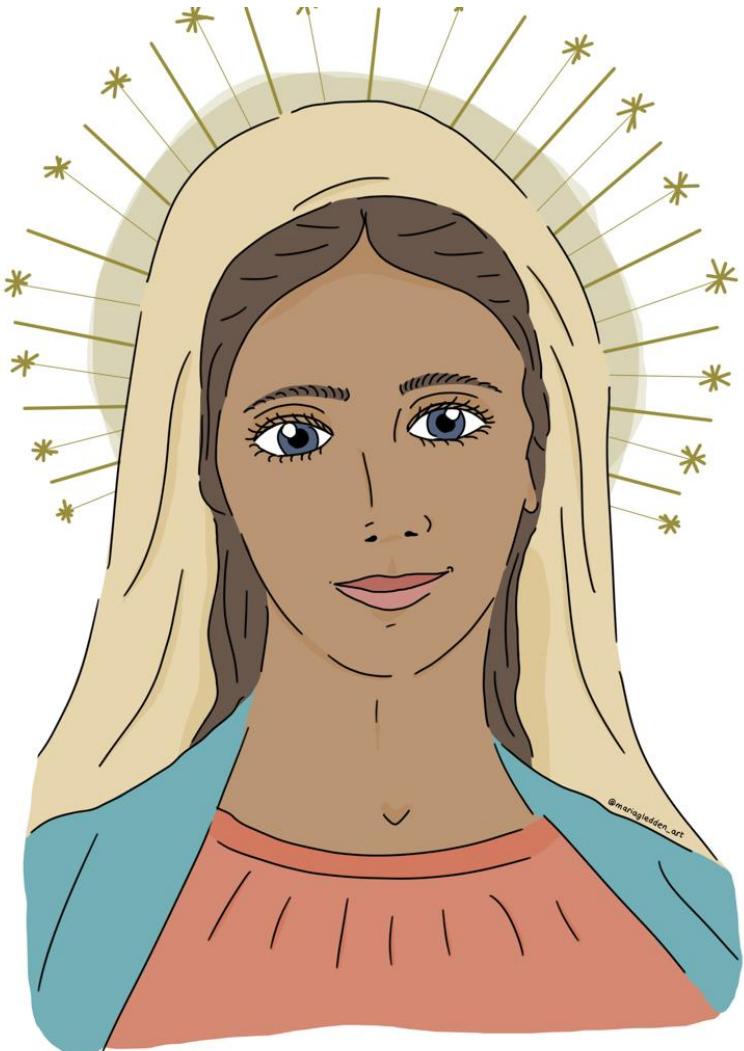
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Then say all together: Our Father...



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There is a feast. Mary is there, the disciples are there... Lots of other people are there. They are a community. ***It is through the Christian Community that Jesus comes to us.***

(Pause)

Then say all together: **Hail Mary...**

Mary keeps a motherly eye on what is going on. She looks about and can see that there is a problem. ***Mary keeps a motherly eye on us too. She can see when we have problems.***

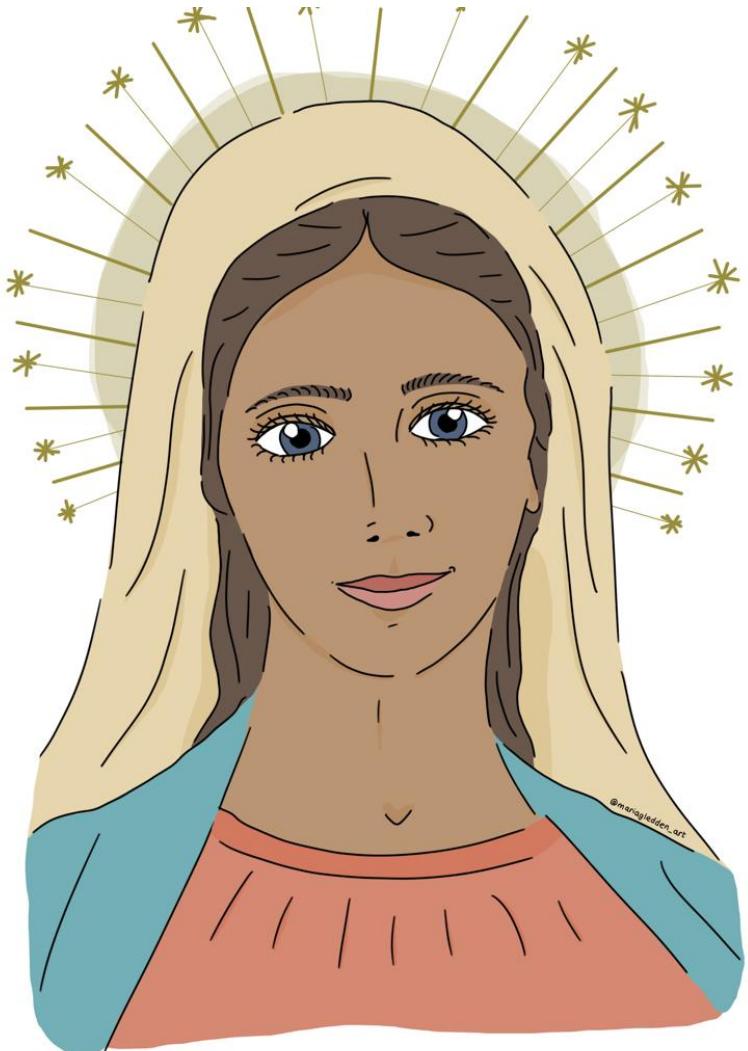
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Hail Mary...





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“They have no wine”, Mary tells her son, Jesus. Mary brings the needs of the people to her son’s attention. *She brings our needs to the attention of Jesus too, that is why she is such a powerful partner in prayer.*

(Pause)

Hail Mary...

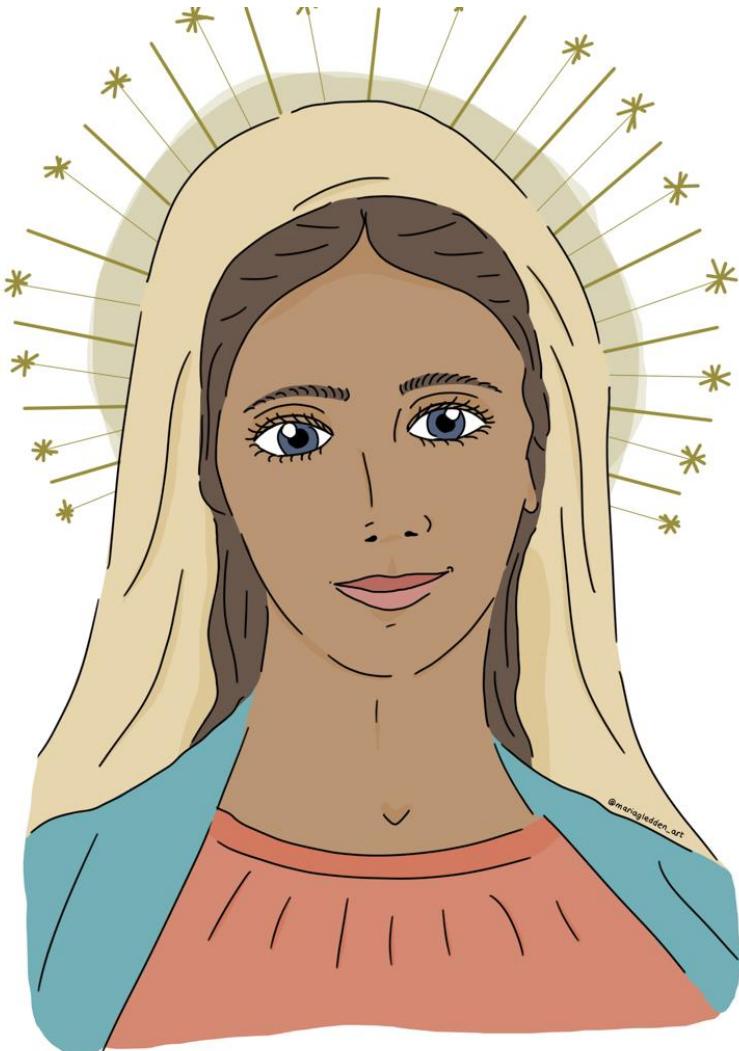
“Woman, what does this have to do with me?” Far from being a disrespectful, this title (in Greek) is actually a title of honour. *There is much mutual love and respect between Mother and Son.*

Hail Mary...





We Reflect with Our Blessed Mother



"Do whatever he tells you".

Mary does not have the answer to the problem, but she knows someone who does – her son, Jesus.

When we don't have the answers to our problems, we should turn to Jesus too.

Hail Mary...

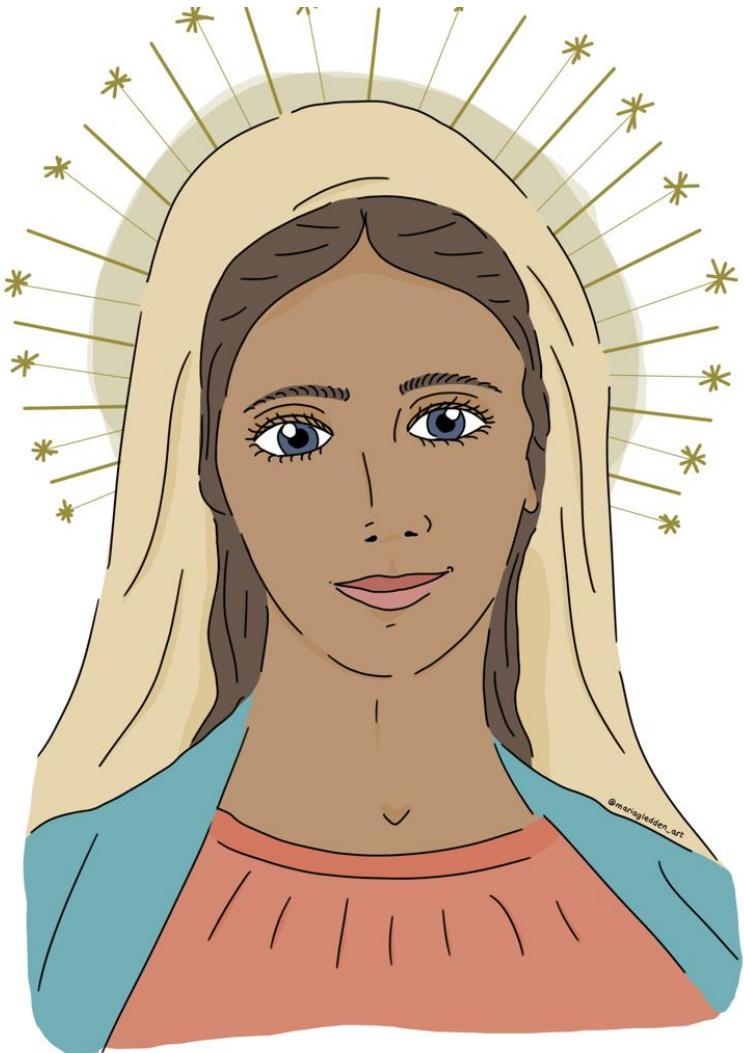
The servants do exactly what Jesus asks them to do. They fill up the stone water jars with water, and then draw some up to give to the master of the feast. *When we listen carefully and do what Jesus asks us to do, transformational miracles can happen to us too.*

Hail Mary...





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Jesus turns the water into wine.

The impossible happens; Jesus doesn't just provide a little extra wine, he provides a lot. ***God is always generous in his love... even to the point of being 'impossible'.***



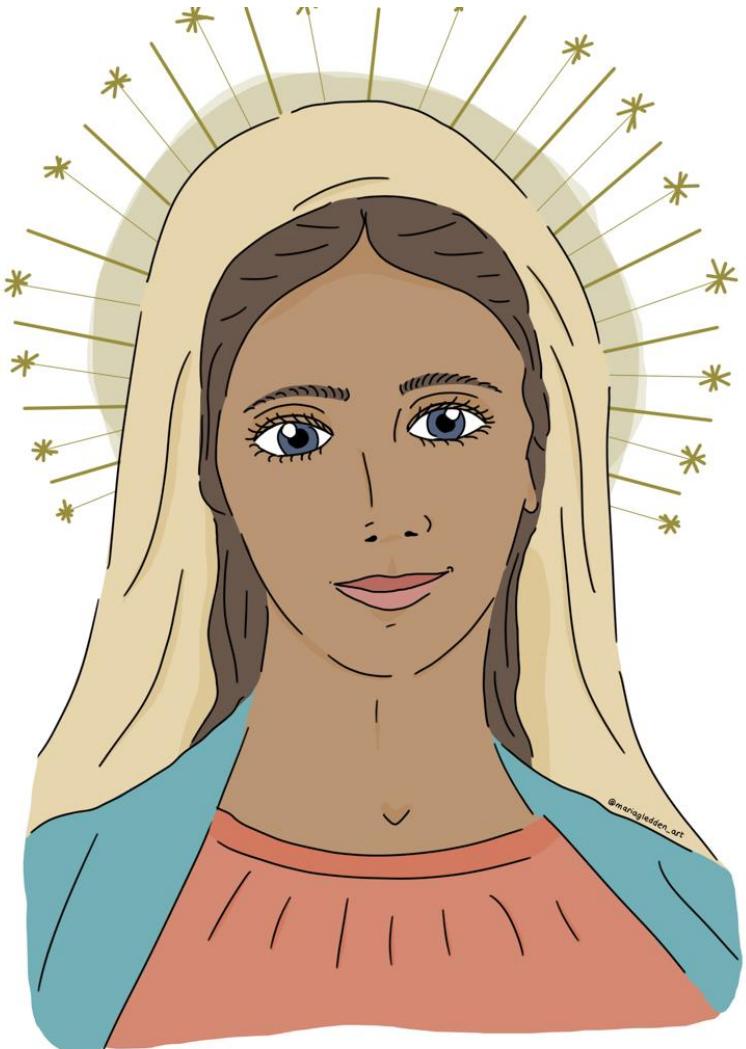
Hail Mary...

“But you have kept the good wine until now”. The master of the feast is impressed and surprised by the quality of the wine. ***Jesus only ever wants the very best for us! And that is why we can trust him completely.***

Hail Mary...



We Reflect with Our Blessed Mother



**This was the first of his signs,
and he did it at Cana, Galilee.**

Jesus went on to produce many different kinds of signs during his ministry. ***Jesus is the Son of the Living God, and he is still working many signs and wonders through people today.***

Hail Mary...

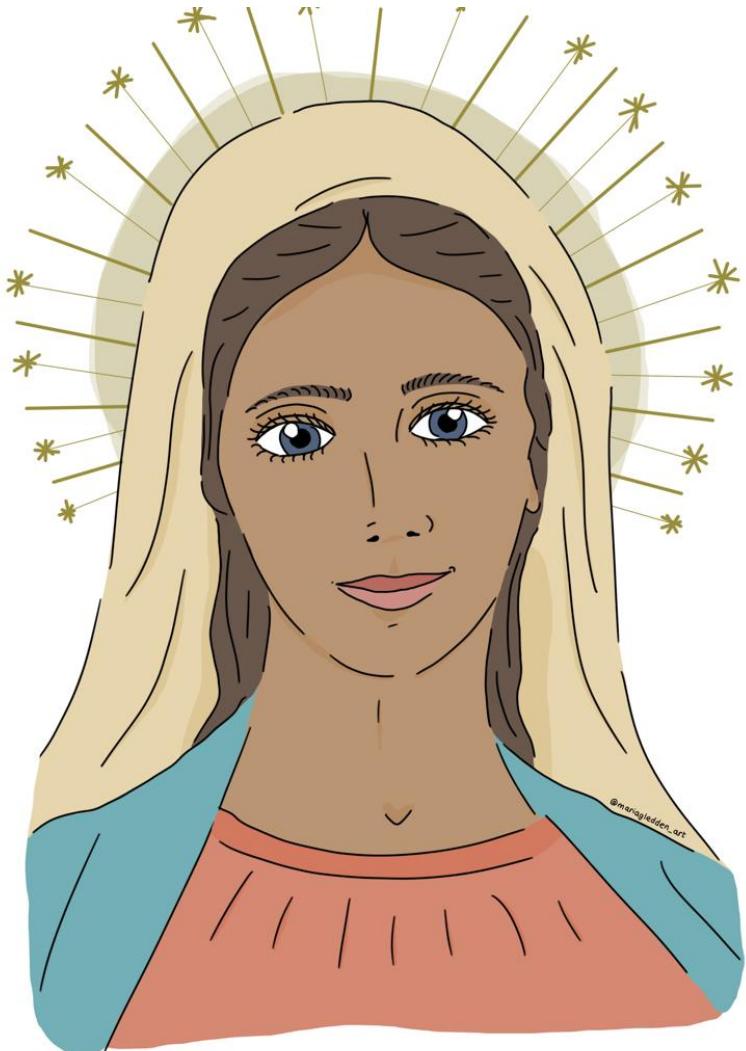
And his disciples believed in him. The gift of the wine was for the bride and groom, but the *miracle* – so quietly done – was for the disciples. ***Jesus will work miracles in our lives too, so that we might also believe.***

Hail Mary...





Then We Finish with a Glory Be...

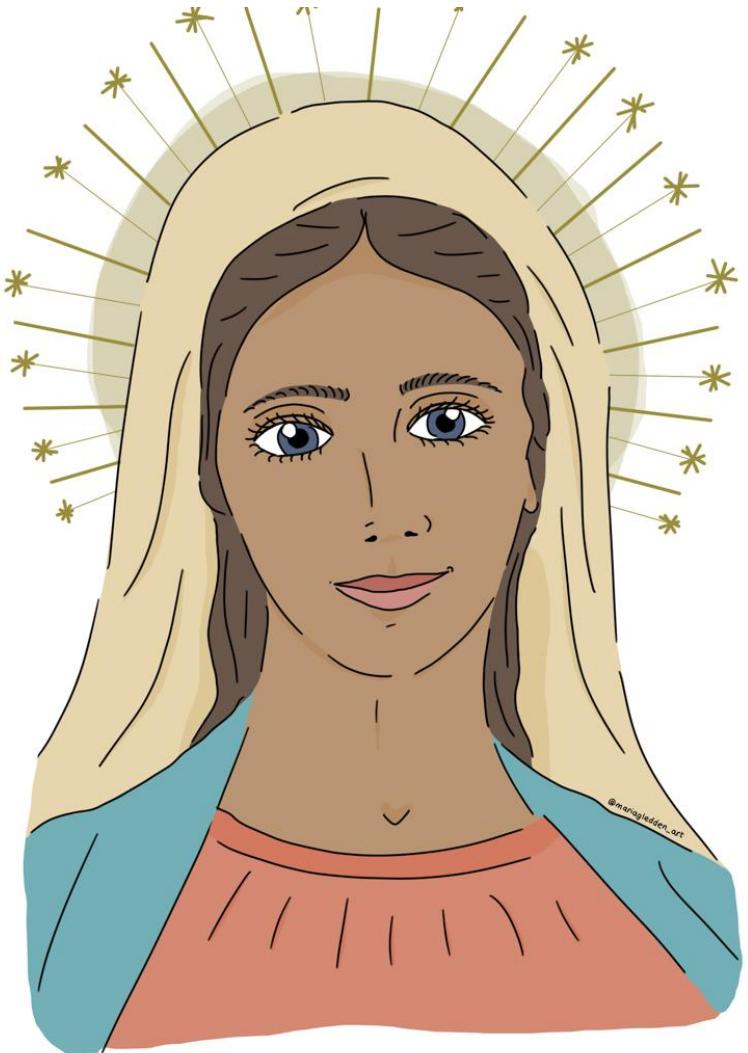


Glory be to the Father,
and to the Son,
and to the Holy Spirit.
As it was in the beginning,
is now,
and ever shall be,
world without end.
Amen.





...And a Hail Holy Queen:



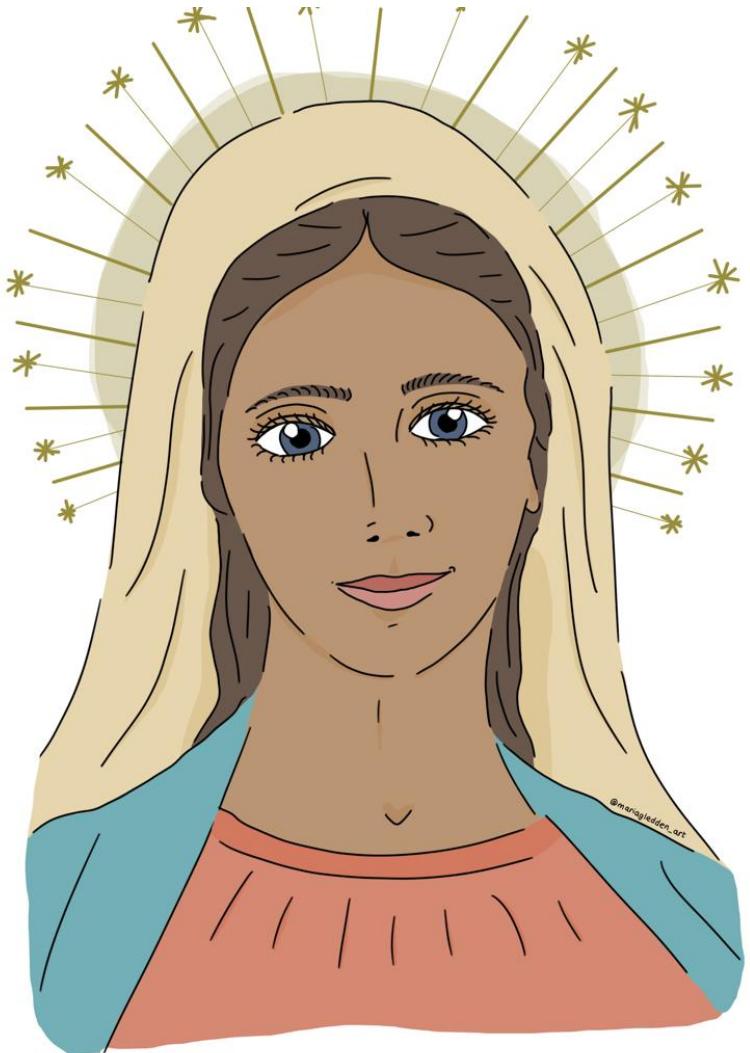
Hail, Holy Queen, Mother of Mercy;
Hail, our life, our sweetness and our hope!
To thee do we cry,
poor banished children of Eve.
To thee do we send up our sighs,
mourning and weeping in this valley of tears!
Turn, then, most gracious Advocate,
thine eyes of mercy toward us,
and after this, our exile,
show unto us
the blessed fruit of thy womb, Jesus.
O clement, O loving,
O sweet Virgin Mary.

Pray for us, O Holy Mother of God!
That we may be made worthy of
the promises of Christ.





We Conclude with the Sign of the Cross



In the name of the Father,
and of the Son,
and of the Holy Spirit.

Amen.

*Thank you to Maria Gledden,
a young mother and artist in our
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wonderful picture of Our Lady.*

