

Make Your Own Marian Shrine

Honoring Our Mother, Mary

We love Mary because Christ loved her first. God chose Mary from all other women to ask to bring Jesus into the world, and Mary said yes! Her whole life was spent glorifying God. At His death on the Cross, Jesus gave the Church His Mother as our own. We often honor Mary by having a picture or statue of her in our homes and churches, much like you hang up pictures of your family members. One way to show Mary your love and ask for her prayers is to create a little Marian Shrine. You can decorate it with flowers and candles. Sometimes we also have a May Crowning. We celebrate Mary by giving her a crown of flowers, remembering that Jesus has made her the Queen of Heaven. Our love for Mary is because she always leads us to her Son.



*"His Mother said
to the servers,
'Do whatever
He tells you.'"
~John 2:5*

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You can honor Mary by making your own Marian Shrine using a statue or picture of Mary, or you can make your own using this project! Here are a few steps to help:

- Choose and print either the color set (p. 3-4) or the black and white set (p. 5-6) Example photos can be found on p. 2, but you can be as creative as you want to be!
- If starting with the black and white set, add your own color with colored pencils, watercolors, or crayons
- Cut out all pieces (no need to be precise on the flowers- just cut a bubble around the details)
- For the shrine background, fold on the solid lines and cut on the dotted line. Overlap and glue the pieces on either side of the cut
- Cut, fold, and glue the triangle stand on the back of the Mary statue
- Cut out the flower crown and have a grownup help cut the dotted line in the center with an exacto or other sharp knife (or just cut around the flowers and glue directly on Mary's head)
- Decorate your shrine with the garlands and flowers
- Set Mary in the center, place the crown on her head, and lay the bouquet of flowers at her feet
- Sing your favorite Marian song or say the Hail Mary











