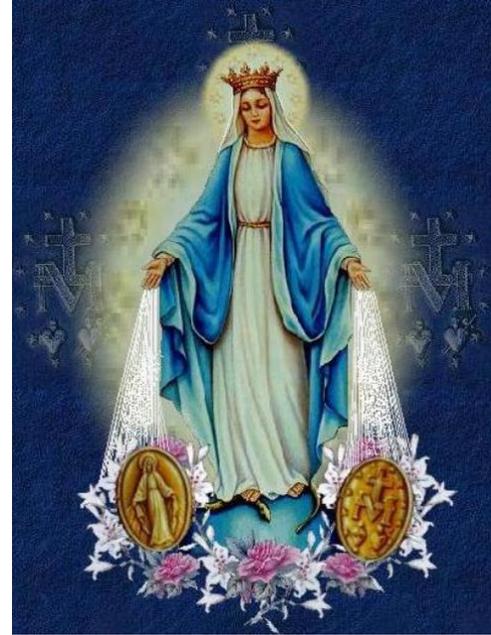


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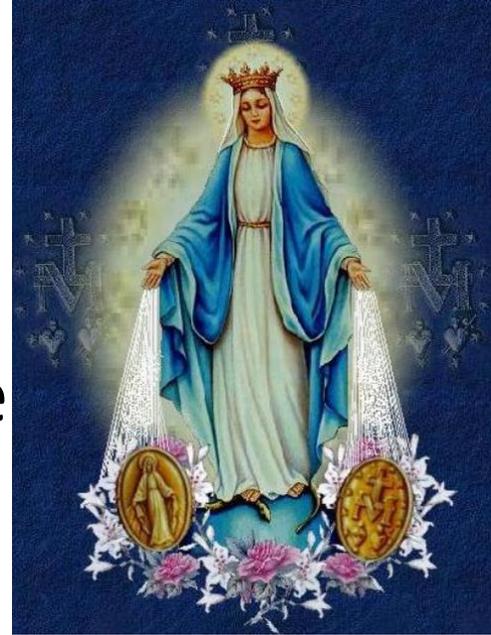
Her Exaltation

- “Mary is at once our co-redemptrix, our mediatrix, our advocate, and our mother.” *Manual of Christian Doctrine*, p. 78
- “Queen of angels and men.” “Queen of the universe.” *People’s Mass Book*, p. 583
- “She never committed any sin, whether mortal or venial; she was always all fair and without spot.” *MCD*, p. 77



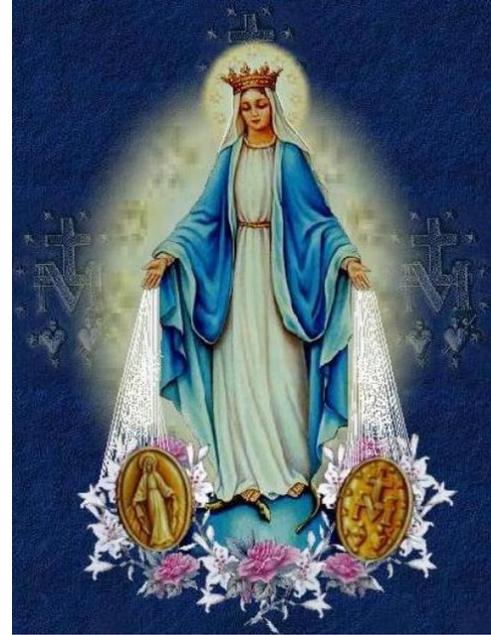
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- “We declare, pronounce, and define that the doctrine which holds that the most Blessed Virgin Mary, in the first instance of her conception, by a special grace and privilege of the Almighty God, in view of the merits of Jesus Christ, the Savior of mankind, was preserved free from the stain of all original sin....” Pope Pius IX



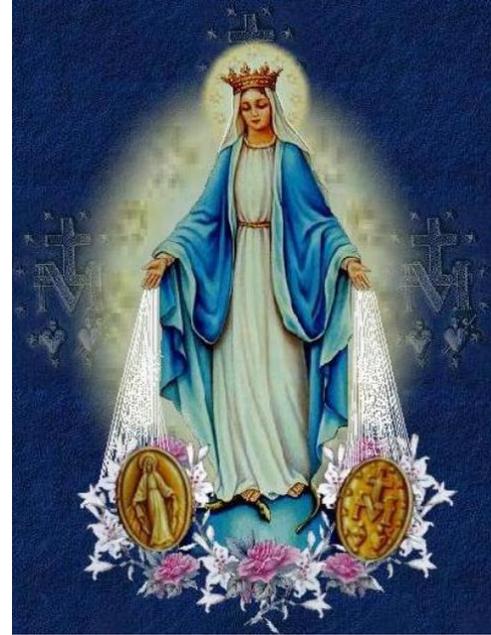
Her Exaltation

- “Mary was always a Virgin—before, during, and after childbirth.” MCD, p. 78
- Bodily Assumption. Her sinless body was said to have been taken directly into heaven.



“Full of Grace”

- “Mary is called our advocate, because she is always interceding for us in heaven; our patron, because she constantly takes care of us.” *MCD*, pp. 78, 79
- “Be mindful, O Virgin Mother of God, when you stand in the sight of the Lord, to speak good things for us, and to turn away his wrath from us.” *PMB*, p. 340



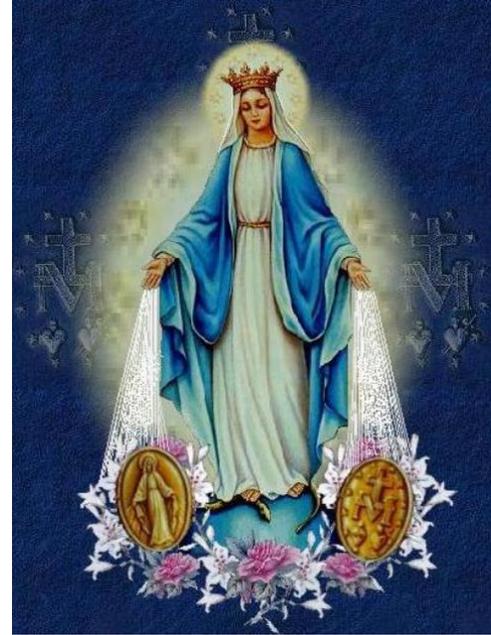
“Full of Grace”

- “What are the advantages of devotion to Mary? ‘1. Mary lavishes signal favors upon her servants; 2. She strengthens them in temptation; 3. She obtains for them the grace of perseverance; 4. She assists them in their last hour; 5. She introduces them into heaven.’ ” *MCD*, p. 79
- “Mary, plead for us, Intercede for us; Hope of sinners, O Mary! Thou art the portal to Life Immortal: Pray for us, O pray for us, O Mary.” *PMB*, p. 426 (song section)



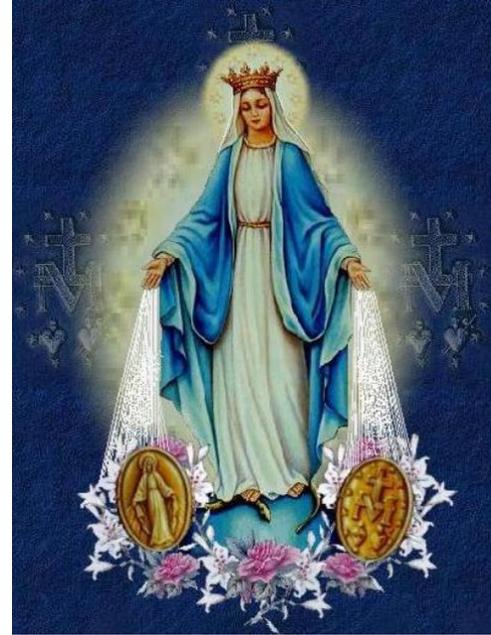
Prayers to Mary

- She is seen as the patron who constantly takes care of those devoted to her.
- “I put all of my hope and my entire salvation in you.” Alphonsus Liguori, “Doctor” of the Catholic Church (one of only about 33 men and women given the title of Doctor)



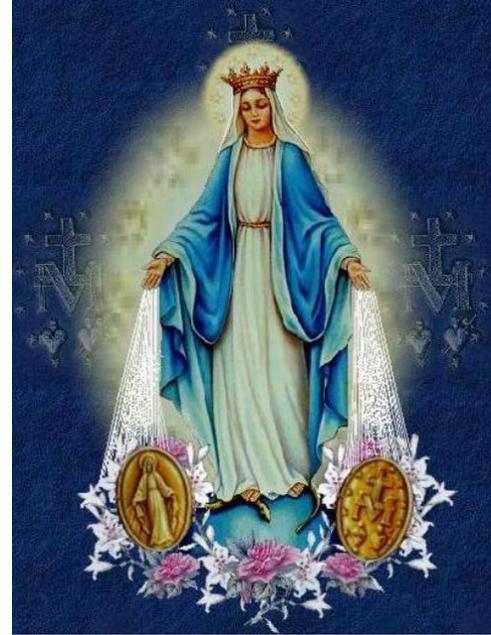
Prayers to Mary

- The Ave Maria (Hail Mary)
 - Hail Mary, full of grace, the Lord is with thee.
 - Blessed art thou among 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 death. Amen.



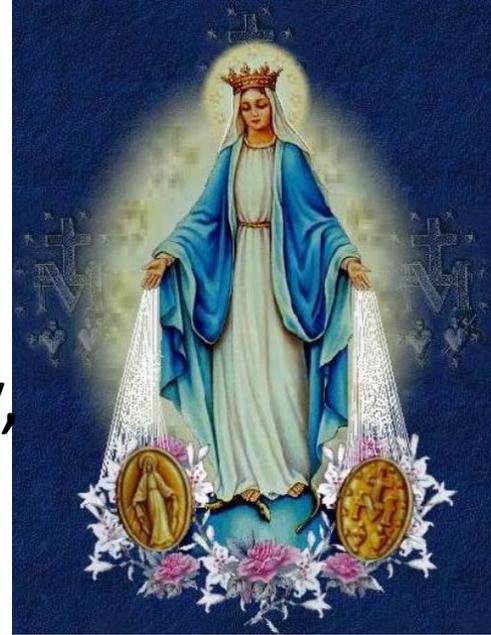
Prayers to Mary

- The Rosary is “a type of meditative prayer focused on the events in the life of our Lord and the Blessed Virgin.”
- It is most commonly recited using Rosary beads, but they are not required.
- In a typical Rosary the Hail Mary is recited 53 times, but a full Rosary contains 253.



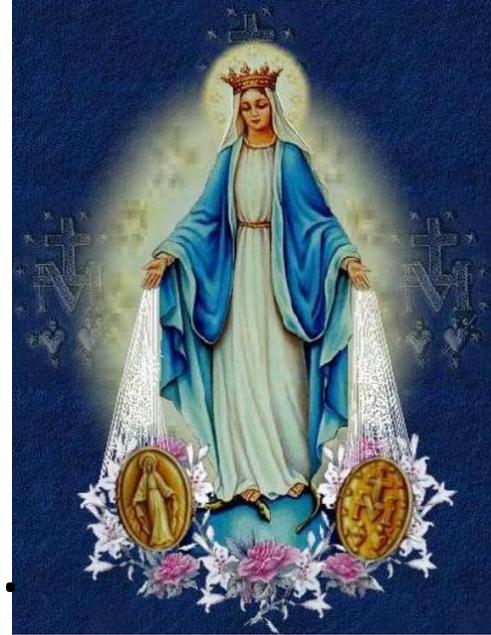
Prayers to Mary

- “Hail, Holy Queen, Mother of Mercy, 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!”



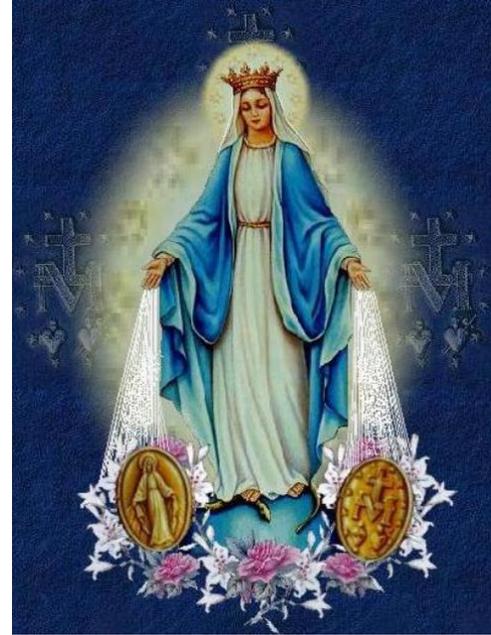
The Bible and Mary

- Don't overreact. Luke 1:28-30, 41-48
- Appreciation and honor are deserved.
 - But cf. Mark 14:6-9; Phil. 2:29; 1 Thes. 5:12-13
- Never called redemptrix, advocate, or Queen of the Universe.
- Cautions are sounded. Matt. 12:46-50; Luke 11:27-28
- Never mentioned after Acts 1:13-14.



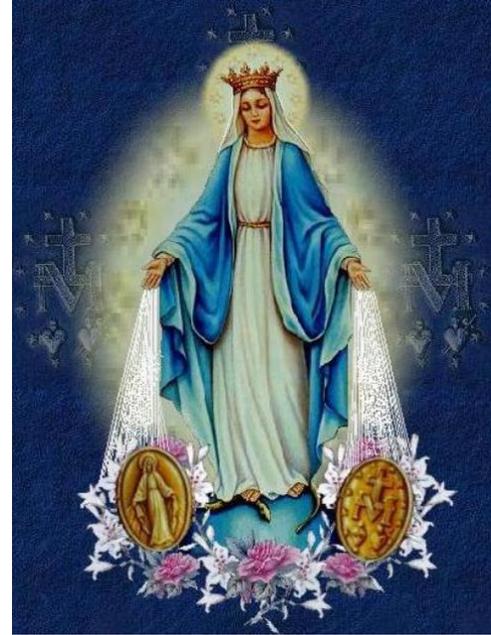
Was Mary Sinless?

- Had no Original Sin. Cf. Ezek. 18:20.
- Never said to be an exception to Rom. 3:23 and 1 John 1:8-10.



Perpetual Virgin?

- Matt. 1:20, 24-25
- Jesus had siblings. Matt. 12:46-50; 13:55-56
- The marriage bed would not have defiled her. Heb. 13:4; 1 Cor. 7:2-5



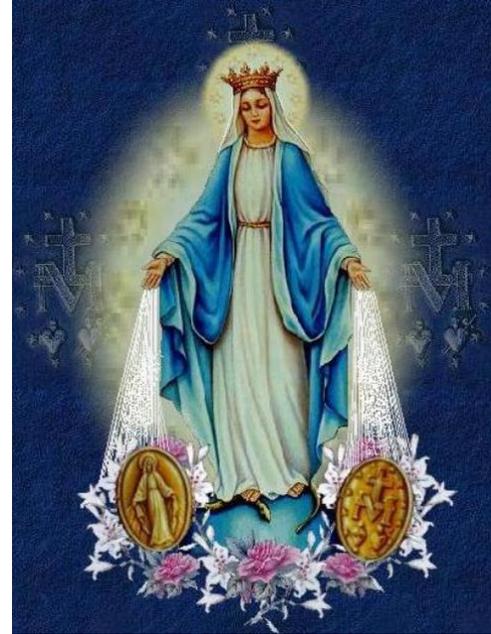
The Bodily Assumption

- Derives from the false doctrine of her sinlessness.
- Nothing in Scripture to suggest it.



Praying to Mary

- No Biblical examples of asking the dead to pray for us?
- No examples of NT Christians doing this.
- Mediatrix? 1 Tim. 2:3-6
- Jesus and the Spirit make intercession (Heb. 7:25; Rom. 8:26-27). Passage for Mary?
- The Rosary—heard for its many words?
Matt. 6:7



Conclusion

- Let's not overreact, but both the silence and explicit testimony of Scripture is against the modern adoration of Mary.
- It is the One who was born to us that saves from sin. Matt. 1:21

