



MAY 9 – 17, 2021

Mother's Day Novena

We invite you to take this opportunity to include your mother, grandmother, daughter or other special women in your life in our Mother's Day Novena this year. Envelopes for your offering with places to write the names of those for whom you wish to offer the Novena are in the church vestibules. Fill out an envelope, enclose your donation and put it in the collection basket or return it to the Parish Office. If you would like to make a donation online, click [here](#) and send an email to lolsen@smpmparish.org with the names.

The Novena begins on Mother's Day, Sunday, May 9th (8AM Mass), and ends on Monday, May 17th.

WHAT IS A NOVENA?

The word novena signifies "nine" and refers to a public or private devotion that extends for nine consecutive days. The Church approves of such devotional practices, provided that there is no superstition connected with the number nine and that such devotions are used as a help to prayer. The New Catholic Encyclopedia goes on to say that the kind of devotional novenas we know did not appear until the Middle Ages. They began in France and Spain as days of preparation for Christmas. Nine days of prayer were observed in honor of the nine months Jesus spent in the womb of Mary.

The Novena being offered at St. Mary Magdalen, as a way of honoring mothers, will be observed at the 8AM Masses on the two Sundays, May 9 and May 16, and the early morning weekday Masses May 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15 and 17.

A Novena will also be offered for fathers in June. The Mass intentions for the Novena Masses will be for all those whose names appear on the offering envelopes returned.