

**HONORING OUR LADY OF THE STAR
LIVING OUR LASALLIAN TRADITION**

“Rejoice O highly favored daughter, the Lord is with you.” Luke 1:28

The origin of the shrine of Our Lady of the Star in Montebourg, Normandy, France is not known. A Benedictine monastery and the shrine were founded there in the eleventh century and remained there until it was destroyed during the French Revolution at the end of the eighteenth century. It was rebuilt by the Brothers of the Christian Schools of Mercy who followed the rule of St. John Baptist de La Salle and in 1938 were incorporated into the Lasallian Brothers.

Today, the Brothers oversee a school there as well as a group of people who act as custodians of this ancient Marian shrine.



**Let us continually remember that the God of All Creation,
the God Who called us into being, is always and everywhere with us.
Glory to You, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.
As it was, is now, and forever shall be. Amen.**

LET US PRAY:

O Lord Jesus the Christ, we rejoice at the gift of Your mother to us as You hung on the cross. May she ever watch over us and intercede for us with You, her Divine Son. May she be a beacon for us as we search for You. May she forever watch over all our Lasallian Schools, our students, teachers, staffs, families, and all of our benefactors. Just as the Bethlehem star led the Magi to the Christ Child, may she too, lead us to You. Amen.



SCRIPTURE READING REVELATION 12: 1–10

A great sign appeared in the sky, a woman clothed with the sun, with the moon under her feet, and on her head a crown of twelve stars. She was with child and cried aloud in pain as she labored to give birth. Then another sign appeared in the sky; it was a huge red dragon. The dragon stood before the woman about to give birth, to devour her child when she gave birth. She gave birth to a son, a male child, destined to rule all the nations. Her child was caught up to God and His throne. The woman herself fled into the desert where she had a place prepared by God. Then I heard a loud voice in heaven say: “Now have salvation and power come, and the kingdom of our God and the authority of His anointed.

**Blessed are you, O Virgin Mary,
for you carried the Creator of all things in your womb.
You gave birth to your Maker and remain forever a virgin.**

SCRIPTURE READING: JOHN 2: 1-11

There was a wedding at Cana in Galilee, and the mother of Jesus was there. Jesus and His disciples were also invited to the wedding. When the wine ran short, the mother of Jesus said to Him, "They have no wine." Jesus said to her, "Woman, how does your concern affect Me? My hour has not yet come." His mother said to the servers, "Do whatever He tells you."

Now there were six stone water jars there for the Jewish ceremonial washings, each holding twenty to thirty gallons. Jesus told them, "Fill the jars with water." So they filled them to the brim. Then He told them, "Draw some out now and take it to the headwaiter." So they took it. And when the headwaiter tasted the water that had become wine, without knowing where it came from, although the servers who had drawn the water knew, the headwaiter called the bridegroom and said to him, "Everyone serves good wine first, and then when people have drunk freely, an inferior one, but you have kept the good wine until now. Jesus did this as the beginning of His signs in Cana in Galilee and so revealed His glory, and His disciples began to believe in Him.

**Magnificat
Luke 1: 46 - 55**

**I sing Your praises, O my God,
with all my heart,
and I rejoice in You, O God of Life,
for You have looked upon my lowliness.
Who am I to merit Your attention?
I may henceforth regard myself as
happy because you have done great
things for me.
Every generation gives assent,
for You are God and Your name is holy.
You give Your grace anew in every age
to those who live in reverence
all their lives.
Grace is Your strength but You
un-mask all pride;
You strip us bare of our self-conceit.
Dethroned are those who hold authority;
poor and humble people You uphold.**

**You give in great abundance to the hungry
and send the rich away with empty hands.**

**Your people Israel You have remembered,
for mercy has been sent to all the faithful,
just as you promised to those before us,
to Abraham, to Sarah, and to their children forever.**

(Benedictine Sisters of Erie)

REFLECTION DELA SALLE'S MEDITATION

Have a great devotion to the Most Blessed Virgin because she was so highly favored by the Eternal Father. He has given her a place above that of the angels because she carried in her womb the One Who is equal to God. God bestowed upon her an abundance of grace and through her brought forth Jesus. God has chosen to make His dwelling in her. Mary is our good Mother for Jesus gave her as such to all those who would be devoted to her. At the point of death Jesus said to St. John, "Son, behold your Mother."

(John 19: 26 -27)



**Most holy Lady,
holy Queen,
Mary, Mother of God, ever virgin;
chosen by the most holy Father in heaven,
consecrated by Him,
with His most holy and beloved Son
and the Holy Spirit the Comforter.
On you descended and in you still remains
all the fullness of grace and every good.
By the grace and inspiration of the Holy Spirit
poured into the hearts of the faithful,
so that faithless no longer,
we may be faithful servants of God
through you.
Amen.**

LITANY of OUR LADY

Lord, have mercy on us. Christ, have mercy on us.

Lord, have mercy on us. Christ, hear us. Christ, graciously hear us.

God the Father of Heaven, have mercy on us.

God the Son, Redeemer of the world, have mercy on us.

God the Holy Spirit, have mercy on us.

Holy Trinity, One God, have mercy on us.

Beloved Daughter of the Eternal Father, pray for us.

August Mother of God the Son, pray for us.

Blessed Spouse of God the Holy Spirit, pray for us.

Living temple of the Holy Trinity, pray for us.

Queen of Heaven and earth, pray for us.

Queen and Mother of Christian Schools, pray for us.

Seat of Divine wisdom, pray for us.

Star guiding us to Jesus, pray for us.

Depositary of the secrets of the Most High, pray for us.

Virgin most prudent, pray for us.

In our doubts and difficulties, pray for us.

In our tribulations and anguish, pray for us.

In our discouragements, pray for us.

In perils and temptations, pray for us.

In all our undertakings, pray for us.

In all our needs, pray for us.

At the hour of death, pray for us.

By your Immaculate Conception, pray for us.

By your glorious Annunciation, pray for us.

By your charitable Visitation, pray for us.

By your Divine Maternity, pray for us.

By your holy Purification, pray for us.

By the sorrows and anguish of your maternal heart, pray for us.

By your triumphant Assumption, pray for us.

Lamb of God, Who takes away the sins of the world, Spare us, O Lord.

Lamb of God, Who takes away the sins of the world, Graciously hear us, O Lord.

Lamb of God, Who takes away the sins of the world, Have mercy on us.

Pray for us, O holy Mother of God, And obtain for us the gift of good counsel.

Let Us Pray

Lord Jesus, Author and Dispenser of all good, Who in becoming incarnate in the womb of the Blessed Virgin has communicated to her lights above those of all the heavenly intelligences, grant that in honoring her under the title of Our Lady of the Star, we may merit always to receive from her goodness, counsels of wisdom and salvation, which will conduct us to the port of a blessed eternity. Amen.

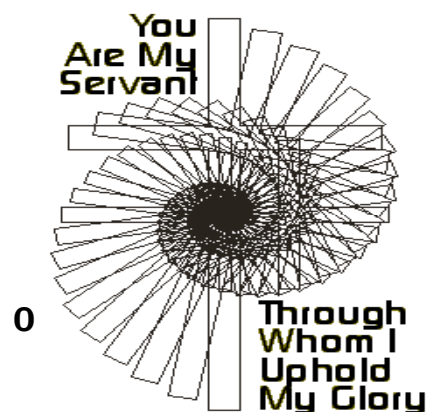
HYMN HAIL MARY: GENTLE WOMAN

**Gentle woman, quiet light,
morning star so strong and bright,
gentle Mother, peaceful dove,
teach us wisdom; teach us love.**

**You were chosen by the Father;
You were chosen for the Son.
You were chosen from all women
and for woman, shining one.**

**Blessed are you among women,
blest in turn all women, too.
Blessed they with peaceful spirits,
Blessed they with generous hearts.**

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**We fly to your patronage,
O holy Mother of God;
despise not our petitions
in our necessities,
but deliver us always
from all dangers,
glorious and blessed Virgin.
Amen.**



**Our Lady of the Star, Queen and Mother of Christian Schools,
watch over our school and all Catholic schools
that we might come to know more fully Jesus, your Son.**

**Saint John Baptist de La Salle
and all you holy Brothers who have gone before us,
inspire us to have a devotion to Mary, the Mother of God.**

Live Jesus in our hearts. Forever!

A LASALLIAN SUGGESTION

**Make a special place in your heart for Mary.
Pray the HAIL MARY, THE ANGELUS
as well as the ROSARY daily**

