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4TH SUNDAY OF EASTER - 30TH APRIL 2023 - YEAR A

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In this month, too, "the benefits of God's mercy come down to us from her throne in greater abundance" (Paul VI: Encyclical on the Month of May, no. 1). There are many ways to celebrate this particular devotion. Most churches have a daily recitation of the rosary. Some include the crowning of Our Lady's statue; a statue of Mary is honored with a wreath of blossoms to indicate Mary's virtues, virtues that are to be imitated by the faithful. The important thing is that Mary be honored in a special way.

How can we honor Mary this month?

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Like the shepherd protects the sheep from danger, Our Lord also protects us from harm. In the "Our Father" we ask God to deliver us from evil. When our souls are hurt by sin, the Good Shepherd heals us with forgiveness in Confession.



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