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AD CÆLI REGINAM THE QUEENSHIP OF MARY

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Coronation of the Virgin, Diego Velázquez, Museo del Prado, 1635-36.

In order to understand better this sublime dignity of the Mother of God over all creatures let us recall that the holy Mother of God was, at the very moment of her Immaculate Conception, so filled with grace as to surpass the grace of all the Saints. Wherefore, as Our Predecessor of happy memory, Pius IX wrote, God *“showed her with heavenly gifts and graces from the treasury of His divinity so far beyond what He gave to all the angels and saints that she was ever free from the least stain of sin; she is so beautiful and perfect, and possesses such fullness of innocence and holiness, that under God a greater*

could not be dreamed, and only God can comprehend the marvel.”

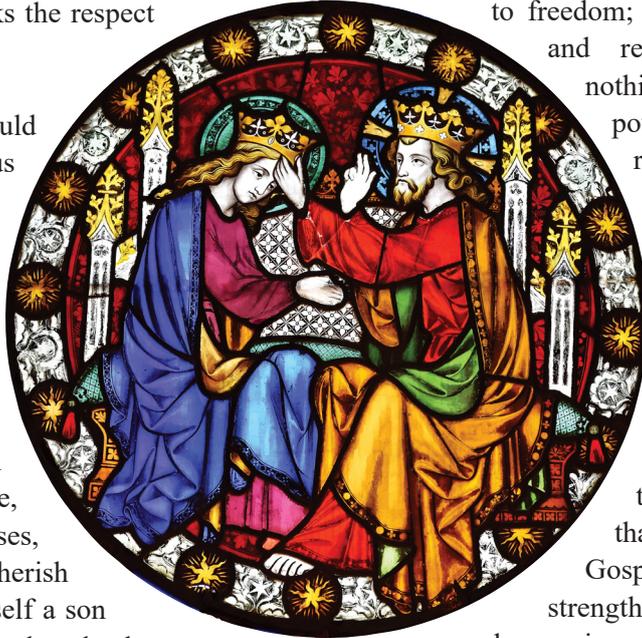
Besides, the Blessed Virgin possessed, after Christ, not only the highest degree of excellence and perfection, but also a share in that influence by which He, her Son and our Redeemer, is rightly said to reign over the minds and wills of men. For if through His Humanity the divine Word performs miracles and gives graces, if He uses His Sacraments and Saints as instruments for the salvation of men, why should He not make use of the role and work of His most holy Mother in imparting to us the fruits of redemption? *“With a heart that is truly a mother’s,”* to quote again Our Predecessor of immortal memory, Pius IX, *“does she approach the problem of our salvation, and is solicitous for the whole human race; made Queen of heaven and earth by the Lord, exalted above all choirs of angels and saints, and standing at the right hand of her only Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, she intercedes powerfully for us with a mother’s prayers, obtains what she seeks, and cannot be refused.”* On this point another of Our Predecessors of happy memory, Leo XIII, has said that an *“almost immeasurable”* power has been given Mary in the distribution of graces; St. Pius X adds that she fills this office *“as by the right of a mother.”*

Let all, therefore, try to approach with greater trust the throne of grace and mercy of our Queen and Mother, and beg for strength in adversity, light in darkness, consolation in sorrow; above all let them strive to free themselves from the slavery of sin and offer an unceasing homage, filled with filial loyalty, to their Queenly Mother. Let her churches be thronged by the faithful, her feast-days honored; may the beads of the Rosary be in the hands of all; may Christians gather, in small numbers and large, to sing her praises in churches, in homes, in hospitals, in prisons. May Mary’s name be held in highest reverence, a name sweeter than honey and more precious than jewels;

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may none utter blasphemous words, the sign of a defiled soul, against that name graced with such dignity and revered for its motherly goodness; let no one be so bold as to speak a syllable which lacks the respect due to her name.

All, according to their state, should strive to bring alive the wondrous virtues of our heavenly Queen and most loving Mother through constant effort of mind and manner. Thus will it come about that all Christians, in honoring and imitating their sublime Queen and Mother, will realize they are truly brothers, and with all envy and avarice thrust aside, will promote love among classes, respect the rights of the weak, cherish peace. No one should think himself a son of Mary, worthy of being received under her powerful protection, unless, like her, he is just, gentle and pure, and shows a sincere desire for true brotherhood, not harming or injuring but rather helping and comforting others.



In some countries of the world there are people who are unjustly persecuted for professing their Christian faith and who are deprived of their divine and human rights to freedom; up till now reasonable demands and repeated protests have availed nothing to remove these evils. May the powerful Queen of creation, whose radiant glance banishes storms and tempests and brings back cloudless skies, look upon these her innocent and tormented children with eyes of mercy; may the Virgin, who is able to subdue violence beneath her foot, grant to them that they may soon enjoy the rightful freedom to practice their religion openly, so that, while serving the cause of the Gospel, they may also contribute to the strength and progress of nations by their harmonious cooperation, by the practice of extraordinary virtues which are a glowing example in the midst of bitter trials.

Above: The Crowning of Mary, in the East Window of Shrewsbury Cathedral

SHREWSBURY WEEKLY SCHEDULE

DAY	DATE	TIME	MASS OF THE DAY	INTENTIONS	
				CANON WIENER	FATHER GRIBBIN
Sun	25 th Jul	12:30 pm	Ninth Sunday after Pentecost Commemoration of St. James the Greater	PI	PI
Mon	26 th Jul	10:00 am	St. Anne, Mother of the Blessed Virgin Mary	Brenda Wood RIP	PI
Tue	27 th Jul	6:30 pm	Commemoration of St. Pantaleon, Martyr	Kurt Wiener RIP	PI
Wed	28 th Jul	10:00 am	SS. Nazarius and Celsus, Martyrs St. Victor I, Pope & Martyr St. Innocent I, Pope & Confessor	PI	PI
Thu	29 th Jul	6:30 pm	St. Martha, Virgin	PI	PI
Fri	30 th Jul	10:00 am	Commemoration of SS. Abdon and Sennen, Martyrs	PI	PI
Sat	31 st Jul	10:00 am	St. Ignatius of Loyola, Confessor	PI	PI
Sun	1 st Aug	12:30 pm	10 th Sunday after Pentecost	PI	PI

All Masses (incl. Adoration and Benediction on Tuesday and Thursday) are at St. Winefride's Church, 187 Crowmere Rd, Shrewsbury SY2 5LA.

Note that Adoration and Benediction on Tuesdays and Thursdays start at 5.30 pm before the 6.30 pm Mass.

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