



THE
NATIONAL
SHRINE OF **Mary**
MOTHER OF THE CHURCH



HOLY WEEK

Anointing the Feet of Jesus

Monday of Holy Week

Mary took a liter of costly perfumed oil made from genuine aromatic nard and anointed the feet of Jesus and dried them with her hair; the house was filled with the fragrance of the oil. [John 12:3](#)

Painful Betrayal

Tuesday of Holy Week

Reclining at table with his disciples, Jesus was deeply troubled and testified, “Amen, amen, I say to you, one of you will betray me.” [John 13:21](#)

Stuck in Denial

Wednesday of Holy Week

The Son of Man indeed goes, as it is written of him, but woe to that man by whom the Son of Man is betrayed. It would be better for that man if he had never been born.” Then Judas, his betrayer, said in reply, “Surely it is not I, Rabbi?” He answered, “You have said so.” [Matthew 26:24–25](#)

Cleansed by the Greatest Humility

Holy Thursday, Mass of the Lord’s Supper

Peter said to him, “You will never wash my feet.” Jesus answered him, “Unless I wash you, you will have no inheritance with me.” [John 13:8](#)

A Prayer From the Cross

Good Friday of the Lord’s Passion

Father, into your hands I commend my spirit. [Luke 23:46](#)



“Woman, behold your son.”

What a gift! Here, dying on the Cross, Jesus entrusted His own mother to John. And in so doing, He entrusted her to each one of us. Our unity with Jesus makes us a member of His family and, thus, sons and daughters of His own mother. Our Blessed Mother accepts this responsibility with great joy. She embraces us and holds us close.

Do you accept Jesus’ mother as your own spiritual mother? Have you fully consecrated yourself to her? Doing so will place you under her mantle of protection and love.