

OCIA 2025 - 2026
Saint Raymond of Peñafort
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MARY AND THE SAINTS

OPENING PRAYER:

INTRODUCTION:

- 1) Communion of Saints
 - A. The Communion of Spiritual Goods
 - B. The Communion of the Church of Heaven and Earth
- 2) Mary – Mother of Christ, Mother of the Church
 - A. Mary's Motherhood
 - i. Mary is wholly united with her son
 - ii. Mary's Assumption
 - iii. Mary is our Mother in the order of grace
 - B. Devotion to the Blessed Virgin
 - C. Mary - Eschatological Icon of the Church
 - D. Mother of the Mystical Body of Christ
 - E. New Eve -- Immaculate Conception – Ark of the Covenant
 - F. Ever Virgin / Perpetual Virginity
 - G. Marian Scriptural References
 - H. Apparitions of Mary

PRIMARY REFERENCES:

- Holy Scripture
- Catechism of the Catholic Church
- Lumen Gentium (Vatican II Document)

QUESTIONS:

CLOSING PRAYER:

Marian Scriptural References:

- Gen 2:23 “This at last is bone of my bones and flesh of my flesh; she shall be called **Woman** (eventually to be named Eve after the fall in Gen 3:20)
- Gen 3:15 **Protoevangelium** (The first Gospel) – “I will put enmity between you and **the woman**, and between your seed and her seed...”
- Luke 1 and 2:
 - “**Hail Mary**” – Lk 1:28 and 42
 - The new Ark of the Covenant** - 2 Sam 6:9-16 and Lk 1:39-45
- John 2 – **Wedding Feast at Cana** – “and the mother of Jesus was there; Jesus also was invited to the marriage...” (Jn 2:1-2); “**O woman**, what have you to do with me (What is that to you or to me?) Not a refusal and surely not a rebuke
 - The last words of Mary in Holy Scripture – “**Do whatever he tells you.**” (Jn 2:5)
- John 19:25-27 “When Jesus saw his mother and the disciple whom he loved standing near, he said to his mother, “**Woman, behold your son!**” Then he said to his disciple, “**Behold your mother!**” And from that hour the disciple took her to his own home.”
- Revelation 12 – The Woman and the Dragon (Rev 12:1-6) “...and the dragon stood before the **woman**...”
- Queen Mother – 1 Kings 2:16-20
- And what about the Rosary? – Praying the Rosary is praying the Gospel, the Life of Christ