

Reflection Tuesday Week 20 Our Lady Queen and Mother 2023

The doctrine of the Assumption was promulgated in 1951, with its feast on 15th August. Celebration of greater feasts lasted a week afterwards and today's memorial of Our Lady, Mother and Queen, marks the conclusion of that period of celebration of the Assumption. The Blessed Virgin reigns in heaven together with her Son. She reigns not because she is in any way equal to God but because she is the mother of Christ the King. Her privileges come from her willing agreement to become the Mother of God.

One of the Dogmas of faith is that upon the completion of her life on Earth, our Blessed Mother was taken body and soul into Heaven. And now, from her place in Heaven, she is given the unique and singular title of Queen of All the Living! She is the Queen of the Kingdom of God now, and she will be Queen of this Kingdom for all eternity!

As Queen, she also enjoys the unique and singular gift of being the mediatrix and distributor of grace, best understood as follows:

- She was preserved from all sin at the moment of her Immaculate Conception;
- As a result, she was the only fitting human instrument by which God could take flesh;
- God the Son took flesh through her by the power and working of the Holy Spirit;
- Through this one divine Son, now in the flesh, the salvation of the world came about;
- This gift of salvation is transmitted to us through grace. Grace comes primarily through prayer and the sacraments;
- THEREFORE, since Mary was the instrument through which God entered our world, she is also the instrument through which ALL grace comes. She is the instrument of all that resulted from the Incarnation. Therefore, she is the Mediatrix of Grace!

Mary's act of mediation for the Incarnation was not just some historical act that took place long ago. Rather, her motherhood is continuous and eternal. It is a perpetual motherhood of the Saviour of the world and is a perpetual instrument of all that comes to us from our Saviour.