

The Queenship of Mary

Pope Pius XII established Aug. 22 as the Memorial of the Queenship of Mary in 1954.

But does the Queenship of Mary, finds its roots in the Scriptures ?

At the **Annunciation**, the archangel Gabriel announced that Mary's Son would rule forever on the throne of David.

At the **Visitation**, Elizabeth called Mary the "**Mother of my Lord.**"

In Hebrew, "**Queen Mother,**" is often called the "**Gebirah**". In traditional Jewish life, the "**Gebirah**" occupied a unique and powerful position throughout the history of ancient Israel's monarchy.

When the **Queen Mother, or Gebirah, entered the room, the king would rise to his feet as a sign of respect;** and the king always acceded to his mother's wishes.

Solomon crowned his mother Bathsheba, the "**Queen Mother (Gebirah)**" who sat at his right side (1Kings 2:19). As was the custom in Israel, **Mary was predestined to be the Queen Mother of Jesus.**

Since Jesus was to be King of all creation, his mother Mary, in dependence on Jesus, was to be his Queen.

Dogmatic Constitution on the Church, 69

Let the entire body of the faithful **pour persevering prayer to the Mother of God** and Mother of men. Let them implore that she who aided the beginnings of the Church by her prayers may now, exalted as she is in heaven above all the saints and angels, intercede with her Son in the fellowship of all the saints.

Please remember St. Andrew's Parish in your will and when you think about memorial donations! Thank you.

Weekend Confession Time

Saturday 4:15pm - 4:45pm

Sunday 10:10am - 10:40am

Weekday Evening Confessions (Please see front page for exceptions)

Tuesday to Friday 8:00 - 9:00pm