

Going Deeper: Mother of Faith

If Abraham is the Father of Faith, Mary could be called the Mother of Faith. In fact, the Catechism says this about Mary's faith:

"Mary most perfectly embodies the obedience of faith. By faith Mary welcomes the tidings and promise brought by the angel Gabriel, believing that "with God nothing will be impossible" and so giving her assent: 'Behold I am the handmaid of the Lord; let it be [done] to me according to your word.' Elizabeth greeted her: 'Blessed is she who believed that there would be a fulfillment of what was spoken to her from the Lord.' It is for this faith that all generations have called Mary blessed. (CCC 148)

Take some time this month to learn more about Our Blessed Mother. You can do this in a family friendly way by watching a program or documentary on FORMED—where you can stream great Catholic content. As a parishioner, you can gain access to our parish's FORMED account for free. It's worth checking out and it's easy to use. Just visit stgertrude.org/formed and follow all of the steps to set up your account and to start viewing great Catholic content. You can search "Mary" and pull up a number of pieces. You might also enjoy the movie <u>Bernadette</u> about Mary's apparition in Lourdes, France, or <u>Guadalupe: The Miracle and the Message</u> narrated by Jim Caviezel (who played Jesus in <u>The Passion of the Christ</u>. FORMED also features a number of Catholic programs for younger children.

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