

Background

Early Mother's Day was dedicated to Rhea, the Mother of the Gods. Later, Mothering was a day to visit the church where mothers were baptized in modern times.



Day celebrations can be dated back to the spring celebrations to honor of the Gods, in ancient Greek civilization, according to some sources. Sunday in the United Kingdom was traditionally a day for people to visit they were baptized, although it now also celebrates motherhood in

Mother's Day, in the United States, Australia and Canada, is annually held on the second Sunday of May. However, there still exists confusion about the right date. Other countries celebrate mothers on different dates: The United Kingdom celebrates Mother's Day three weeks before Easter Sunday (as "Mothering Sunday"). Costa Rica uses August 15, Georgia celebrates on March 3, Samoa uses the second Monday of May, and Thailand honors mothers on the birthday of the Queen of Thailand on August 12.

Many people give gifts, cards, flowers, candy, a meal in a restaurant, or other treats to their mother and mother figures, including grandmothers, great-grandmothers, stepmothers, and foster mothers. Other Mother's Day gifts are chocolate, candy, clothing, jewelry, and treats, such as a beauty treatment or a trip to a spa. Even gift sets containing some or all the above are possible.

History of Mother's Day

The origins of Mother's Day are attributed to different people in the United States. Many believe that two women, Julia Ward Howe and Anna Jarvis, were important in establishing the tradition of Mother's Day in the United States. Around 1870, Julia Ward Howe called for Mother's Day to be celebrated each year to encourage pacifism and disarmament amongst women. It continued to be observed in Boston for about ten years under her sponsorship, but lost popularity afterward.

In 1907, Anna Jarvis held a private Mother's Day celebration in memory of her mother, Ann Reeves Jarvis, in Grafton, West Virginia. Ann Jarvis had been a peace activist during the Civil War and organized "Mother's Day Work Clubs" to improve health and cleanliness. Her daughter Anna Jarvis launched a quest for Mother's Day to be more widely recognized. Her campaign was later financially supported by John Wanamaker, a clothing merchant from Philadelphia.

In 1908, Jarvis was instrumental in arranging a service in the Andrew's Methodist Episcopal Church in Grafton, West Virginia, which was attended by 407 children and their mothers. The church has now become the International Mother's Day Shrine. It is a tribute to all mothers and has been designated as a National Historic Landmark.

US President Woodrow Wilson signed a proclamation in 1914 designating Mother's Day as a national holiday to honor mothers, to be held on the second Sunday of May.

Florist's Tip: Pink and White Carnations

Traditionally, the "Mother's Day flower" is the white carnation (*dianthus caryophyllus*). Anna Jarvis chose the white carnation as its official flower because it had been her mother's favorite.

The white carnation symbolizes the purity of a mother's love — but be careful with a bouquet of white carnations. Today, they symbolize death and a mother who has passed away. Choose red or pink carnations to honor a living mother or mix your bouquet.

Mother's Day is not a Federal Holiday? Organizations, businesses, and stores are open or closed, as they are on any other Sunday in the year. Public transit systems run their normal Sunday schedules. Restaurants may be busier than usual, as some people take mothers out for a treat. Legally, Mother's Day is a state holiday in Arizona. Because it always falls on a Sunday, most state government offices and employees observe their Sunday schedule on the day.

Mother's Day Rosary Novena nine days of Rosary prayer for Mothers, asking for the Fruits of the Holy Spirit (Galatians 5:22-23), with a 10th Day to pray for the Triumph of the Immaculate Heart of Mary. The Fruits of the Spirit: LOVE, JOY, PEACE, PATIENCE, KINDNESS, GOODNESS, FAITHFULNESS, GENTLENESS, SELF-CONTROL.



It's lovely to find a rhythm, praying at the same time each day if you can manage it. Use the regular daily rotation of the Mysteries of the Rosary (Monday-Joyful, Tuesday and Friday-Sorrowful, Thursday-Luminous, Saturday and Sunday-Glorious), or pray the Mothering Mysteries, splurging on the Joyful Mysteries for this novena. May 13 is the anniversary of Our Lady's first apparition in Fatima. On that day, we should pray for the Triumph of Mary's Immaculate Heart; the Glorious Mysteries would be most appropriate.

Create a list of the Mothers you intend to pray for, living or deceased

Daily Novena Prayer Recite this prayer as you begin your Rosary:

In the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

Dear Blessed Mary, Ever-Virgin Spouse of the Holy Spirit and our own true Heavenly Mother, by means of this Mother's Day Novena, we seek after the treasures of Heaven, most notably, the Fruits of the Spirit. Through your intercession, may we, and those for whom we now pray, (mention the names here) receive a fresh anointing of the Holy Spirit, accompanied by the spiritual gifts God most desires to give us, which are most needed by the world today. Introduce your Spouse to us in a new way, That the fully ripe fruits of His Presence – Love, Joy, Peace, Patience, Faithfulness, Goodness, Kindness, Gentleness and Self-Control, may be enjoined upon us, bringing to this world the full manifestation of the Glorious Kingdom of God in our time. We place our intentions in your hands, confident that all three Persons of the Holy Trinity delight to honor your humble requests for your children. We make this prayer in the Name of Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

Daily Intentions for the Fruits of the Spirit

"For an outpouring of the fruit of __ in our lives, and in the lives of all mothers, especially (say the names here)."

How to add the Daily Intentions: As you pray the Mysteries of the Rosary, announce each mystery and pray the Our Father. Before the set of ten Hail Mary prayers, pray the daily intentions corresponding to the Fruits of the Spirit.

For example, Day 1: "The First Joyful Mystery — The Annunciation "Our Father, who art in Heaven...

"For an outpouring of the fruit of Love in our lives, and in the lives of all mothers, especially (add the names here).

"Hail Mary, full of grace...(10 times)

"Glory be to the Father...

"Oh my Jesus, forgive us our sins..."

Move on to the remaining mysteries in the same pattern. Finish your rosary in the usual way. Days 2 through 9 continue in the same fashion. Day 10 —Our Lady wants good things for us, so as her children let us return her kindness by cooperating with her desire for peace in the world.

Heavenly Father, We praise you for your goodness, extoll you for your glory, and thank you for your never-failing love. As Jesus Christ, your only begotten Son, and our Lord, tells us in sacred scripture — you alone know the day and the hour of the coming of your Kingdom. In the same way, you alone know the moment of the coming Triumph of the Immaculate Heart of Mary. Because you are a loving and just God, holy and true, we your children desire the fulfillment of your holy and perfect will on earth, as it is in Heaven. As such, we ask with fervent desire for the Triumph of Mary's Immaculate Heart. May your Holy Spirit instruct us in the roles we must undertake, the prayers we must pray, the sacrifices we must make, and the virtuous lives we must lead, as docile and obedient children who wish to honor and love their Mother. We wait in joyful hope for the coming of our Lord, Jesus Christ, and with similar childlike excitement, we look forward to that glorious day when the Immaculate Heart of the Queen of Angels receives the Triumph that has long been promised. We make our prayer in the Name of Jesus Christ our Savior. Amen