

# summer WITH THE saints

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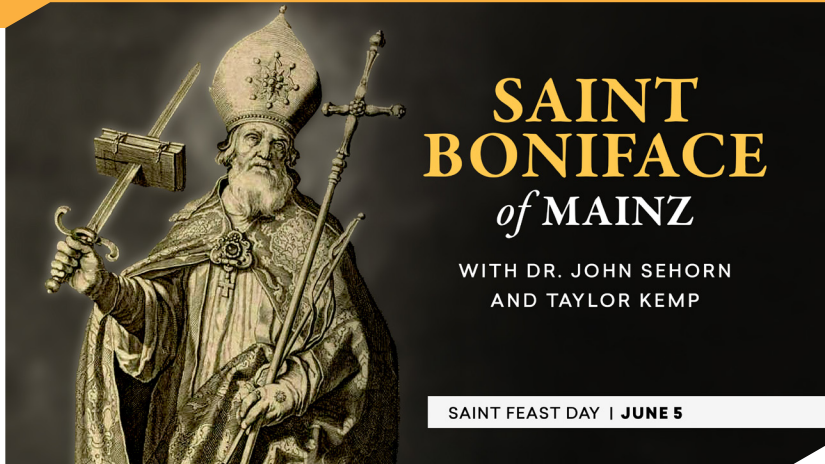
Featured Saint:

Saint Boniface

Feast Date:

June 5

## THIS WEEK'S FORMED VIDEO FOR ADULTS:



**Boniface**  
Catholic Saints

Known as the "Apostle to Germany," the bishop and martyr St. Boniface worked tirelessly to renew the Church in Germany. Although his efforts ultimately bore great fruit and helped to recenter the faith of the Germans, St. Boniface often felt like a failure in his missionary work.

## THIS WEEK'S FORMED VIDEO FOR KIDS:



**The Saints:**  
Our Heavenly Friends

Join Brother Francis as he introduces children to their heavenly friends, the saints! Learn about the wonderful comfort, encouragement, and help given through those who serve God in His Heavenly Kingdom.

## FAMILY SUMMER ACTIVITY:

### Saint Dress Up Party!

Encourage your family members to dress up as their favorite saints. Take some time to learn about them, and maybe find a famous quote from each one!



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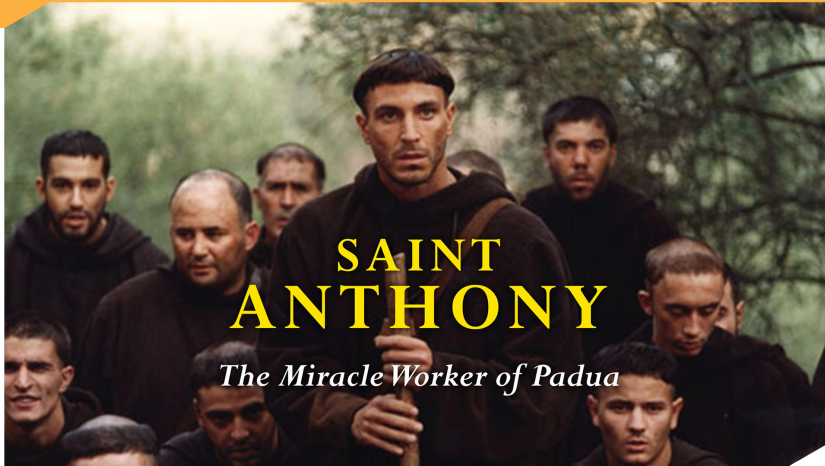
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Featured Saint:  
Saint Anthony of Padua

Feast Date:  
June 13

## THIS WEEK'S FORMED VIDEO FOR ADULTS:



**Saint Anthony:  
Miracle Worker of  
Padua**

This film is the first major feature-length drama on the life of St. Anthony of Padua, the beloved miracle worker. Made in Italy with top-notch acting talent and superb cinematography, this outstanding film presents Anthony as a dynamic and appealing person who sacrificed wealth, popularity, and family for the Kingdom of God.

## THIS WEEK'S FORMED VIDEO FOR KIDS:



**Saint Anthony of  
Padua  
Lukas Storyteller**

The fair has reached the reef and our friends must earn their tickets. Peter gets into trouble and thanks to his sister, Agnes, and his friends, Lukas and Noah, we learn an important lesson—following the example of Saint Anthony of Padua—about always telling the truth.

## FAMILY SUMMER ACTIVITY:

### Saint Anthony's Scavenger Hunt

Host a scavenger hunt in your home or at the park for the kids. If they're ever having trouble finding some of the lost items, encourage them to simply pray to St. Anthony!



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Featured Saint:  
Saint Aloysius Gonzaga

Feast Date:  
June 21

## THIS WEEK'S FORMED VIDEO FOR ADULTS:



### Ignatius of Loyola

This modern and very human take on the story of the founder of the Jesuits is an incisive and thrilling look at the life of the real man behind the legend. Often called “The Saint of Second Chances,” Ignatius comes to see the hand of God working through the trials in his life, shaping the self-obsessed sinner into the loyal and passionate soldier-saint.

## THIS WEEK'S FORMED VIDEO FOR KIDS:

### Learn the Catholic Faith through MUSIC!



### “For the Greater Glory of God” Song Christine In Action

St. Ignatius of Loyola started the Latin phrase *Ad maiorem Dei gloriam*, abbreviated as AMDG. It is the motto of the Society of Jesus (Jesuits), a religious order within the Catholic Church. In English, it means “for the greater glory of God.”

## FAMILY SUMMER ACTIVITY:

### Finding God in All Things Hike

Go outside on a hike this week and try to find God’s presence in the beauty of nature. While on the hike, you can ask questions to your children about what makes them think of God when they are in nature.



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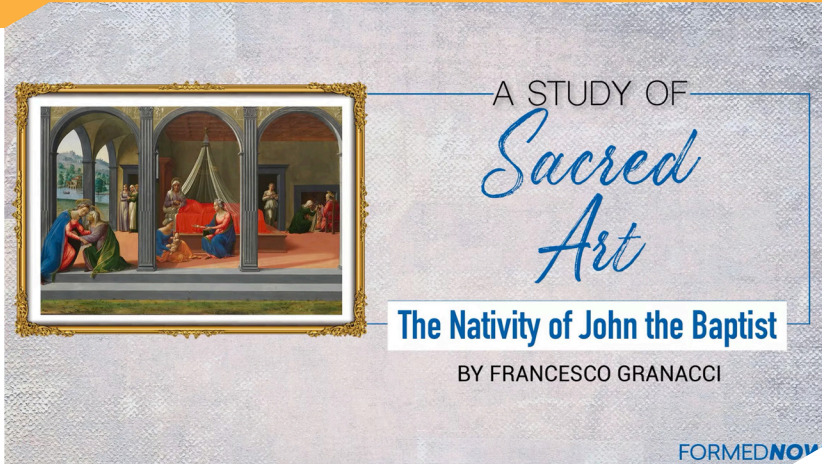
Saint John the Baptist

Feast Date:

June 24

Solemnity of the Birth  
of John the Baptist

## THIS WEEK'S FORMED VIDEO FOR ADULTS:



**The Nativity of  
John the Baptist**  
Sacred Art

Dr. Ben Akers and Taylor Kemp sit down with different pieces of Sacred Art to discuss their theological meanings and how they can speak to us today.

## THIS WEEK'S FORMED VIDEO FOR KIDS:



**A Bonfire for St. John the  
Baptist | Catholic All Year**  
with Kendra Tierney

Let's talk about why St. John the Baptist is the ONLY guy on the liturgical calendar who gets a feast day for his BIRTHDAY (besides Jesus and Mary, of course), plus some really fun traditions in his honor practiced for over a thousand years and all over the world. Think you're up for creating Catholic community in your home? This is the place to be.

## FAMILY SUMMER ACTIVITY:

**Birthday Party for  
John the Baptist**

Get a cake, some hats, and a balloon and host a party for John the Baptist.



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Featured Saint:

Saint Peter and the  
First Martyrs of Rome

Feast Date:

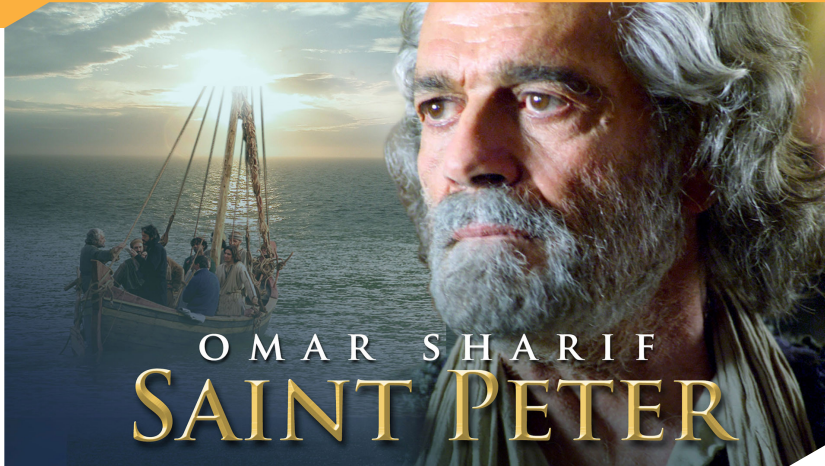
June 29

Solemnity of SS. Peter  
and Paul

June 30

First Martyrs of Rome

## THIS WEEK'S FORMED VIDEO FOR ADULTS:



### Saint Peter

Saint Peter tells the epic story about the key event in European and world history: the spread of Christianity throughout the Roman Empire, focusing on the leader of that new religion. The film illustrates the strong reaction of Romans and Jews from a political and religious standpoint, while also dealing with the immense obstacles Christianity encountered in the early stages of its development.

## THIS WEEK'S FORMED VIDEO FOR KIDS:



### Martyrs Littlest Saints

When a young Christian girl is arrested and imprisoned in ancient Rome, she hears stories of martyrs like St. Catherine of Alexandria and St. Lawrence the Deacon—will she find the strength to make the ultimate sacrifice for her faith?

## FAMILY SUMMER ACTIVITY:

### "Roman Feast" Family Potluck

Purchase simple foods inspired by ancient Rome (i.e. bread, cheese, olives, fruit, honey cakes). Have a special "Martyrs' Toast" with grape juice, thanking God for the gift of faith.



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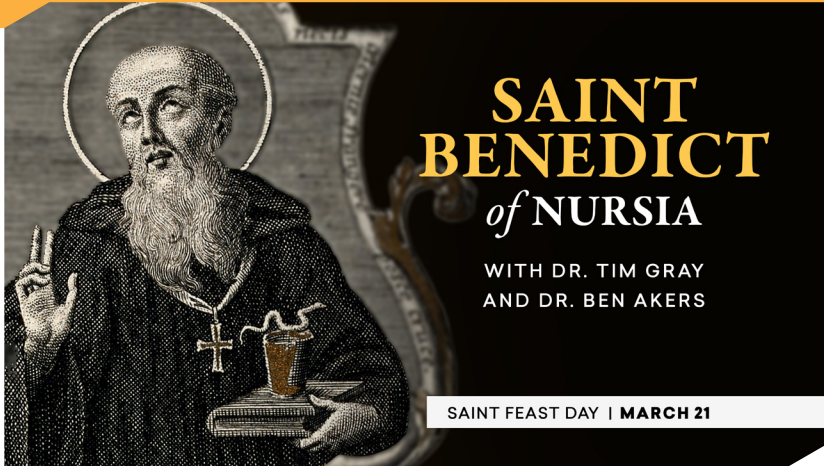
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Featured Saint:  
Saint Benedict

Feast Date:  
July 11

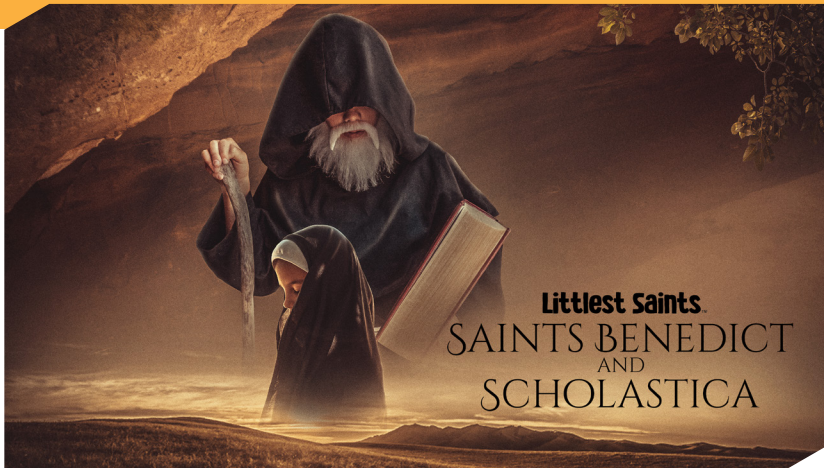
## THIS WEEK'S FORMED VIDEO FOR ADULTS:



**Saint Benedict**  
Catholic Saints

Dr. Tim Gray and Dr. Ben Akers discuss the Rule of St. Benedict as it applies to daily life.

## THIS WEEK'S FORMED VIDEO FOR KIDS:



**St. Benedict**  
Littlest Saints

A pair of holy twins, a cave, and a group of naughty monks... this is the story of Saint Benedict and Saint Scholastica.

## FAMILY SUMMER ACTIVITY:

### Family Rule Night

Invite families to watch the episode and work on their own rule of life. Decorate a poster with three resolutions your family wants to commit to this summer. You can also think about having a family motto, just as St. Benedict did for his monastery.



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Featured Saint:

Saint Bonaventure and  
Saint Kateri Tekakwitha

Feast Date:

July 14

Saint Kateri Tekakwitha

July 15

Saint Bonaventure

## THIS WEEK'S FORMED VIDEO FOR ADULTS:



**St. Bonaventure**  
Catholic Saints

A Franciscan cardinal-bishop and contemporary of St. Thomas Aquinas, St. Bonaventure is an excellent example of saintly humility. Known as the “Seraphic Doctor,” St. Bonaventure loved God above all else. He is known for many works, including *The Life of Saint Francis of Assisi* and *The Journey of the Mind to God*.

## THIS WEEK'S FORMED VIDEO FOR KIDS:



**St. Kateri**  
God's Princesses

Follow along with Sister Imelda as she tells of the inspiring journey of Saint Kateri Tekakwitha, a young Mohawk girl who comes to know the Gospel with the help of pioneering priests. Choosing to follow Jesus, Kateri is faced with great challenges as she does her best to bring God's love to her own people!

## FAMILY SUMMER ACTIVITY:

### A Garden for God

St. Kateri is known as the Lily of the Mohawks. Take her feast day as motivation to finally start a garden! Your kids can decorate garden pots with bible verses and help you plant flowers and other flora.



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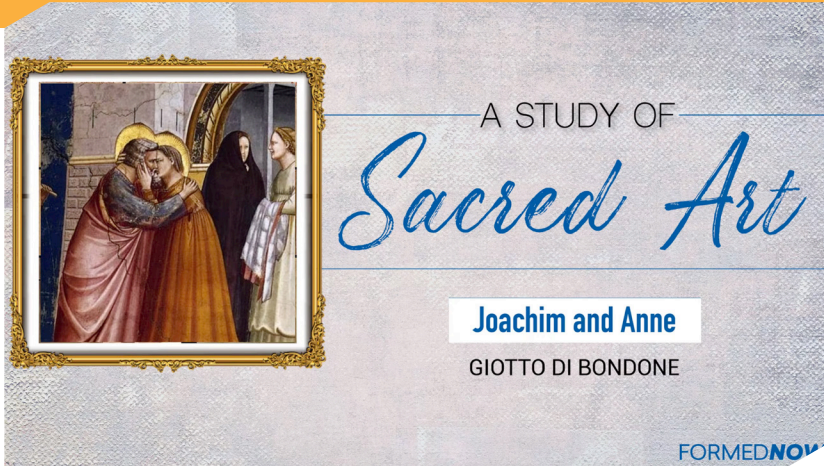
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Week:  
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Featured Saint:  
Saints Joachim and Anne

Feast Date:  
July 26

## THIS WEEK'S FORMED VIDEO FOR ADULTS:



**Saints Joachim  
and Anne**  
Sacred Art

Dr. Ben Akers and Taylor Kemp sit down with different pieces of Sacred Art to discuss their theological meanings and how they can speak to us today.

## THIS WEEK'S FORMED VIDEO FOR KIDS:



**Saints Joachim  
and Anne**  
Lukas Storyteller

As the kids of the reef prepare in excitement for Grandparents Day, Paul is sad because he never knew his own grandparents. Noah helps him learn more about them and tells him the story of Anne and Joachim, the grandparents of Jesus. Lukas show us how grandparents fill us with love and bring us closer to Jesus.

## FAMILY SUMMER ACTIVITY:

### Grandparents Appreciation

Have an afternoon where the whole family draws pictures of Jesus with his grandparents. Afterwards, take the time to help your kids write letters to their grandparents.



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Featured Saint:

Blessed Solanus Casey

Feast Date:

July 30

## THIS WEEK'S FORMED VIDEO FOR ADULTS:



### The Violinist

*The Violinist: Stories of Solanus Casey* is a must-watch documentary that chronicles the inspiring life of Blessed Solanus Casey, a humble Capuchin friar known for his deep faith, simplicity, and profound impact on those he served. The film shares heartwarming anecdotes about his modest lifestyle and passion for playing the violin.

## THIS WEEK'S FORMED VIDEO FOR KIDS:



### Solanus and the Bees Extraordinary: Stories about Solanus Casey for Children

In this episode narrated by Haven Stieber and featuring Donovan Jude Garner, we learn the story of Brother Bob and Father Solanus' encounter with a swarm of bees! Father Solanus had a special gift for taking care of the Lord's beautiful creation. He shows us how to be good stewards of nature and how to appreciate God's gifts in the world around us.

## FAMILY SUMMER ACTIVITY:

### "Thank God Ahead of Time" Gratitude Tree

Set up a "Gratitude Tree" for your family. Encourage your kids to write something they're grateful for on paper leaves and then attach the leaves to a tree or a display.



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Featured Saint:

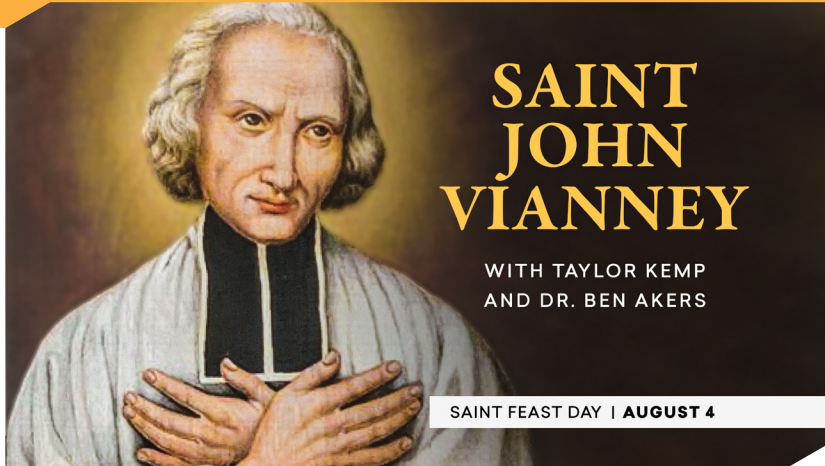
Saint John Vianney and  
Saint Dominic

Feast Date:

August 4 Saint John Vianney

August 8 Saint Dominic

## THIS WEEK'S FORMED VIDEO FOR ADULTS:



**Saint John Vianney**  
Catholic Saints

Join Dr. Ben Akers and Taylor Kemp as they discuss St. John Vianney, the Curé d'Ars and patron saint of parish priests.

## THIS WEEK'S FORMED VIDEO FOR KIDS:



**The Rosary: A Special Way to Pray**

Join Brother Francis in this entertaining and guidance-filled presentation that will inspire children to deepen their faith by praying the Rosary!

## FAMILY SUMMER ACTIVITY:

### Family Rosary Night

Grab your rosaries and pray together to celebrate the feast of Saint Dominic, who was given a rosary by the Virgin Mary herself!



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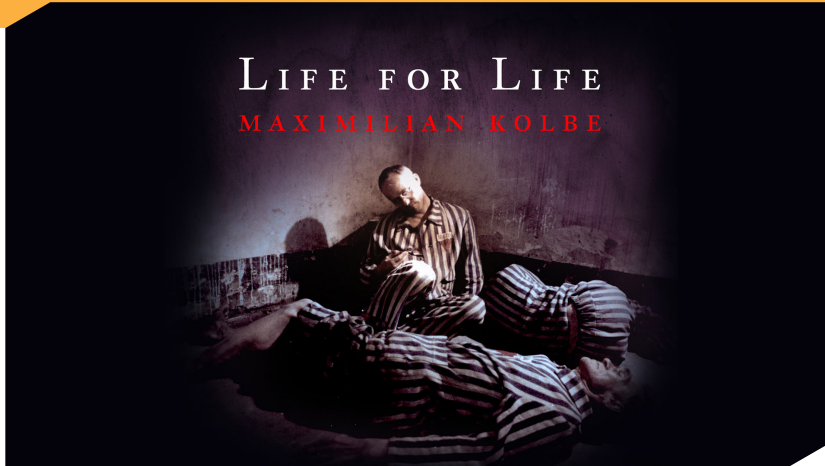
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Featured Saint:  
Saint Maximilian Kolbe

Feast Date:  
August 14

## THIS WEEK'S FORMED VIDEO FOR ADULTS:



### Life for Life: Maximilian Kolbe

One of the Auschwitz prisoners, Jan, escapes from the German concentration camp while working at a gravel pit. Jan hears tragic news about ten random inmates sentenced to death by the Nazis as a punishment for his escape. One among the convicts is Father Maximilian Kolbe, a Franciscan priest who volunteered to die in place of one of the inmates...

## THIS WEEK'S FORMED VIDEO FOR KIDS:



### Saint Maximilian Kolbe Lukas Storyteller

Our friends take a trip to a camp that Lukas has prepared, but they soon begin to miss the comforts of their home. Inspired by the heroic life of St. Maximilian Kolbe, Lukas helps them understand that they should always be grateful for what they have.

## FAMILY SUMMER ACTIVITY:

### Marian Consecration Night

Your family can write and decorate your own consecration prayer to Mary on a piece of paper. Praying the rosary together is a wonderful way to commemorate your family's new consecration to Jesus through Mary.



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Featured Saint:  
Queenship of Mary

Feast Date:  
August 22

## THIS WEEK'S FORMED VIDEO FOR ADULTS:



### Mary of Nazareth

*Mary of Nazareth* is an epic motion picture on the life of Mary, Mother of Christ, from her childhood through the Resurrection of Jesus. Shot in high definition, it was filmed in Europe with outstanding cinematography, a strong cast, and a majestic music score. Actress Alissa Jung gives a beautiful, compelling, and inspiring portrayal of Mary.

## THIS WEEK'S FORMED VIDEO FOR KIDS:



### Mary, Queen of Heaven Brother Francis

Come along with Brother Francis as he explores the special role Mary plays in our lives! Young viewers will learn all about the amazing Immaculate Conception; why Mary is called the Ark of the New Covenant; and how Jesus took her home to Heaven and crowned her queen!

## FAMILY SUMMER ACTIVITY:

### Crown Her with Many Crowns

Have a crowning event for Mary in your own home where you can say special prayers to Mary, crown a statue of Mary in your home, and declare her as the Queen of your family!



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