

MARY AND THE SAINTS

MIRIAM of NAZARETH



➤ What can we learn about Mary from Scripture?

➤ Read : Luke Chpts 1:16 -56

➤ 2: 1- 52

- Acts: 2: 1 ff

- Jn. 19: 25 -27

➤ Mary

- Faithful Jew
- Young (13 the age for marriage)
- Peasant woman
- Oppressed nation: Roman occupied
- Trusting
- Adventuresome
- Open to God
- Humble

- Marian Devotions: Rosary, Novenas,.....
- Era of the Cathedrals: Notre Dame
- Subject of Art: The culture depicts Mary as one of them; poetry, music, painting, sculpture
- Apparitions: Guadalupe; Lourdes, Fatima
 - Mary asks for penance, refrain from sin, prayer for world
 - Message is always for the world; not private revelation



- What do we believe about Mary?
(Traditions/Customs; Dogmas)

Doctrines on Mary

- MARY is the Mother of God (431)
 - Ephesus; Bore Jesus who is both human and divine
- The Immaculate Conception (1854)
 - Papal proclamation – Mary was sinless her entire life; fit to be Mother of God
- The Assumption (1950)
 - Due to her sinlessness, Mary did not see the corruption of the body but was ‘assumed’ at her death into heaven

- Marian theology : Pope Paul VI
 - Always in relation to Christ and the Church
 - Rooted in Scripture
 - Speaks to the age