



May Crowning is a Catholic tradition where a statue or image of the Blessed Virgin Mary is adorned with a crown of flowers during the month of May, typically on Mother's Day or another date in May. This ceremony honors Mary as the Queen of Heaven and the Mother of God, and it's a way to express devotion and gratitude to her.

Unlike most holidays, May Crowning doesn't have a set date and can be celebrated at any time during the month of May. Some churches opt for Mother's Day, while others do it as soon as May arrives. Recently however, Pope Francis chose to add the day to the liturgical calendar, placing it the day after Pentecost. For 2021, that means it falls on May 24th.

- **Timing:**

While some parishes celebrate May Crowning on Mother's Day, others do it on the first Saturday of May or another date within the month.

- **Procession:**

A procession, often led by children, carries the statue or image of Mary to the altar or designated spot for the ceremony.

- **Crowning:**

A crown of flowers, often made of spring blossoms, is placed on Mary's head, symbolizing her queenship and her role as the Mother of God.

- **Prayers and Hymns:**

The ceremony typically includes prayers, hymns, and the Litany of the Blessed Virgin Mary, as well as readings and reflections.

- **Symbolism:**

The May Crowning is a way to honor Mary's role as a perfect follower of Christ, her participation in the Paschal Mystery, and her role as Queen of Heaven.

- **Personal Reflections:**

Individuals may also take time during the May Crowning to reflect on their own lives and relationships with Mary, offering prayers and intentions.