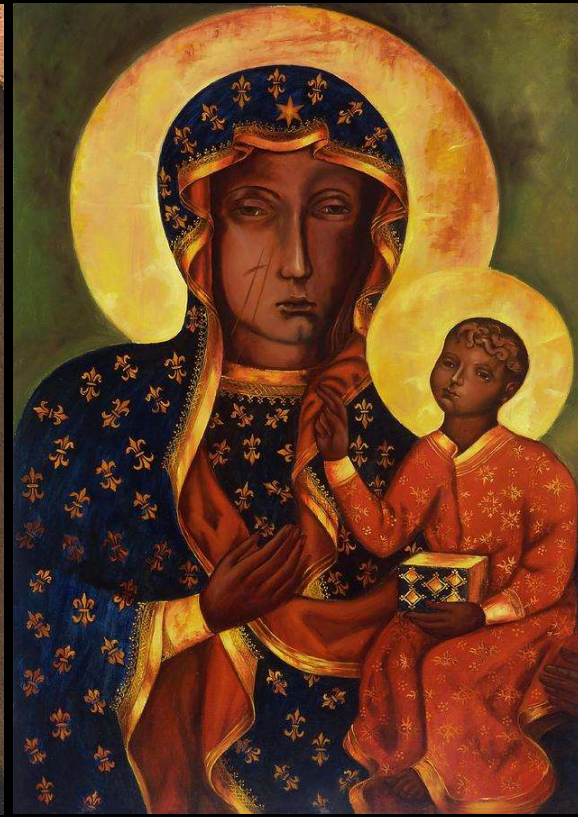


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Mary & Catholicism

- ◇ The Hail Mary (Prayer)
- ◇ Mary as sinless (CCC² §411)
- ◇ The Mother of God / *Theotokos* = God-bearer (CCC² §495)
- ◇ Mother of Grace (CCC² §968-970)

Black Madonna



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“Full of Grace”

Translation Matters

◆ **Luke 1:28 in Latin Vulgate**

- *habe gratia plena*
= Hail full of grace

◆ **Luke 1:28 in Greek NT**

- χαῖρε, κεχαριτωμένη
= greetings highly favored one

Elsewhere in the NT

- ◆ **And the Word became flesh and lived among us, and we have seen his glory, the glory as of a father's only son, full of grace and truth.**
(John 1:14 NRSV)
- ◆ **Stephen, full of grace and power, did great wonders and signs among the people.**
(Acts 6:8 NRSV)

“Full of Grace”

- ◇ the Word became flesh and lived among us...full of grace and truth. ...From his fullness we have all received, grace upon grace. (John 1:14, 16 NRSV)
- ◇ each of us was given grace according to the measure of Christ's gift. (Ephesians 4:7 NRSV)

video

Bible Project | Grace – https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ABPVVw_aw44 (4.5 mins)

OUR DIVINE PARENT

*A Biblical Theology
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all who are indwelled by the Holy Spirit are, as it were, carrying the Spirit like in pregnancy! Just as Mary was pregnant with the Son of God, so Jesus-disciples are pregnant with the Holy Spirit—a divine personage resides in both. So, just as Mary birthed Jesus, Spirit-filled Christians birth (or produce) the fruit of the Spirit (Gal 5:21–22) specifically and the life of Christ generally (Col 3:1–17).

Grace Expressed

- ◇ ...because of the surpassing **grace** God has given you. **Thanks** be to God for his indescribable gift! (2 Cor 9:14b-15)
- ◇ Let the word of Christ richly dwell within you, with all wisdom teaching and admonishing one another with psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing with **thankfulness** in your hearts to God. (Col 3:16)
- ◇ Therefore, since we receive a kingdom which cannot be shaken, let us show **gratitude**... (Heb 12:28a)

Jesus on Mother Mary

While [Jesus] was saying this, a woman in the crowd raised her voice and said to him, ‘Blessed is the womb that bore you and the breasts that nursed you!’ But he said, ‘Blessed rather are those who hear the word of God and obey it!’

(Luke 11:27-28 NRSV)