

Please place the following petitions on
Our Lady's Shrine Altar during the Novena.

PLEASE, PRINT OR TYPE INFORMATION CLEARLY

Our Lady of Czestochowa, more commonly known as the Black Madonna, is an icon attributed to Saint Luke the Evangelist. It was painted on a cypress wood tabletop which came from the home of the Holy Family and depicts Our Blessed Mother Mary and the Infant Jesus. So taken with the portrait She blessed both the artist and the painting saying, "My Grace shall accompany it!"

Treasured by the early Christians it was hidden along with the True Cross and other relics during times of persecution. These treasures were discovered by Saint Helen on expedition to the Holy Land.

Returning to Constantinople, she presented the painting to her son, Constantine the Great, the first Christian to become Emperor of Rome. He built a chapel and placed the icon within, where it remained for several hundred years.

There were many miracles accredited to Mary while the painting was in Constantinople. Eventually it was given as part of a wedding dowry and eventually made it's way to Kiev and then to Prince Ladislau of Opole.

While camped at the base of Jasna Gora, a small hill outside the crossroad town of Czestochowa, Mary appeared to Ladislau and told him to "go no further' but to "build a chapel and place the portrait within."

The icon has remained on the hill of Jasna Gora for over 600 years and become the center of religious devotion for the people of Poland.

The nickname Black Madonna refers to the faces of Mary and Jesus. Created with crude oil paints the olive skinned features have been darkened over the years from dirt, fire, candle and incense smoke.

Over 1600 first class miracles have been authenticated to Our Lady of Czestochowa.

MORNING OFFERING TO OUR LADY OF CZESTOCHOWA

Holy Mother of Czestochowa, you are full of grace, goodness and mercy. I consecrate to you all my thoughts, words and actions - my soul and body. I beseech your blessings and especially prayers for my salvation. Today I consecrate myself to you, Good Mother, totally - with body and soul amid joys and sufferings to obtain for myself and others Your blessings on this earth and eternal life in Heaven. Amen.



Novena in honor of Our Lady of Czestochowa

"My Grace shall accompany it."

**Our Lady of Czestochowa
Feast Day August 26**

Saint Luke the Evangelist painted the portrait of Mary and Her Son on a cypress wood tabletop which came from the home of the Holy Family. Our Holy Mother was so pleased with the painting that She blessed both the artist and his work with these words, "My Grace shall accompany it."

The Franciscan Missionary Brothers, the staff and friends of the Black Madonna Shrine, invite you to join with us in offering prayers to Our Lady of Czestochowa, Queen of Peace and Mercy. August 18th through August 26th Black Madonna Shrine and Grottos

_____ Please burn _____ candle(s) for my intentions during the novena. I have enclosed \$4.00 for each candle I have requested to be lit.

_____ Please send me a third class relic medal of Our Lady of Czestochowa.

_____ Please send me a magnet of Our Lady of Czestochowa

We have a beautiful Our Lady of Czestochowa static cling sun catcher available to all who send a minimum donation of \$15.
 Check this box if you would like one.

NOVENA TO OUR LADY OF CZESTOCHOWA

(Begin each day with the following)

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

I beg of Thee my God,
Make haste to assist me.

Oh Holy Father, merciful and just,
giver of all good gifts and graces,
I honor you through the Virgin Mary
and ask Her help in my daily life.

O Immaculate Virgin Mary, Mother of Our Lord
Jesus and our mother filled with the most lively
confidence, in all powerful and never ending failing
intercession manifested so often through the Miraculous
Picture, we your loving and trustful children, implore you
to obtain for us in the graces and favors we ask during
this Novena, if they be beneficial to our immortal souls
and the souls for whom we pray.....

(privately mention your petitions)

You know, O Mary, how often our souls have
been the sanctuaries of your Son Who hates iniquity.
Obtain for us then a deep hatred of sin and that purity of
heart which will attach us to God alone so that our every
thought, word and deed may tend to His greater glory.
Obtain for us also a spirit of prayer and self-denial that we
may recover by penance what we have lost by sin and at
length attain to that blessed abode where you are the
Queen of angels and of men. Amen.

O holiest Virgin, Our Lady of Czestochowa, behold
your loving children kneeling at your feet, imploring your
patronage. Receive us, we beseech you, and protect us
with the mantle of your affection.

DAY 1

Holy Mary, in Thy presence we repeat once more
all the good resolutions we have made in life. With Your
help, we firmly promise to keep them til death.

DAY 2

Holy Mary, accept these prayers which come from
the depths of our hearts. Obtain for us from Your Divine
Son Jesus Christ a strong faith, unswerving loyalty to our
Church, unshaken hope, and abiding love.

DAY 3

Holy Mary, Our Blessed Mother of Czestochowa,
we implore Your intercession, that by venerating Your
Miraculous Painting we may be found worthy of
beholding Your face in heaven.

DAY 4

Holy Mary, at the birth of Your Son the world
rejoiced. The Glory of God became man. Assist us to
accept the Divine Will and help us live a life worthy of
Your love.

DAY 5

Holy Mary, we are not worthy of Your kindness.
Because of our sins, we have strayed. Therefore,
through the Most Precious Blood which Your Son poured
out for us, we beg do not cast us aside.

DAY 6

Holy Mary, You are full of grace, goodness and
mercy. Help those in need now. Show us the path to
Your love and the true road to salvation.

DAY 7

Holy Mary, Jesus loves You so. Spark our hearts
with Your love, and shower our families with Your
heavenly grace and blessings.

DAY 8

Holy Mary, Mother of God, we place our lives in
Your care. Grant peace and justice to the world, that we
might live in harmony.

DAY 9

Holy Mary, through You we beseech Our Lord bring
us acceptance to the Divine Will. Please help us accept
what will be, forgive our sins, and grant us eternal life.

*Finish each day by offering
one Our Father, one Hail Mary and one Glory Be.*

Dear Friends of Our Lady's Shrine,

With this novena we are honoring Our Blessed
Mother Mary, giving thanks for Her love and support.
We turn to Her in prayer and ask that She intercede on
our behalf with Her Son, Our Lord Jesus Christ.

We will offer prayers for a period of nine days (the
novena August 18 - 26) and Holy Mass will be offered in
Her honor.

Daily prayers to Our Lady of Czestochowa will be
offered by our staff at the Shrine Chapel at 10:00 a.m.

I urge all of you to join with us in prayer and ask
for Our Blessed Mother's help at this hour in the
morning.

May the peace and blessings of Our Heavenly
Father be with you and yours.

Sincerely,
Mike Scully, Director

**I have listed my petitions and I earnestly pray that my
offering of \$_____ will be of help to you with the
preservation of Our Lady of Czestochowa's Shrine
and Grottos.**

(PLEASE TYPE OR PRINT)

Name _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

(DUE TO THE HIGH COST OF PRINTING AND POSTAGE, WE MAY
NOT BE ABLE TO RESPOND TO DONATIONS UNDER \$5.00.)

Detach this section and return the petition slip to:

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