



LE DECINE DEL ROSARIO

THE SHRINE OF OUR LADY OF POMPEII

The Oldest Continuing Italian-American Catholic Church
in the City of Chicago, located in the heart of historic "Little Italy."

A Gift of Italian-American Hospitality, Embracing All People of Faith
Founded in 1911 ✘ Established as a Shrine in 1994

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The term **shrine** signifies a church or other sacred place to which the faithful make pilgrimages for a particular pious reason with the approval of the local ordinary. At shrines, more abundant means of salvation are to be provided for the faithful; the Word of God is to be carefully proclaimed; liturgical life is to be appropriately fostered especially through the celebration of the Eucharist and penance; and approved forms of popular piety are to be cultivated.

Code of Canon Law, 1230 and 1234

Le Decine del Rosario is the Italian phrase for decades of the rosary, representing the twenty decades of the rosary, for which our weekly bulletin is named.

**Wishes and Prayers to
ALL Women for a
Happy
Mother's Day**

TODAY:

*** Mother's Day
Catholic Charities
Collection**

*** Second Sunday
Feeding God's
Holy Family
Food Drive**

Dear Friends of the Shrine,

Mother's Day has a special meaning here at The Shrine of Our Lady of Pompeii (SOLP). It's not like this holiday is any more important than other holidays, but this one is special because of what our Shrine means.

As many of you know, our Shrine was built from the ancestors and believers of the Shrine of the Virgin of the Rosary in Pompeii, Italy. The Shrine in Italy presented SOLP with a relic of Blessed Bartolo Longo, who had a deep devotion to the Virgin Mary and worked for the poor and orphans of Pompeii. Thus, celebrating Mother's Day has a special meaning at SOLP, for we are celebrating mothers everywhere with the special devotion to the mother of Jesus.

It's believed Mother's Day dates back to the Greeks and honoring maternal goddesses. Ancient Romans also celebrated mothers with a spring festival called "Hilaria" dedicated to Cybele, a mother goddess, and early Christians celebrated Mother's Day during the fourth Sunday of Lent in honor of the Virgin Mary. In England the day was expanded to honor all mothers and was then called Mothering Sunday.

As you can see by the longevity of a "Mother's Day" celebration, this day is an important one. It's a time to honor those who care for children. Mothers have a special gift of nurturing and guiding and providing for in "that motherly way." But it's important to point out, there are those women in our lives who may not be our biological mothers but play an important role in the nurturing and growing experiences in our lives. They too need to be remembered on this day.

As we celebrate Mother's Day, please remember it is the love, care and guidance from the mothers and the motherly-types in our lives that make us who we are today. And also please remember the love and devotion that Mary, the mother of God, gave us. She was given divine maternity. For without her, we would not have had Jesus.

Happy Mother's Day to ALL! Father Richard, Rector

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Consecrated to Mary, Queen of the Holy Rosary, The Shrine of Our Lady of Pompeii is a place to pray for peace that embraces all people of faith. A center of hospitality and spiritual growth, the Shrine's ministry is one of spiritual assistance and service where all might experience inspirational moments of prayer, comfort and contemplation. Located on Chicago's Near West Side, the Shrine is a gift of the Italian-American community to the Archdiocese of Chicago. Our mission is to dedicate our resources to healing, prayer and pilgrimage.