



From the Pastor's Desk

Novena To Mary, Mother Of The Church

Archdiocese of Seattle | October 4-14

Prayer of Repentance and Healing

Thursday, October 4, 2018 at 7:00 p.m.

St. James Cathedral | 804 9th Avenue, Seattle

The findings of the Pennsylvania Grand Jury and the news of abuse by Archbishop McCarrick have devastated the Church in recent weeks and have left many Catholics feeling deeply angry, disturbed, and hurting.

Archbishop J. Peter Sartain and auxiliary bishops Eusebio Elizondo and Daniel Mueggenborg invite all the faithful to join in this service in which we will pray for all victims of clergy sexual abuse, ask forgiveness for the sins of action and inaction on the part of Church leaders, and pray for the renewal the Church needs to protect the vulnerable and proclaim Christ's Gospel with transparency and integrity.

This service will mark the beginning of a NOVENA OF PRAYER TO MARY, MOTHER OF THE CHURCH, throughout the Archdiocese of Seattle. All are encouraged to join in the novena beginning on the evening of **October 4**, and concluding with the weekend Masses on **October 13 and 14**.

Novena Prayer To Mary, Mother Of The Church

Mary, Mother of the Church, we stand before you, shaken by the scandal and division in the Church that we love. We pray for victims of abuse, whose trust was betrayed and whose innocence was shattered by members of the clergy. We pray for those whose suffering was ignored and for those who were silenced or disbelieved. We pray for church leaders, that by putting the needs of the vulnerable first, by acting with transparency, and by always holding themselves accountable to God and to the People of God they may regain the trust that has been broken. We pray for ourselves, that the darkness and confusion we feel may give way to light. May we find the way to justice, unity, healing, and hope, through your Son, Jesus, our Lord. Amen.

Mary, refuge of sinners, pray for us.

Mary, comfort of the troubled, pray for us.

Mary, Mother of the church, pray for us.

A Candid Conversation With Fr. Jack

Fr. Jack will listen and answer questions about the current sex abuse crisis. He will then share them with Archbishop Sartain.

Thursday, October 25

6:30-8:00 pm, School Hall