



Our Lady of Good Counsel

April 25

Who was Our Lady of Good Counsel?

Our Lady of Good Counsel is a title given to the Virgin Mary, particularly associated with an ancient Marian image and the miraculous events surrounding it. The history of Our Lady of Good Counsel is intertwined with a fresco that was once housed in the church of Santa Maria in Genazzano, Italy.

According to legend, in the 15th century, the town of Genazzano faced a crisis when the church was falling into disrepair. In 1467, during a restoration effort, the image of Our Lady of Good Counsel was miraculously discovered on a thin sheet of plaster. The discovery was deemed a divine intervention, and the image became a source of inspiration and guidance for the faithful.

The title "Our Lady of Good Counsel" emphasizes Mary's role as a source of wisdom and guidance, highlighting her ability to provide counsel to those who seek it. The image depicts Mary and the Child Jesus, with the figures appearing to float on the surface of the plaster, underscoring the fresco's miraculous nature.

Our Lady of Good Counsel is celebrated on April 25th. The significance of this celebration lies in recognizing Mary as a comforting and wise guide for believers. On this day, Catholics often attend Mass, offer prayers and reflect on Mary's intercessory role in their lives.

Devotees of Our Lady of Good Counsel seek her guidance in times of decision-making and turn to her for comfort and solace. The feast day is a time to express gratitude for Mary's intercession and to honour her as a source of heavenly counsel.

In the spirit of celebration, believers may participate in processions, novenas and communal prayers. The feast day is an opportunity for the faithful to strengthen their devotion to Mary and to reflect on the timeless message of seeking good counsel in their own lives.

An interesting fact is that the miraculous fresco of Our Lady of Good Counsel remains a focal point of veneration in the Sanctuary of Our Lady of Good Counsel in Genazzano, attracting pilgrims and visitors from around the world. The story of this Marian apparition continues to inspire faith and devotion, making Our Lady of Good Counsel an enduring figure in the Catholic tradition.

[Our Lady of Good Counsel CES Website](#)

[St. Elizabeth Seton Parish Website](#)



Quotes by Our Lady of Good Counsel

"Mary, our Mother of Good Counsel, be our advocate and intercessor in times of decision. Help us to seek your guidance and follow the path that leads us closer to God."

"Blessed Mother, under the title of Our Lady of Good Counsel, is a light in our darkness and a source of inspiration in times of confusion. Lead us to the wisdom that comes from God."

Mary, Star of the Sea and Our Lady of Good Counsel, navigate the ship of our lives through the storms of doubt and uncertainty, and lead us safely to the harbour of God's love."

Prayer

In the name of the Father, and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit;

O Most Blessed Virgin Mary,
Our Lady of Good Counsel,
As we journey through the uncertainties of life,
we seek your intercession,
knowing that you are the Mother of Good Counsel.
Guide our steps, O gentle Mother,
and lead us on the path of righteousness.

In moments of confusion and indecision,
be our beacon of light,
illuminating the darkness that surrounds us.

O Mary, Star of the Sea,
in the vast ocean of life,
be our guide and protectress.
As we navigate the challenges before us,
may your counsel steer us away from harm
and lead us to the safe harbour of God's love.

Our Lady of Good Counsel,
we entrust our intentions and decisions to you.
Intercede for us, dear Mother,
that we may walk in the ways of virtue,
guided by the wisdom that comes from above.

Amen.

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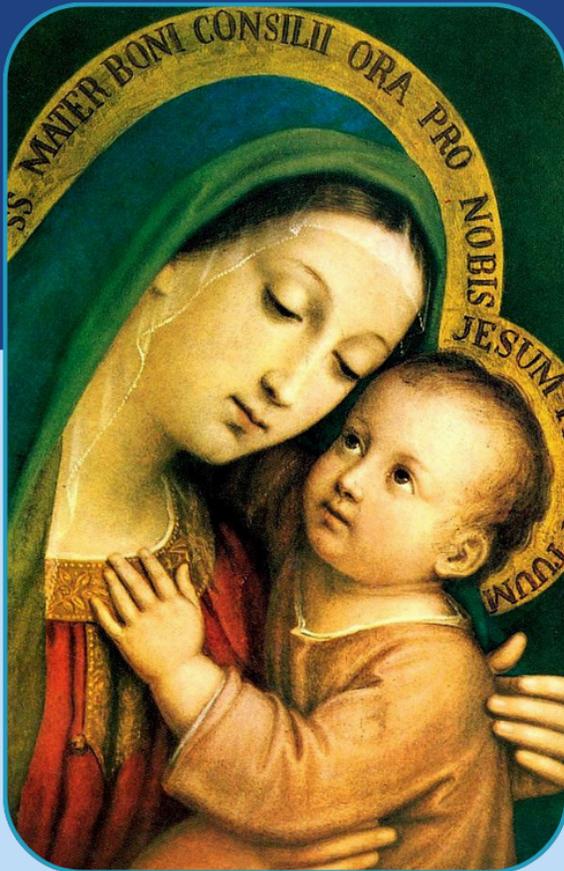
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FEAST DAY:
April 25

SCHOOL LOCATION:
East Gwillimbury, ON

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