

The Marian Dogmas

Marian Dogma	Scripture and CCC Support	Formally Defined	Teaching	What does it teach us about Jesus?
Theotokos Mother of God	Luke 1:31-32, 43 Gal 4:4 CCC 495, 963	431 Council of Ephesus	Mary is the mother of God the Son made man.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • God gives Jesus his divine nature, Mary gives Jesus his human nature. • God the Son truly became man. • This dogma supports the hypostatic union.
The Immaculate Conception of Mary	Gen 3:15 Luke 1:28* Luke 1:42 CCC 411, 490- 492, 508	1854 by Blessed Pope Pius IX	At her conception Mary was free from the stain of Original Sin and its effects: Obscured knowledge, disease and death, and concupiscence.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The humanity which Mary imparts to Jesus is perfect and unstained by original sin. • This gift is possible because of the redemptive act of Jesus, and is not possible apart from God's grace. Mary did not earn it, it is a gift from God (Lk 1:46-49).
The Perpetual Virginity of Mary	Isaiah 7:14 Luke 1:26 Luke 1:34 CCC 510, 496- 507	681 Second Council of Constantinople	Mary was a perpetual virgin. expressed in 3 parts: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • In her virginal conception of Christ • In giving birth to Christ • In her continuing virginity after His birth ** 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Christ was conceived by the Holy Spirit, not by Mary and Joseph. • This dogma safeguards the dogma of the Incarnation. Jesus is fully divine, and the only Son of God • It helps to protect the singularity of Jesus. If Jesus had siblings, they might have been worshiped as demigods.
The Assumption of Mary	Gen 3:15 2Kings 2:11 Gen 5:24 (Heb 11:5) Rev 11:19-12:1 Rom 6:24 CCC 966, 974	1950 by Pope Pius XII	The Assumption is the event where Mary is taken body and soul into heaven, after completing the course of her earthly life	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ascension Vs Assumption • We see the promise of Christ fulfilled in Mary. She is a witness that death through sin has been conquered by Christ (CCC 974). • This is the result of the Immaculate Conception. Corruption of the body is the result of original sin and actual sin. Mary was preserved from both by God's grace.

* Luke 1:28 *Kecharitōmenē* = "already graced"(past and present tense) vs Acts 6:8 *plērēs chariots* "full of grace" (present tense)

**Brothers and sisters of Jesus? The Bible mentions brothers and sisters of Jesus (Mt 12:46). These are not children of the Virgin Mary. Some are the sons of another Mary, whom Matthew calls "the other Mary." (Mt 13:55; 28:1, Mt 27:56, CCC 500) Others maybe cousins or close family friends in both the New and Old Testament the term brother or sister was used this way (Gen 13:8, 1 Chron 23:21-22, Rom 8:29; 12:1, Heb 2:11).