



## WHY IS MARY IMPORTANT AT CHRISTMAS AND IN OUR LIVES?



**#82** Isn't it improper to call Mary the "Mother" of God? Anyone who calls Mary the Mother of God thereby professes that her Son is God.

**#84** Was Mary only an instrument of God? The redemption of mankind by Jesus Christ thus begins with a request by God and the free consent of a human being.

**#148:** Since the beginning of time, experience has taught us that Mary helps. Being the mother of Jesus, Mary is also our mother. Good mothers stand up for their children.

**#479:** If we say Yes as Mary did, God has the opportunity to lead his life in our life.

## SAINTS & INSPIRATIONAL STORIES

### Our Lady of the Rosary: Battle of Lepanto

Did you know that Mary saved Christianity in the world? We could all be Muslims now, if not for the famous battle of Lepanto! It is little spoken about today in our history, but is probably one of the most important battles of all time thus far. Pope Pius V appointed young Don Juan of Austria to head up the Royal Christian fleet to fight the Muslim Ottoman empire at sea before they could reach Rome and destroy Christianity completely. The Christian fleet was vastly outnumbered, and with the wind against them, they were sure to befall tragedy. Don Juan ordered all ships to stop and pray the rosary, and through Mary's intercession, the wind changed direction leading them to victory!



GOSPEL



ANSWERS

"Prepare the way of the Lord, make straight his paths. Every valley shall be filled and every mountain and hill shall be made low. The winding roads shall be made straight, and the rough ways made smooth – Luke 3:1-6

### ANSWER IN YOUR OWN WORDS:

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