

Mary's Garden



Roses *Roses are considered the "Queen of Flowers" just as Mary is considered "Queen of Heaven", A rose is a sign of perfect love like Jesus' perfect love for us. The word rosary comes from a crown or garland of roses.*



Lilies *Also known as the "Madonna's Flower", is the traditional symbol of Easter. It signifies Mary's innocence and purity because of its white color and sweet fragrance.*



Iris *The deep blue-purple color denotes Mary's loyalty to God. The blade shape leaves signify the sorrows that pierced Mary's heart.*



Gladiolas *Gladiola comes from the Latin word for sword. and symbolizes the piercing sorrows of Mary's life.*



Columbine *The blue columbine is a traditional flower denoting loyalty and is associated with Mary because of her loyalty to God. It is often shown in paintings growing at Mary's feet.*



Violets *The violet's delicate fragrance, color, sweet scent and heart shaped leaves refer to Mary's humility and constancy.*



Marigold *The marigold was name for Mary (Mary's gold). It signifies Mary s' simplicity and domesticity.*



Foxglove *Called "Our Lady's Thimbles in ancient times, foxglove thrives in places where other flowers do not. It is associated with Mary's never ending love.*



Lily of the Valley. *Another name for this flower is "Our Lady's Tears". In Europe particularly in Germany, it is used to decorate Mary's Shrines in the month of May. It symbolizes her purity and humility.*



Chrysanthemum *also known, as the Star of Bethlehem is associated with the Epiphany, by a legend that tells us it was in bloom before the manger in Bethlehem. It resemblance to a golden star is like the star that guided the Wise men to Jesus and Mary.*