

Liturgical Living: Mary Gardens

Creating a Mary Garden is a fun family activity to honor Mary during May. When making a Mary Garden, you don't need to have a large yard space to dedicate to it. A small corner of your yard or even a large planter pot can work. Here are some steps to get started:

- † **Choose your spot:** Pick a spot you see often. Whether the space is sunny or shaded will determine the types of plants you use.
- † **Prepare the soil:** Turn the soil and add some potting mix.
- † **Get a statue of Mary:** Select a statue that nicely fits the area you have chosen. Our Lady of Fatima Shrine has many options for sale in the gift shop.
- † **Choose your plants:** There are many flowers with Marian-inspired names (there are even several Marian herbs!). Some options to consider:
 - Roses* – the “queen of flowers”
 - Marigold* – meaning “Mary’s Gold”
 - Violet* – symbol of Our Lady’s modesty
 - Zinnias* – known as “Little Mary”
 - Morning Glory* – one of Mary’s many titles
 - Impatiens* – also called Mother’s Love
 - Bleeding Hearts* – for Mary’s pierced, sorrowful heart
- † **Get planting, and enjoy your prayerful garden space!**

If you do not have a green thumb, try one of these Marian Garden-themed crafts...

- † [Create mini Mary Garden craft](#)
- † [Make a Mary diorama](#)
- † [Print paper flowers and a paper vase](#)
- † [Pick flowers for a simple Mary centerpiece](#)
- † [Color a flower frame for Our Lady](#)
- † [Buy a stepping stone kit](#) and [decorate it for Our Lady](#)