

# Nuestra Señora de la Leche y Buen Parto

(OUR LADY OF THE MILK AND HAPPY DELIVERY)

This statue, known popularly as “Our Lady of La Leche,” resides in a small mission chapel in St. Augustine, Florida. This chapel signifies where the first Mass in the United States was celebrated (on September 8, 1565) and is the first established shrine to Our Lady in the United States. On October 10, 2021, this image received a special honor: Canonical Coronation. A canonical coronation is a formal act of the pope to crown an image of Christ, the Blessed Virgin Mary, or St. Joseph in the name of the Holy Father. In this case, Pope Francis sent a representative to place two crowns: one on the head of the baby Jesus and one on the Virgin Mary. Many pilgrims visit the statue of Our Lady of La Leche to pray for healing from infertility and for the safe delivery of their unborn children.

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Feast Day: October 11

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## PRAYER

Our Lady of La Leche, please look with favor on all who come to you for aid. Comfort those still waiting for children. Protect mothers preparing to give birth. Help us to always remember that you are our mother and that you are always ready to help us when we are in need. Amen.

Coloring Page Key: **Mary is wearing ...**

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1 = Pink 2 = Blue 3 = Gold (including stars) 4 = Brown 5 = Cream 6 = Red



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