



ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST
CATHOLIC CHURCH



SACRED HEART OF JESUS
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Sixth Sunday of Easter May 9, 2021

Holy Mass Intentions				
May		St. John the Baptist		Sacred Heart
8 Sat		Vince & Doris Butler from Kathy Richards		
9 Sun				+ Don Down from Ed & Jan Burke
10 Mon	8am Mass	+ For Lolita Keon from Donna Keon	7pm Mass	Private intention
11 Tue	8am Mass	+ Barbara Coughlin from Jack & Mary- Eileen Holland	7pm Mass	Private intention
12 Wed	8am Mass	Most Abandoned Souls in Purgatory from the Devereux Family	7pm Mass	Private intention
13 Thur	8am Mass	. + Sandra Ritchie by Anne and David Bowen	7pm Mass	Private intention
14 Fri	8am Mass	+ Maria Martignetti from S.H. Auxilary	7pm Mass	Private intention

Why is May the month of Mary?

The month of May is the "month which the piety of the faithful has especially dedicated to Our Blessed Lady," and it is the occasion for a "moving tribute of faith and love which Catholics in every part of the world [pay] to the Queen of Heaven. During this month Christians, both in church and in the privacy of the home, offer up to Mary from their hearts an especially fervent and loving homage of prayer and veneration. In this month, too, the benefits of God's mercy come down to us from her throne in greater abundance" (Paul VI: Encyclical on the *Month of May*, no. 1).



This Christian custom of dedicating the month of May to the Blessed Virgin arose at the end of the 13th century. In this way, the Church was able to Christianize the secular feasts which were wont to take place at that time. In the 16th century, books appeared and fostered this devotion.

The practice became especially popular among the members of the Jesuit Order — by 1700 it took hold among their students at the Roman College and a bit later it was publicly practiced in the Gesu Church in Rome. From there it spread to the whole Church.

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Names connect us to one another and to God.

In the Book of Exodus, when Abraham first encounters God, he asks the Lord his name. The Lord responds, "I am who I am" (Ex 3:14). The Catechism of the Catholic Church reminds us that God revealed himself to us by making his name known (see No. 203). Likewise, the many names of Mary reveal her many aptitudes such as saint, helpmate and mother of us all.

Titles of Mary

Many beautiful titles have been given to the Mother of God over the centuries, and these titles have been given to her to honor her and

- for the helps she has given to us. These would include titles such as Mother of Good Counsel and Comforter of the Afflicted.
- She is also addressed as the Immaculate Conception and the Mother of God because the Church has recognized these truths.
- The Litany of the Blessed Virgin Mary gives us many other titles, such as Mother most pure, and Mother most chaste, among many others.
- Finally, Mary has been given titles based on the locations of her numerous apparitions, such as Our Lady of the Pillar in Spain, and Our Lady of Lourdes in France.



The beautiful Litany of the Blessed Virgin Mary (Litany of Loreto) can be recited alone, or after praying the rosary, particularly during the month of May, dedicated to Mary. A partial indulgence is attached to those who pray this litany.

The original litanies are from 1587. These are the advocations added over the centuries:

1675 Queen of the most Holy Rosary (for the confraternities of the Holy Rosary)

1883 Queen Conceived without Original Sin (Leo XIII for the whole Church)

1903 Mother of Good Counsel (Leo XIII)

1917 Queen of Peace (Benedict XV)

1950 Queen Assumed into Heaven (Pius XII)

1980 Mother of the Church (John Paul II)

1995 Queen of Families (John Paul II)

2020 Mother of Mercy (Pope Francis)

2020 Mother of Hope (Pope Francis)

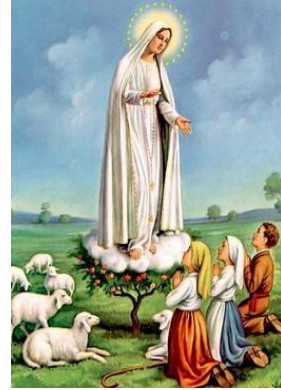
2020 Solace of Migrants (Pope Francis)

In **May** there are some special **feast days of Our Lady**:

May 3: Our Lady of Czestochowa
(Poland)



May 13: Our Lady of Fatima
(Portugal)



May 8: Our Lady of Lujan



May 24: Our Lady Help of Christians



May 11: Our Lady of Aparecida, Patroness of Brazil



May 31: The Visitation of Our Lady to her cousin Elizabeth



Did you know... ?

There is a tradition where religious sisters change their given name to a 'religious name' after they have been admitted into their congregation.

The names of the SSVM sisters are changed to a title of Mary. All receive Mary, Maria, Mariam, etc as first name and the rest is a title of Mary; for example: Sister Marya Krolowa Polski, which means Mary Queen of Poland; Mother Maria Parousia (Mary of the "end of the world"); Sister Maria Madre Inmaculada meaning Mary Immaculate Mother.

God also changed people's names like Abram to Abraham, Saul to Paul, Simon to Peter, etc.

Why does God change people's names?

The short answer to that question is that a name change signifies a new call in life. It is symbolic of a new identity.

Parish Announcements:

#ACTIVITIES DURING THE MONTH OF MAY 2021 "Month of Mary"

-COSTUME COMPETITION

Young girls and adult women are encouraged to participate by dressing like a known devotion of the Blessed Mother or by creating your own costume of the Blessed Mother.

-MOTHER MARY'S ALTAR COMPETITION (For Families or single people)

Everyone is invited to set up an altar for the Blessed Mother at home. An altar is a special place where you place an image or a picture of our blessed Mother, you may want to decorate it with flowers and candles. It is a place to remind you of the Blessed Virgin Mary and encourage you to pray.

If you are interested in any of these competitions, please contact M. Parousia, SSVM at m.parousia@servidoras.org The deadline for the entries will be on May 28th and the awards will be announced on the 31st of May, Feast day of the Visitation