



# Family Faith Formation News

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*"The Rosary is a powerful weapon to put the demons to flight and to keep oneself from sin . . . if you desire peace in your hearts, in your homes, and in your country, assemble each evening to recite the Rosary. Let not even one day pass without saying it, no matter how burdened you may be with many cares and labors." Pope Pius XI*

## Family Devotionals & Sacrament Schedule

### Eucharistic Adoration

St. Anne's Chapel at  
St. Louis Bertrand, Foreston  
Monday at 8:00 a.m. until  
Saturday at 7:00 a.m.

St. Mary's, Milaca following  
Daily Mass each Thursday until  
5:00 p.m. Except the Thursday  
before First Friday, then Adoration  
closes after Reconciliation at  
5:45 p.m.

St. Kathryn's, Ogilvie one hour  
following the Tuesday Daily Mass.

St. Mary's, Mora each Friday from  
7:30 a.m. - 7:00 p.m.

### Reconciliation

#### **Saturdays**

Confession at 3:00 p.m. in  
Foreston and after 6:00 p.m. Mass  
in Ogilvie.

#### **Sundays**

Confession upon request before  
Mass in Milaca and Mora.

#### **Second Friday of Each Month**

Confession at St. Mary's, Mora  
from 7:30 to 8:30 a.m.

#### **Thursday before First Friday**

Confession at St. Mary's, Milaca  
from 4:45 to 5:45 p.m.

### Family Rosary

Sundays at St. Mary's, Milaca  
at 6:00 p.m.

### First Friday

Mass at St. Mary's, Mora each  
First Friday at 7:00 a.m.

### First Saturday Mass & Devotions begin May 7 at St. Mary's, Milaca

Mass followed by prayers and  
devotions on the first Saturday of  
each month through October will  
be held at St. Mary's, Milaca at  
9:00 a.m.

## May is Dedicated to The Blessed Virgin Mary

The entire month of May falls within the liturgical season of Easter, which is represented by the liturgical color white, a symbol of light, joy, purity and innocence.

The praying of the Angelus at 6:00 a.m., 12:00 noon, and 6:00 p.m. is a treasured Catholic custom. (See March FF Newsletter)

In 1742, Pope Benedict XIV asked for the praying of the Regina Caeli prayer in place of the Angelus during the Easter season until Pentecost.

### *Queen of Heaven (Regina Caeli)*

V. Queen of Heaven, rejoice, alleluia.

R. For He whom you did merit to bear, alleluia.

V. Has risen, as He said, alleluia.

R. Pray for us to God, alleluia.

V. Rejoice and be glad, O Virgin Mary, alleluia.

R. For the Lord has truly risen, alleluia.

Let us pray. O God, who gave joy to the world through the resurrection of Thy Son, our Lord Jesus Christ, grant we beseech Thee, that through the intercession of the Virgin Mary, His Mother, we may obtain the joys of everlasting life. Through the same Christ our Lord. Amen.

### **May 1: St. Joseph the Worker**

St. Joseph's primary feast day is March 19. In 1955, Pope Pius XII added this second feast day. As a carpenter, St. Joseph worked very hard. His manual labor was difficult, and he is a great example to all of us in our daily work. In addition, he is a powerful intercessor for those who are seeking employment.

### **May 3: Feast of Philip and James, Apostles**

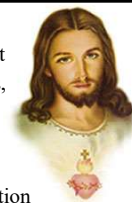
Philip, a fisherman, came from the same town as Peter and Andrew, Bethsaida in Galilee and was one of the twelve apostles Jesus called. He was martyred in the first century. Saint James the Less, called the "Less" because he was younger than the other apostle by the same name, who was known as James the Great. His mother Mary was either a sister or a close relative of the Blessed Virgin, and for that reason, according to Jewish custom, he was sometimes called the brother of the Lord. Tradition has always recognized him as the author of the Epistle that bears his name. He was martyred in the year 62.

### **May 7: First Saturday/ Marian Consecration**

Join us for the first of five consecutive First Saturday Masses as requested by Our Lady at Fatima (see below May 13). The Morning Offering Prayer is a prayer said at the beginning of the day to entrust (offer) our entire day to Jesus through the Immaculate Heart of Mary. The Morning Offering gives each one of us the opportunity to make our every thought, word, and action of the day a sacrifice. Then offer our sacrifice to the Hearts of Jesus and Mary.

#### **Morning Offering**

O my Jesus, through the Immaculate Heart of Mary, I offer you all my prayers, works, joys and sufferings of this day in union with the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass throughout the world. I say this for the intentions of Your Sacred Heart, in reparation for my sins, for the conversion of sinners, for the Holy Souls in Purgatory, for the Holy Father, and for the reign of Thy Sacred Heart and the Immaculate Heart of Mary throughout the world. Amen.



**May 8: Good Shepherd Sunday/Vocations Sunday** - The reason that today is also known as Vocations Sunday is because of the gospel story where Jesus describes Himself in terms of a good shepherd. The shepherd calls his sheep by name, and the sheep recognize his voice and follow him, they will follow no other. We should pray for all of our priests and seminarians, but also for more devout men to hear the call to the priesthood. Today, we should be grateful for the shepherds who guide us in the footsteps of Christ. The sacraments of the Church will not continue to exist without our precious priests.

**May 13: Our Lady of Fatima** - Today's memorial commemorates the apparition of the Blessed Virgin Mary to three children in Fatima, Portugal on the 13th of each month from May to October in 1917. Her message was to do reparation for sins that offend God, and to pray constantly for the conversion of sinners. She asked for devotion to the Holy Trinity, and for praying the Rosary daily for world peace.

She also warned us, "If My requests are not granted, Russia will spread her errors throughout the world raising up wars and persecutions against the Church, the good will be martyred, the Holy Father will have much to suffer, various nations will be annihilated."

To prevent these chastisements from befalling us, she told us that special Reparation for sins committed against the Immaculate Heart of Mary was necessary, particularly the Communions of Reparation on the First Saturday of five consecutive months and the public and solemn Consecration of Russia to the Immaculate Heart of Mary by all the Catholic Bishops of the world, together with the Pope on the same day, at the same hour. It is up to each of us to listen, to read, to learn and to apply this Heavenly message in our own lives, particularly by praying the Rosary daily and making the Five First Saturday's. (<https://fatima.org/appendix-ii-what-is-fatima/>)

**May 14: St. Matthias** was the disciple chosen to replace Judas as one of the twelve Apostles. The Acts of the Apostles state that he was also one of the 72 disciples that the Lord Jesus sent out to preach the Good News. Matthias was with the Lord since His Baptism, and was "a witness to Christ's Resurrection," according to St. Peter in Acts. He remained with Jesus until His Ascension.

**May 15: St. Isidore the Farmer** is the patron saint for farmers and rural communities. Isidore attended Mass every day and prayed throughout the day as he tended the crops. Many miracles and cures have been reported at his grave, in which his body remains incorruptible. His wife, Saint Mary de la Cabeza, is also canonized.

**May 29: The Ascension of The Lord**, which occurred 40 days after Jesus Christ rose from the dead on Easter Sunday, is the final act of our redemption that Christ began on Good Friday. On this day, the Risen Christ, in the sight of His apostles, ascended bodily into Heaven (Luke 24:51; Mark 16:19; Acts 1:9-11). The reality of the Ascension is so important that the creeds (the basic statements of belief) of Christianity all affirm, in the words of the Apostles' Creed, that "He ascended into heaven, sits at the right hand of God the Father almighty; from thence He shall come to judge the living and the dead." The denial of the Ascension is as grave a departure from Christian teaching as is denial of Christ's Resurrection.

The Feast of the Ascension marks the beginning of the first novena, or nine days of prayer. Before His Ascension, Christ promised to send the Holy Spirit to His apostles. Their prayer for the coming of the Holy Spirit, which began on Ascension Thursday, ended with the descent of the Holy Spirit on Pentecost Sunday, ten days later. We meditate on The Ascension of The Lord when we pray the Second Glorious Mystery of the Rosary, Luke 24:1-12.

**May 31: The Visitation of the Blessed Virgin Mary** - This feast recalls the following great truths and events: The visit of the Blessed Virgin Mary to her cousin Elizabeth shortly after the Annunciation; the cleansing of John the Baptist from original sin in the womb of his mother at the words of Our Lady's greeting; Elizabeth's proclaiming of Mary - under the inspiration of the Holy Spirit - as Mother of God and "blessed among women." And while Gabriel greeted Mary with the words, "Hail, full of grace, the Lord is with thee. Blessed art thou among women," Elizabeth proclaimed, "Blessed art thou among women, and blessed is the fruit of thy womb." These two moments recorded in Scripture form the first part of the Hail Mary prayer we say today. The entire Visitation account is recorded in Luke 1:39-56. We meditate on the Visitation of the Blessed Virgin Mary when we pray the Second Joyful Mystery of the Rosary.

## Saint Feast Days in May

<b>1</b>	St. Joseph the Worker
<b>3</b>	Saints Philip and James
<b>13</b>	Our Lady of Fatima
<b>14</b>	St. Matthias, Apostle
<b>15</b>	St. Isidore the Farmer
<b>31</b>	Visitation of the Blessed Virgin Mary

## Why Pray the Rosary?

*Why should I pray the Rosary?* Here are three reasons why praying the Rosary can help you in your life.

### 1. Pray the Rosary to learn more about Jesus and His life.

The Rosary is a set of prayers we pray while meditating on specific events in the life of Jesus. We reflect on His life from before His birth (in the Joyful Mysteries), during His life (in the Luminous Mysteries), during His suffering and Passion (in the Sorrowful Mysteries), to even after His Resurrection (in the Glorious Mysteries). Jesus devoted His life to teaching about God, performing miracles, and fulfilling His mission on earth. As you reflect on events in Jesus' life, you can understand more about Him, His great love for you, and His willing sacrifice for you. By meditating on the events in His life as you pray the Mysteries of the Rosary, you can learn how to be more like Him in virtue and have greater peace in your heart.

### 2. Pray the Rosary as you would wield a weapon.

Padre Pio said, "Love the Madonna and pray the Rosary, for her Rosary is the weapon against the evils of the world today." The Rosary is a weapon. It can easily be envisioned as a sword wielded to do battle against sin. Pray the Rosary for yourself and others to turn even more from sin and turn to God. Pray for the redemption of sinners. Pray for justice and peace in the hearts of mankind and in the world. The Rosary is a powerful prayer. It is good to understand this as you pray it. It is a weapon. Use it as a weapon for good and against evil. When you think of the Rosary this way, you may pray with more confidence and realize even more the power of God present in your prayers.

### 3. Pray the Rosary to grow closer to God.

When you get to know someone better, you often love them even more. So it is with God. As you pray the Rosary, you get to know God the Father, Jesus, and the Holy Spirit better. You reflect on Jesus' life, and you are spending more time with Him as you pray. As you get to know Him more you understand Him more and understand more about His love for you. This leads to a greater love for God.

(<https://blessedcatholicmom.com/why-pray-the-rosary/>)