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SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

MAY 9, 2021



It has been a long-standing Catholic tradition to honor the Blessed Virgin Mary in May. In most Catholic churches (and even in many Catholic homes), a "May Altar" is erected with a statue or picture of Mary, flowers, and perhaps candles. The altar stands from May 1 to 31 as a reminder of Mary's importance in the life of the Church and in our own lives as well.

Why May? The tradition dates all the way back to the ancient Greeks who dedicated the month of May to Artemis, the goddess of fecundity. Romans also claimed May to honor Flora, the goddess of bloom or blossoms. They celebrated "floral games" at the end of April and petitioned Flora's intercession for all that blooms. In medieval times, a tradition arose of expelling winter at this time of year, since May 1 was considered the start of new growth.

It was during the Middle Ages (11th century) that the idea of giving the month of May to Mary began with an old tradition, the "30-Day Devotion to Mary", which was originally held August 15 to September 14. During the month, special devotions to Mary were organized, and this custom, which began in Italy eventually spread elsewhere.

Goddess or not? Although we do not see Mary as a goddess of any sort – Catholics do not worship Mary, we honor, or venerate, her as Jesus' mother – we have adapted the early Greek and Roman customs of honoring important women in their religions by honoring the most important woman in our religion: Mary. Fine. That is why Catholics in general honor Mary during May. Here are five reasons why it makes sense to honor her this month.

1. **Mary is Jesus' mother.** She is the instrument of the Incarnation and her yes, or fiat, made it possible for our Lord to become the God-Man who was Crucified for our salvation.
2. **She is the first and most perfect disciple.** Mary was the first to hear the Good News, and the first to follow Christ. Her entire life was devoted to him and assisting him, in whatever way she could, to carry on his mission. Unaffected by Original Sin, she was able to perfectly open herself to God's will.
3. **She is our mom.** No, really. She is. To put it simply, she's our mother because we are all members of the Body of Christ. Since she gave birth to that Body, then she's our mother, too. At the moment she gave her fiat, she became our mother in the order of grace. She may not have given birth to us physically, but she certainly has given birth to us spiritually.
4. **She loves you more than you can ever imagine.** If she did not, would she have endured the horror of seeing her Son tortured, scourged, crowned with thorns, carry the Cross to Calvary, and die a gruesome death on it? She did it for you, for all of us, because she understood that Jesus' Passion and Crucifixion was the only way to your (our) salvation. She loves you like no human mother ever could.
5. **Mary is advocate, helper, benefactress and mediatrix.** Her job, so to speak, began at the moment she conceived Jesus in her womb and continues until this day. What is more, it will continue for all eternity. As the first and most perfect disciple, she is devoted to accompanying him and continuing her saving office by interceding for us so that we may receive the gifts of eternal salvation. She is at work 24/7/365/forever, for whatever we need, whenever we need it.

For all these reasons and more, Mary deserves honor, not only during the month of May, but always.

Daily Monitor



MASS SCHEDULE AND INTENTIONS

Tuesday, May 11

8:15am

~ Living and deceased members of
Emmett & Gertrude Peschel family

Wednesday, May 12

12:05pm

† James "Jimbo" Davis

Thursday, May 13

NO MASS

Friday, May 14

8:15am

† Elaine Pfeifer

Saturday, May 15

5:30pm

† William Schwindamann

Sunday, May 16

7:00am

~ The People of the Parishes of
St. Gregory and St. Malachy

10:30am

† Evelyn Wassenberg

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Wednesday, May 12

11:00 - noon

Adoration

Friday, May 14

8:45am - 9:45am

Adoration

Saturday, May 15

4:30pm - 5:15pm

Confessions

MOBILE RESOURCE BUS

Catholic Charities of Northeast Kansas will be at Lincoln Center on May 11th from 10:00am - 2:30pm. They offer a variety of resources and support, including case management, budget coaching and some emergency financial assistance for rent and utilities (appointment only). They provide services including food, clothing, diapers, personal hygiene items and seasonal items (no appointment). Please call Lincoln Center at 785-629-8300 or the Resource Bus Hotline at 913-433-2039.

WEEKLY OFFERTORY COLLECTION

Envelope & Plate for May 2nd \$ 21,729.29

ACH for May 5th \$ 3,755.00

(\$11,200 Expected Average Collection needed each week)

BUILDING PROJECT UPDATE

Loan Principal Balance (as of 4/06/21)..... \$847,348.79

Donations (since 4/01/21)..... (\$ 3,513.00)

Estimated Outstanding Expenses \$ 0.00

Total Parish Liability \$843,817.79

Total Contributions to Date \$7,456,102.20

(\$9,100 needed each month for loan payment)

LIVE STREAMING

With more and more individuals returning to Mass each week, Father Quentin's schedule, and Archbishop Naumann's lifting of the dispensation to attend Mass, it has been decided to no longer live stream Sunday and Tuesday Masses. **The last live streaming will be Sunday, May 23, 2021.**

We look forward to seeing everyone together in the church once again. If you have questions or concerns, please contact Father Quentin at 562-3302.

SUMMER DAILY MASS SCHEDULE

Beginning June 1, 2021 daily Masses for the summer will be as follows:

Monday | No Mass**Tuesday | 12:05pm****Wednesday | 8:15am****Thursday | 12:05pm****Friday | 8:15am**

Please check the bulletin weekly for any changes that may occur to this schedule.

ARCHDIOCESE NEWS

Father is looking for 8 people to participate in a Virtual Trivia Night with the Archdiocesan Vocation Office on Wednesday, May 26th from 6:30-9:00pm, hosted by the parish. This will honor and celebrate the three men who will be ordained to the priesthood. Anyone can participate and he is especially interested in inviting young people in high school or college. Contact the parish office at parishoffice@stgregorychurch.org or 562-3302 for more information.

Couples celebrating their 50th Wedding Anniversary in 2021

Archdiocesan 50th Wedding Anniversary Celebration

June 13, 2021 at 2:00pm

Church of the Nativity in Leawood

To receive your invitation from Archbishop Naumann, please call the Parish Office at 562-3302 and give us your name, address, phone number & date of your wedding.



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Planned Giving Brief: Gift from an IRA. Will you be 72 years of age sometime this year? U.S. tax law requires you to take a minimum distribution from your IRA. If you do not need your required distribution, we invite you to have your IRA account administrator write the check directly to the parish so you can avoid paying the tax on the distribution. Visit cfnek.org/charitable-giving-using-your-ira for more information.



ST. GREGORY THE GREAT CATHOLIC SCHOOL

2021-2022 Enrollment Information

- 2021-2022 Family Registration Fee and Student Book/Supply Fee are due with the Enrollment form by May 21, 2021
- Completed Applications for Fee Assistance are due to the school office by May 21, 2021
- Please wait to pay your 2021-2022 School Fees until after July 1, 2021

School Update in Facilities

At the end of the 2019-2020 school year, the carpet in all of the classrooms was replaced, a new PA system was installed and a new coat of paint was added throughout the school. As we look towards the 2021-2022 school year, we are needing to replace 2 HVAC systems and still need to replace the hallway carpet.

PRAYER LIST

The power of prayer is an amazing thing! Please keep the following people in your prayers.

Short Term Health Issues: Annette Pacha Smith, DeAnn Clingan and Ron Thomas.

Long Term Health Issues: Killian Gray, Steve Sawin, Linda Price, Kathy Pacha, Torey Butler, Linda Schell Tiers, M. Teresa Harris, Marty Malotte, Allie Montgomery, Gretchen Schmitz, Don Wassenberg, Alan Wassenberg, Lora Stohs, Tony Evans, Teresa Reiling, Mary Landoll, Boston Bieler, Debra Nietfeld Lambert, Joan Wacek, Katie Vering, Sami and Jack Kirkland.

If you would like to add someone to the prayer list, call Margaret Huffman at 713-9653 or the Parish Office.



CELEBRATE

BIRTHDAYS

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| May 10 | Jean Stillwell, Fern Powell, Atley Pekarek |
| May 11 | Nathan Horn, Mike Richardson |
| May 12 | Hank Brucker, Donnie Kirkham, Kannon Wright |
| May 13 | Mike Dettke, Bryndon Meinhardt, Mike Pacha, Ashley Lyhane |
| May 14 | Leigha Behrens |
| May 15 | Bella Bussmann, Robert McAnerney |
| May 16 | Sarah Pacha, Katherine Frese, Bryer Wilson |

ANNIVERSARIES

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|---------------|-------------------------------|
| May 10 | Keith and Ricci Beikman |
| | Joseph and Michelle Whitesell |
| May 11 | David and Diane Hammett |
| May 14 | Dwane and Evelyn Kloppenberg |
| May 16 | David and Nanci Bruna |

THOUGHT OF THE WEEK

"There is enough time in the day to accomplish everything God wants me to do. If I am harried, it is because I am doing things that God has not asked of me."



LISA BRENNINKMEYER
The Thing About Mothers

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Cemetery: Frank Staggenborg at 562-8047

Parish Hall Reservations: Contact Parish Office

K of C Hall Reservations: Joe Peschel at 562-3161

Baptisms: See website for information

Weddings: Contact Father Quentin

If someone is in need of the Eucharist taken to them, please call the Parish Office.



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