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Currently we are blest to be celebrating our 27th year!

The Monthly Message of Our Blessed Mother from Medjugorje: April 25, 2020

“Dear children! May this time be an incentive for personal conversion for you. Pray, little children, in solitude, to the Holy Spirit to strengthen you in faith and trust in God, that you may be worthy witnesses of the love which God bestows upon you through my presence. Little children, do not permit trials to harden your heart and for prayer to be like a desert. Be a reflection of God's love and witness the Risen Jesus by your lives. I am with you and I love all of you with my motherly love. Thank you for having responded to my call.”



See a rose Say the Rosary!



BISHOP LUCIA NOVENA PRAYER FOR AN END TO THE CORONAVIRUS PANDEMIC www.syrdio.org:

O Mary, full of grace, Patroness of this nation and Mother of the Church, in this time of illness and worldwide need we seek your intercession for the human family before your Son's throne of grace and mercy. We ask for strength in adversity, health in weakness, and comfort in sorrow. Help us, O Blessed Mother, to be filled with confidence and trust in the tender compassion of our God. Let us not be afraid, like our own Saint Marianne Cope, who entrusted her life and ministry among the outcasts of society into the care of our Divine Physician. Continue to watch over all who are sick as well as those who care for them and give wisdom to all who are seeking a cure. We ask this through Christ, our Lord. Amen.

HEAVEN CALLS—IS YOUR RINGER ON ?

Blessing and prayers to all our friends, supporters and newsletter subscribers of the Central NY Marian Center.

St. Joseph The Worker May 1, 2020

authentic progress by man and society.”

As we look forward to Our Lady's month of May, do our hearts ring with joy, as we celebrate a number of important feast days in the Catholic Church?

The month of May is dedicated to [The Blessed Virgin Mary](#). The entire month falls within the liturgical season of [Easter](#), which is represented by the liturgical color white, the color of light, a symbol of joy, purity and innocence (absolute or restored). 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, at 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, the benefits of God's mercy come down to us from Her throne in greater abundance”

To foster deep devotion to Saint Joseph among Catholics, and in response to the “May Day” celebrations for workers sponsored by Communists, Pope Pius XII instituted the feast of Saint Joseph the Worker in 1955. This feast extends the long relationship between Joseph and the cause of workers in both Catholic faith and devotion. Beginning in the Book of Genesis, the dignity of human work has long been celebrated as a participation in the creative work of God. By work, human kind both fulfills the command found in Genesis to care for the earth (Gn 2:15) and to be productive in their labors. Saint Joseph, the carpenter and foster father of Jesus, is but one example of the holiness of human labor.

In his encyclical *Laborem Exercens*, Pope John Paul II stated: “the Church considers it her task always to call attention to the dignity and rights of those who work, to condemn situations in which that dignity and those rights are violated, and to help to guide [social] changes so as to ensure



Saint Joseph is held up as a model of such work. Pius XII emphasized this when he said, no worker was ever more completely and profoundly penetrated by it than the foster father of Jesus, who lived with Him in closest intimacy and community of family life and work." *On May 1, 2020 the USCCB will re-consecrate our nation to Our Lady under her new title below, asking intercession for an end to the Coronavirus.*

Mother's Day May 10, 2020

The memorial of the Blessed Virgin Mary, Mother of the Church, has been added to the General Roman Calendar, the Roman Missal, and the Liturgy of the Hours. The Latin text has been published, and the translations will be prepared by the bishops' conferences and approved by the congregation. A celebration of a memorial generally means that prayers and readings specific to the day's memorial are used in the Mass. **The memorial will be celebrated on the Monday after the feast of Pentecost.**

The Marian title of "Mother of the Church," was given to the Blessed Mother by Bl. Pope Paul VI at the Second Vatican Council. It was also added to the Roman Missal after the Holy Year of Reconciliation in 1975.

The decree establishing the memorial was published in a letter from Cardinal Robert Sarah, head of the Congregation for Divine Worship and the Discipline of the Sacraments.

Pope Francis added the memorial to the Roman Calendar after carefully considering how the promotion of devotion to the Blessed Virgin Mary under this particular title might encourage growth in "the maternal sense of the Church" and in "genuine Marian piety."

"This celebration will help us to remember that growth in the Christian life must be anchored to the Mystery of the Cross, to the oblation of Christ in the Eucharistic Banquet and to the Mother of the Redeemer and Mother of the Redeemed."

The Feast of Our Lady of Fatima May 13, 2020

Between May and October 1917, Our Lady appeared six times to three young Portuguese children in a field called the Cova de Iria, near the small village of Fatima, about seventy miles north of Lisbon. They were Lucia dos Santos, age ten, and her two younger cousins Francisco and Jacinta. They tended sheep together and often would kneel in the open field to pray the Rosary.

In the spring, prior to the apparitions, an angel appeared to the children to prepare them for the coming of Our Lady. "Fear not! I am the Angel of Peace. Pray with me!" The angel knelt on the ground and bowed very low. The children imitated the angel and repeated his words three times: "My God, I believe, I adore, I hope, and I love You. I beg pardon for all those who do not believe, do not adore, do not hope, and do not love You." Then he rose and said: "Pray this way. The Hearts of Jesus and Mary are attentive to the voice of your supplications."

The first apparition took place around noon on Sunday, May 13, 1917 when a brilliant flash of lightning drew the attention of the children. A beautiful Lady ap-



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peared clothed in white and asked the children to return the thirteenth of each month. In these apparitions, Mary asked the children to pray the Rosary daily for the conversion of sinners and asked for devotion to her Immaculate Heart. She asked for prayer, penance, the consecration of Russia to her Immaculate Heart and the Communion of Reparation on First Saturday. On December 10, 1925, Mary returned to Lucia and shared the elements of practicing the devotion. On five consecutive First Saturdays pray five decades of the Rosary, keep Mary company for fifteen minutes meditating on another set of mysteries, go to confession and receive Holy Communion to make reparation to the Hearts of Jesus and Mary.

During the apparitions, Our Lady gave the children "Three Secrets". On the day of the final apparition, October 13, 1917, she identified herself as "Our Lady of the Rosary" and the dramatic episode of the dance of the sun took place, witnessed by a crowd of seventy-thousand people, in which the sun seemed to tumble from the sky. After a lengthy diocesan inquiry, a declaration from the Bishop of Leiria, in whose diocese these apparitions occurred, approved the devotion to Our Lady of Fatima in 1930. The young visionary Francisco died on April 4, 1919 and his sister Jacinta on February 20, 1920. The sole survivor, Sister Lucia, lived many years as a professed Carmelite nun, before her death on February, 13, 2005.

The Ascension of the Lord May 24, 2020

The Ascension of the Lord, 40th day of Easter, commemorates Christ's Ascension into Heaven from Mount Olive 40 days after He rose from the dead (Mark 16:14-20). After the Gospel, the Paschal Candle lit from the New Fire of the Easter Vigil, is extinguished to symbolize the departure of Christ.

The story of Our Lord's Ascension and His foretelling of the Pentecost to come is recounted most fully by Luke in Acts 1:1-11. He ascended to be glorified with the Father, to sit at the Father's right hand, to rule as Kings of Kings, to send us the Holy Spirit and prepare a place for us (John 14:



1-3). Christ made His, last appearance on earth, forty days after His Resurrection from the dead. As the disciples watched, Jesus lifted up His hands, blessed them, and then was taken up out of their sight (**Luke 24:51; Acts 1:9**). Two angels appeared to them and asked them why they were gazing into heaven. Then one of the angels said, "This same Jesus, which is taken up from you into heaven, shall so come in like manner as you have seen Him going into heaven" (**Acts 1:11**).

At the end of His earthly life Jesus ascends triumphantly into heaven. The Church acclaims Him in His holy humanity, invited to sit on the Father's right hand and to share His glory. But Christ's Ascension is the pledge of our own. Filled with an immense hope, the Church looks up towards her leader, who precedes her into the heavenly home and takes her with Him in His own person: **"for the Son of God, after incorporating in Himself those whom the devil's jealousy had banished from the earthly paradise, ascends again to His Father and takes them with Him"** (St. Leo).

Look up to heaven today. See Christ ascending to his Father and our Father. Say: Thank you, God, for creating me, and for giving me, through the Incarnation of your beloved Son, the possibility and the assurance that if I do my part here, when death comes it will not be an enemy but a friend, to speed me on my way to the true, supernatural life which you have, in your love, planned and prepared for me.

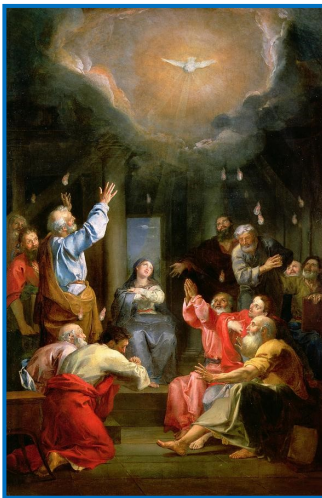
Pentecost Sunday May 31, 2020

The term **Pentecost** comes from the Greek and refers to the festival celebrated on the fiftieth day after Passover, also known as the **"Feast of Weeks."**

The earliest possible date is 10 May (as in 1818 and 2285). The latest possible date is 13 June (as in 1943 and 2038). The day of **Pentecost** is seven weeks after Easter Sunday: that is to say, the fiftieth day after Easter inclusive of Easter Sunday. **Pentecost** may also refer to the 50 days from Easter to **Pentecost Sunday** inclusive of both, because Easter itself has no fixed date, this makes Pentecost a moveable feast.

In Christian tradition, **Pentecost** is an important event that marks the shifting of God's redemptive purpose from the **"descendants of Abraham, Isaac and Jacob"** to all peoples. It does signify an important event in the history of the early Church that enabled the rapid spread of Christianity. Within a few decades important congregations had been established in all major cities of the Roman Empire.

The biblical narrative of **Pentecost** is given in the second chapter of the Book of Acts. Peter's sermon in **Acts 2:14-36** stresses the resurrection and exaltation. In his sermon he quotes **Joel 2:28-32** and **Psalms 16** to indicate that first Pentecost marks the start of the Messianic Age. About one hundred and twenty followers of Christ (**Acts 1:15**) were present, including the Twelve Apostles (**Matthias was Judas' replacement**) (**Acts 1:13, 26**), Jesus' mother **Mary**, other female disciples and his brothers (**Acts 1:14**).



Traditional interpretation holds that the Descent of the **Holy Spirit** took place in the Upper Room, or Cenacle, while celebrating the day of **Pentecost**. The Upper Room was mentioned in **Luke 22:11-12** where Jesus says: ...say to the owner of the house 'The Teacher asks you, **"Where is the guest room, where may I eat the Passover with my disciples?"** He will show you a large

room upstairs, already furnished. Make preparations for us there.

The feast itself lasts three days. The first day is known as **"Trinity Sunday"**; the second day is known as **"Spirit Monday"** (or "Monday of the Holy Spirit"); and the third day, Tuesday, is called the **"Third Day of the Trinity."** The Afterfeast of **Pentecost** lasts for one week, during which fasting is not permitted, even on Wednesday and Friday. In the Orthodox Tradition, the liturgical color used at **Pentecost** is **green**, and the clergy and faithful carry flowers and green branches in their hands during the services.

THE RELIQUARY

The reliquary on loan to us is not currently at the Marian Center but will be returned when we are again open to the public. We are accepting prayer intentions by phone, email or through the website.

The five saints we will identify are each associated with a particular country or area. Saint Anselm of Canterbury (1st class relic) was an Italian Benedictine monk, abbot, philosopher and theologian. St. John of God, O.H. (2nd) was a Portuguese soldier turned health-care worker in Spain, whose followers later formed the Brothers Hospitallers of Saint John of God. King St. Louis IX (2nd) is the only King of France to be canonized in the Catholic Church. Saint Patrick (1st) was a fifth-century Roman-British Christian who was kidnapped and taken to Ireland as a slave. After he escaped and returned home, he was ordained and returned to Ireland. He is known as the "Apostle of Ireland." St. Anthony of Padua, (2nd) also known as Anthony of Lisbon, was a Portuguese Catholic priest and friar of the Franciscan Order. He is best known as the finder of lost items and for the many miracles received through his intercession.

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We are gathering in prayer through **TelePrayer** –free conference calls (with unlimited calls feature on your personal phone).

Please join us. Current schedule: 4:00PM: Tuesday, St. Michael Chaplet; Wednesday, Sorrows and Joys of St. Joseph;

Friday, Seven Sorrows Rosary of Our Lady; 10:10AM: Saturday, Rosary with Fatima Meditations.

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