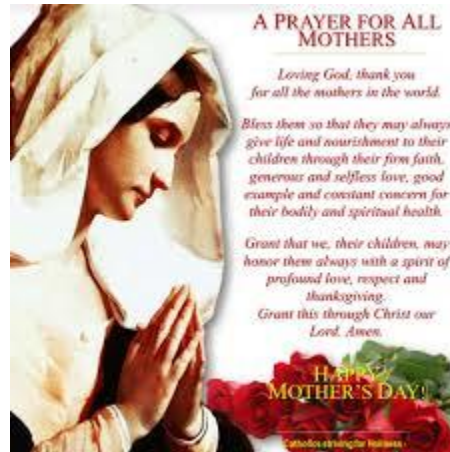


Days of Liturgical Importance for the Month of May

The month of May is a time when we all think of our mothers, and all the sacrifices and wonderful things that mothers do for us. This year, we celebrate our mothers on Sunday, May 10, 2020. We dedicate this prayer to all mothers in our school community and around the world.



Wednesday, May 13, 2020 - The Miracle of Our Lady at Fatima – Portugal

As Catholics, we all know Mary, Mother of Jesus, as the world's first mother. Wednesday, May 13, 2020 is the feast day of Our Lady of Fatima. This is one of the famous appearances of Mary. On the morning of May 13, 1917 – the morning of the feast of Our Lady of the Blessed Sacrament, three children, Lucia (10), Francisco (9), and Jacinta (7) led their flock of sheep from Aljustrel to the Cova de Iria near Fatima, Portugal. They had been praying the Rosary when they were surprised by what they thought to be lightning and a strange light in the sky. Near an holm oak, they saw a woman dressed in white, shining brighter than the sun, with rays of light coming from her. The Blessed Virgin Mary made requests of the three children and revealed information to them.



Prayer to Our Lady of Fatima:

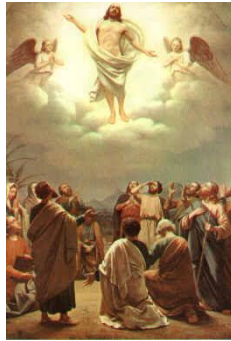
O Most Holy Virgin Mary, Queen of the most holy Rosary, you were pleased to appear to the children of Fatima and reveal a glorious message. We implore you, inspire in our hearts a fervent love for the recitation of the Rosary. By meditating on the mysteries of the redemption that are recalled

therein may we obtain the graces and virtues that we ask, through the merits of Jesus Christ, our Lord and Redeemer.

Sunday, May 24, 2020 – The Ascension of the Lord

Forty days after the Resurrection, our Lord Jesus Christ, attended by Angels, ascended into heaven, in the sight of His most holy Mother, His Apostles, and disciples, to the great wonder of them all.

He entered into possession of the Kingdom of Heaven which He had gained by His sufferings, and St. Paul declares that God “hath made us sit together in the heavenly places, through Christ Jesus.” “There where the Head has gone, the Body is called to follow!”



Gladden us with holy joys, almighty God,
and make us rejoice with devout thanksgiving,
for the Ascension of Christ your Son
is our exaltation,
and, where the Head has gone before in glory,
the Body is called to follow in hope.
Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son,
who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, for ever and ever.
Amen.

Sunday, May 31, 2020 is the feast day of the Visitation of the Blessed Virgin Mary.

Mary's first action after God had come to dwell in her was one of self-denying charity. She undertook a troublesome journey in order to visit her cousin Elizabeth. Thus, she proclaimed charity to be the virtue which above all Christ brought with Him from heaven. God made Mary's visit the occasion of a wonderful miracle. On her entrance into St. Elizabeth's dwelling, St. John the Baptist was cleansed from sin in his mother's womb. Mary was the channel of this exceptional privilege of the cleansing away of sin in the case of the unborn child. As then, so now: Mary is the channel of all graces, and above all, of the restoration of the sinner to friendship with God. Mary's charity is not less present now than at the time of the Visitation. Nay, she is far more eager now than then to promote the happiness and console the sorrows of those who fly to her for succor.



Prayer for the Visitation of the Blessed Virgin Mary

Bestow upon Thy servants, we beseech Thee, O Lord, the gift of Thy heavenly grace: that as the childbearing of the Blessed Virgin was the beginning of our salvation, so the solemn feast of her Visitation may bring us an increase of peace. Through our Lord.
Amen.

Sunday, May 31, 2020 is also Pentecost Sunday or Whit Sunday.

The word Pentecost is Greek and it means "50th day." Fifty days after Easter Sunday, we celebrate the coming of the Holy Spirit upon the Apostles and their followers, and the beginning of their Earthly ministry to make disciples of all nations.

At Pentecost, the Apostles and their followers were gathered in a room. Jews from all over the world were gathered with Peter, the leader of the Apostles and the Eleven. At this time, a great wind blew and a flame appeared as a tongue of fire, which split itself into many individual flames above the heads of all those present. The Holy Spirit came upon these people and each began to speak in tongues. Despite the fact many had no common language, they were perfectly able to understand one another. (Catholic.Org)

This is the day that "Our Lord Jesus Christ, being seated on the right hand of God, sent, as He had promised, the Holy Ghost upon the Apostles, who, after His Ascension, continued in prayer at Jerusalem, in company with the Blessed Virgin, awaiting the fulfillment of His promise.



Let us pray in like manner with the Church: *“Come, O Holy Ghost, fill the hearts of Thy faithful and kindle in them the fire of Thy love.”* [RCDM p 667]