



Encountering  
CHRIST as  
A Family

# Family of Faith Ministry Newsletter

## ST. JOSEPH PARISH

May 2022

### CROWNING OF MARY



MAY 7th, Saturday - **CROWNING OF MARY**,  
9:30am - 10:30am at St. Joseph Church. Bring your family  
and your rosary. Let us come together to honor our Mother  
Mary and pray for peace in the world, especially for Ukraine.

### May

**May 1: Family Mass at 12 noon | Sessions 1:15pm - 2:15pm**  
**Youth Mass at 7pm | Sessions 5:30pm - 6:30pm**

**May 7: Saturday**  
**Crowning of Mary - 9:30am - 10:30am - Church**

**May 8: Family Mass**  
**Vietnamese & Chinese Sessions**

**May 13: Our Lady of Fatima**

**May 15: Sacramental Prep. & Adaptive Faith**

**May 22: Family Mass**

**FFM End of the Year 1 Recognition & Award - Church**

**May 28: End of FFM Year 1 Picnic/Games/Spring clean up**



Dear FFM Parents,

May is dedicated as the month of Mary. It's the month we honor Blessed Mary as the Mother of Jesus and our Heavenly Mother. "Why May?" May being the month when spring is in full bloom has a lot to do with it. May is the height of spring—gardens everywhere are alive with blooming flowers and trees are filling their branches with leaves. This new beginning and new birth in nature reminds us of the life Mary gave to Jesus. Without Mary giving birth to Jesus, all the events that followed: Jesus' life, death, and resurrection wouldn't have happened. So, it's believed that May (when nature is showing signs of life) is the ideal month to honor the woman who gave life to our Savior.

Five ways to honor our Mother Mary: Create May Altar (Image/statue of the Blessed Mother, a Cross, a candle, and flowers), have a May crowning of Mary, pray the Rosary together, make a Mary Garden and imitate Mother Mary's virtues.

May is also the month we celebrate and honor all the mothers around the world. We recognize moms, grandmothers, stepmoms, mothers-to-be and all women who in and through their lives encompass the qualities of motherhood.

Through the intercession of our Mother Mary, may God bless and protect all mothers in His love, peace and joy. .

*Peace & blessings,  
Sr. Bernadette*

# END OF THE YEAR 1 - FAMILY OF FAITH ACTIVITY - May 28th

## Church Picnic

GAMES



## CHURCH SPRING CLEAN UP

MAY 28th, Saturday - END OF YEAR FFM ACTIVITY will be the ST. JOSEPH SPRING CLEAN-UP DAY and BBQ/PICNIC/GAMES from 9am - 12noon!!! This will be a fun-filled family day for all of us! More details later.

## Sharing at Home

### May 1 - 7: Lesson 12 - One, Holy Catholic, and Apostolic Church

❑ A Family of Faith Parent's Guide Textbook: Pages 212 - 228

(Please **choose one** from the activities to do as a family this week: 10-15 minutes)

Activity 1: The Four Marks of the Church (15 minutes)

Activity 2: One Holy, Catholic and Apostolic Church (10 minutes)

Activity 3: Communion of the Saints (20 minutes)

Activity 4: Three States of the Church (15-20 minutes)

Activity 5: Apostle's Creed Wrap-Up Discussion (15 minutes)

### The Four Marks of the Church - I



One



Holy



Catholic



Apostolic

### May 8 - 14: Lesson 13 - Amen! Come, Lord Jesus

❑ A Family of Faith Parent's Guide Textbook: Pages 229 - 237

(Please **choose one** from the activities to do as a family this week: 10-20 minutes)

Activity 1: Forgiveness of Sins, Resurrection of the Body, and Life Everlasting (15 minutes)

Activity 2: A New Heaven and a New Earth (10 minutes)

Activity 3: Amen! Creative Project (10 minutes)

**May 15 - 21: Family Storybook (Scrapbook):** Create a monthly reflection of your family's experience of being a domestic Church at home. You can include pictures of your family doing activities together either indoors or outdoors.

### Videos for parents to watch in May

1. C4: Ignite Your Catholic Faith - What are the Marks of the Church? (3.31 minutes) Click [HERE](#)

2. The 4 Marks of the Catholic Church (9.47 minutes) Click [HERE](#)

3. The Communion of Saints (2.13 minutes) Click [HERE](#)

4. Why pray to the saints? (1.42 minutes) Click [HERE](#)

5. What Does the Resurrection Actually Mean? — Bishop Barron (13.47 minutes) Click [HERE](#)

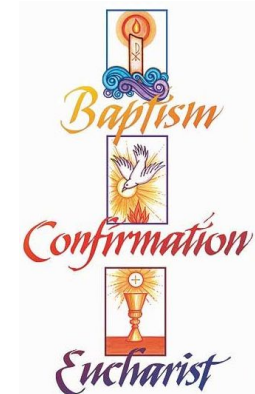
6. The 4 Marian Dogmas of the Catholic Church (5.49 minutes) Click [HERE](#)

**Family Mass Participation Sign Up here [spreadsheet](#). Kids Bulletin [Here](#) [Mass Prep](#)**

**FFM Registration for 2022-2023 is now open.** Forms were mailed out to you a few weeks ago. Registration forms are also available online click [HERE](#)



# FAMILY CORNER



We would like to extend our congratulations to our newly Baptized, First Eucharist, Confirmed, and Professed Children and Adult Catholics who came into the Church during our Easter Vigil celebration.



## Easter Egg Hunt







# KIDS FUN FACTS



## Best-known Marian Apparitions

The Blessed Virgin Mary has appeared around the world many times, often to children, and she has often communicated the need for penance among the people of the world. This graphic shows some of the best-known apparitions, and these seven have been approved as authentic by the Vatican. The faithful are not required to believe a particular apparition actually occurred, but the Vatican has approved these as worthy of belief. The building of shrines, prayers of devotion and pilgrimages to the sites often follow the authentication of an apparition.



### Banneux, near Liège, Belgium

**8** times Mary appeared between Jan. 15 and March 2, 1933. **1949** Devotion approval was given.

Mary called herself the **Virgin of the Poor** and has since been venerated as **Our Lady of the Poor, the Sick and the Indifferent**.

### Beauraing, Belgium

**33** times Mary appeared between Nov. 29, 1932, and Jan. 3, 1933, **to five children** in the garden of a convent school in Beauraing. **1949** Final approbation was given.

### Fátima, Portugal

**6** times Mary appeared between May 13 and Oct. 13, 1917. **October 1930** Apparitions were declared worthy of belief. Devotion to **Our Lady of Fátima** was authorized under the title of Our Lady of the Rosary.

### Guadalupe, Mexico

**4** times Mary appeared in 1531 to an Indian, Juan Diego (beatified in 1990 and canonized in 2002), on Tepeyac hill outside of Mexico City, and instructed him to tell Bishop Zumarraga of her wish that a church be built there. **1910** Designated patroness of Latin America. **1942** Designated patroness of the Americas.

### La Salette, France

**2** peasant children see Mary as a sorrowing and weeping figure Sept. 19, 1846. **1942** A Mass and Office with this title were authorized.

The message she confided to them regarded the **necessity of penance**.

### Lourdes, France

**18** times Mary, identifying herself as the **Immaculate Conception**, appeared between Feb. 11 and July 16, 1858. **1907** A feast commemorating the apparitions was extended throughout the Church.

### Our Lady of the Miraculous Medal, France

**3** times Mary appeared in 1830 to Catherine Labouré (canonized in 1947). **1832** Miraculous Medal made for the first time.

Mary commissioned Catherine to have a medal made of the **Immaculate Conception**.

### 1. Forget-me-nots

Forget-me-not flowers are a symbol of the blue 'Eyes of Mary' (their other name). It's believed when the child Jesus was sitting on Mother Mary's lap looking into her eyes, He wished future generations could see Him and his mother together. He then touched the earth and Forget-me-not flowers sprang up in her memory.

### 2. Queen of Heaven

The color blue became associated with the Blessed Virgin Mary in the early 5th century after she was declared 'Queen of Heaven, Spirit Mother and Intercessor' by the Church in the year 431.



# OUR LADY OF FATIMA

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May 13th

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“There is no problem, I tell you, no matter how difficult it is, that we cannot resolve by the prayer of the Holy Rosary.” Sister Lucy of Fatima

## The Blessed Virgin Mary • Monthly devotion for May

In order for Jesus to be born, God wanted to prepare a special mother for him. From the moment that Mary was conceived in her own mother’s womb (St. Anne), Mary was without the stain of original sin. Throughout her entire life, Mary never sinned and was always a faithful servant to God. This is why Mary is called “full of grace.” God granted her every blessing he could to help prepare her to become the mother of Jesus.

God wanted to prepare Mary for a special task — but only if she was willing to accept it. Because God allows each of us to make our own decisions (free will), he left it up to Mary to decide if she wanted to become the mother of Jesus. And so Mary said, “Behold, I am the handmaid of the Lord. May it be done to me according to your word.” (Lk 1:38)

Mary, with the help of St. Joseph, taught Jesus many skills and lessons, just like your parents do. The Bible tells us that Jesus, “went down with them and came to Nazareth, and was obedient” to Mary and Joseph (Lk 2:51). In fact, Jesus did not even start his public ministry until his mother asked him to!

At the wedding at Cana, when Jesus was about 30 years old, Mary told Jesus that there was no more wine to celebrate the occasion. Because Mary asked Jesus to help, Jesus decided to perform his very first miracle: turning water into wine. Since that day, Mary has been a great intercessor for us. She will tell Jesus about our prayers, and she will pray that we come to know and love him more.

**O my Jesus, forgive us our sins, save us from the fires of hell. Lead all souls to heaven, especially those in most need of thy mercy. Amen.**