



Mary was the first disciple of Jesus because she was the first person to know that he was the Messiah. Throughout her life, she encouraged and helped others to follow him as well. By learning about the life of Mary, we learn what it means to be a disciple of Jesus.

Read one of the following stories from the Gospels:

The Visitation (Lk 1:39-56)

The Visit from the Shepherds (Lk 2:8-20) The Wedding at Cana (John 2:1-11) The Crucifixion of Jesus (John 19:26-27)

Reflect on the story you read. Ask yourself: What does this story tell me about Mary? What does Mary show me about being a disciple of Jesus?

Share with your family and friends what you have learnt about Mary.

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Jesus Sends the Holy Spirit Through the Sacraments

In today's Gospel reading, Jesus tells the disciples that He is going away, but the Father will send the Holy Spirit to help them.

We can't see Jesus on earth any more, because His body went into Heaven at the Ascension. We can't see the Holy Spirit either, because He doesn't have a body. The Holy Spirit really is in the world,

though. He is working in the Church and in people who obey and love God.

The Holy Spirit comes to us mainly through the sacraments. We get grace, which is God's life in us, when we receive the sacraments. Jesus gave us the sacraments to help us on our way to Heaven. Do you know the seven sacraments? Here is a list to help you to

remember: Baptism Confession Confirmation Holy Communion Marriage Holy Orders Sacrament of the Sick John14:15-21

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Alive in the Spirit.

by esus will not leave us alone. He assures us in today's Gospel that He won't make us children of God in Baptism only to leave us "orphans". He asks the Father to give us His Spirit to dwell with us and keep us united in the life He shares with the Father. We see the promised gift of His Spirit being conferred in the First Reading. The scene apparently depicts a primitive Confirmation rite: Philip, one of the first deacons, proclaims the Gospel in the non-Jewish city of Samaria. The Samaritans accept the Word of God and are baptized. It remains for the Apostles to send their representatives, Peter and John, to pray and lay hands on the newly baptized that they might receive the Holy Spirit. This is the origin of our sacrament of Confirmation, by which the grace of Baptism is completed and believers are sealed with the Spirit promised by the Lord. We remain in this grace so long as we love Christ and keep His

commandments. Strengthened in the Spirit whom Jesus said would be our Advocate, we are called to bear witness to our salvation, to the tremendous deeds that God has done for us in the name of His Son.

In the Psalm, we celebrate our liberation. As He changed the sea into dry land to free the captive Israelites, Christ suffered that He might lead us to God. This is the reason for our hope, the hope that sustains us in the face of a world that cannot accept His truth, the hope that sustains us when we are maligned and defamed for His name's sake. Put to death in the flesh, He was brought to life in the Spirit, Paul tells us. And as He himself promises: "Because I live, you will live."

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HOLIDAY

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First Reading

Acts 8:5-8,14-17

Second Reading

1Pet.3:15-18

Gospel

Jn. 14:15-21

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Morning Prayers:

5:45a.m.

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MONDAY

6:00 a. m./12:30 p.m.

Honouring Mary during the Month of May:

The Church dedicates the month of May to The Blessed Virgin Mary, and we reflect on the remarkable role she plays in salvation history. Her "yes" to God's invitation forever changed the course of history. Today, Mary offers us three essential pathways for living our faith:

Mary shows us how to listen.

Mary was a young girl living in a culture where she could have been stoned to death for having a child out of wedlock. She knew the cultural and societal consequences of her "yes." She knew what could happen if Joseph didn't understand. She had reason to fear her parents' reactions. When the angel appeared to Mary, we read in scripture how she was deeply troubled. Somewhere deep within she found the courage, inner strength, and grace to respond with full assent, "Let it be done to me according to your word." Mary show us what it means to listen with full intensity to what God is asking; God's invitations may very well demand everything of us. Deep pondering, heart-centered attentiveness, and courageous listening are required of us, too.

Mary shows us how God's word must be shared with others.

When Mary visited her cousin Elizabeth, they did not simply exchange a simple greeting, but one of deep faith. God's word is meant to be shared. It cannot be contained within us if we are to be filled with the life it offers. We must share it with others. During this Year of God's Word, we are invited to ponder the word of God so that we might share it joy-fully with others.

Mary shows us how to live in God's word.

Mary lived moments of profound joy as well as profound sorrow. From losing Jesus in the Temple to the journey to Calvary, Mary lived these sorrows and was sometimes deeply anguished. Mary formed and raised Jesus from the simplicity of her daily life. She was a person in conversation with God, with the Word of God, and also with the events through which God spoke to her. From the Annunciation to Pentecost, Mary appears as someone whose freedom is completely open to God's will and shows us how to live in God's word.

In this month of May, may we turn to Mary in our times of joy and sorrow and ask her to continue to show us the way to her Son. As we strive to grow in faith and live more fully in God's word, may we, like Mary, bring Christ to others.

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Jn.16:12-15 ⊕ *THURSDAY*

Acts 18:1-8 Jn.16:16-20 ♥ FRIDAY Acts 18:9-18 Jn.16:20-23 ♥ SATURDAY Acts 18:23-28 Jn.16:23-28

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6TH SUNDAY OF EASTER - YEAR A		shout joyful praises to God,
Sun May 17	MISSA PRO POPULO	all the earth!
Mon May 18	Thks : Derek Glace B'day: Joan Laurencin -Johnson Wedd: Ann: Janice & Timothy Regis	sing about the glory of his name!
Tue May 19	Thks: Shanta King & family	Tell the world how glorious he is.
Wed May 20	Thks: Stennet Bent & family	J .
Thu May 21	Dc'd: Roseline Shepherd, Holy Souls	say to God,
Fri May 22	B'day: Alison Lewis	'How awesome are your deeds!
Sat May 23	B'day: Danielle Glace Wedd. Ann: Edel & Curtis Mason	Psalm 66:1-3 NLT

Looking to Ascension :

When we think of holy days that are filled with joy, Easter and Christmas are generally the first ones we think of. After all, the birth of Our Savior and Jesus' glorious Resurrection are the miraculous events that shape our faith and give us all great hope. But how often do we reflect on the radiant joys of other holy days?

The Solemnity of the Ascension of Our Lord is one holy day that's frequently overlooked. But it is filled with as much joy, hope and peace as Christmas and Easter. Falling forty days after Easter Sunday, Ascension Day honors Jesus' Ascension into heaven. The Ascension is the culmination of Jesus' earthly life (until he returns to us). The Gospel of Luke recounts Jesus' departure from his disciples and Blessed Mother by stating "While he blessed them, he parted from them, and was carried up into heaven. And they worshipped him, and returned to Jerusalem with great joy, and were continually in the temple blessing God." (Lk.24:50-53)

As Pope Francis reminds us, "The Ascension of Jesus into heaven acquaints us with this deeply consoling reality on our journey: in Christ, true God and true man, our humanity was taken to God. Christ opened the path to us. He is like a roped guide climbing a mountain who, on reaching the summit, pulls us up to him and leads us to God. If we entrust our life to him, if we let ourselves be guided by him, we are certain to be in safe hands, in the hands of our Saviour, of our Advocate."

And John Paul II said: "be imbued with the hope that is so much a part of the mystery of the Ascension of Jesus. Be deeply conscious of Christ's victory and triumph over sin and death. Realize that the strength of Christ is greater than our weakness, greater than the weakness of the whole world. Try to understand and share the joy that Mary experienced in knowing that her Son had taken his place with his Father, whom he loved infinitely. And renew your faith today in the promise of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has gone to prepare a place for us, so that he can come back again and take us to himself."

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