

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 joyfully 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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PLEASE PRAY FOR
THE SICK

Martha Mason
Iris Macauldy
Priscillia Henry
Luvina Joseph
Mary Sonson
Nellie Hall

DECEASED

Maria Joseph
Akim Hippolyte
Diana Charles
Joseph Jameson

WEEKDAY READINGS



MONDAY

Acts 16:11-15
Jn.15:26-16:4



TUESDAY

Acts 16:22-34
Jn.16:5-11



WEDNESDAY

Acts 17:15,22-18:1
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



MASS INTENTIONS	
6TH SUNDAY OF EASTER - YEAR A	
Sun May 17	MISSA PRO POPULO
Mon May 18	Thks : Derek Glace B'day: Joan Laurencin -Johnson Wedd: Ann: Janice & Timothy Regis
Tue May 19	Thks: Shanta King & family
Wed May 20	Thks: Stennet Bent & family
Thu May 21	Dc'd: Roseline Shepherd, Holy Souls
Fri May 22	B'day: Alison Lewis
Sat May 23	B'day: Danielle Glace Wedd. Ann: Edel & Curtis Mason

shout joyful praises to God,
all the earth!
sing about the glory of his name!
Tell the world how glorious he is.
Say to God,
'How awesome are your deeds!'

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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