

What do Catholics celebrate in May

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, both in 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, too, the benefits of God's mercy come down to us from her throne in greater abundance". The Blessed Virgin Mary is the Mother of the Church and therefore the example, as well as the guide and inspiration, of everyone who, in and through the Church, seeks to be the servant of God and man and the obedient agent of the promptings of the Holy Spirit. The Holy Spirit, as Pope Leo XIII reminded us, is the soul of the Church: All the activity and service of the members of the Church, beginning with the supreme participation of the Blessed Mother in the work of the Church, is vivified by the Holy Spirit as the body, in all its activities, is vivified by its soul. Wherever there is faith there is the example of Mary, because she lived by faith as the Scriptures remind us. If, then, piety is the virtue which binds us to the sources of all life, to God, to our parents, to the Church, to Christ, certainly Christian piety binds us, in grateful love, to Mary — or our acceptance of Christ and of the mystery of our kinship with Him is imperfect, partial, and unfulfilled. Let's pray this month to our Blessed Mother honoring and following her example. ***Mary, Mother of God and Virgin, I choose thee this day for my queen, patron, and advocate, and firmly resolve and purpose never to abandon thee, never to say or do anything against thee, nor to permit that ought be done by others to dishonor thee. Receive me, then, I conjure thee, as thy perpetual servant; assist me in all my actions and do not abandon me at the hour of my death. Amen.***

¿Qué celebran los católicos en mayo?

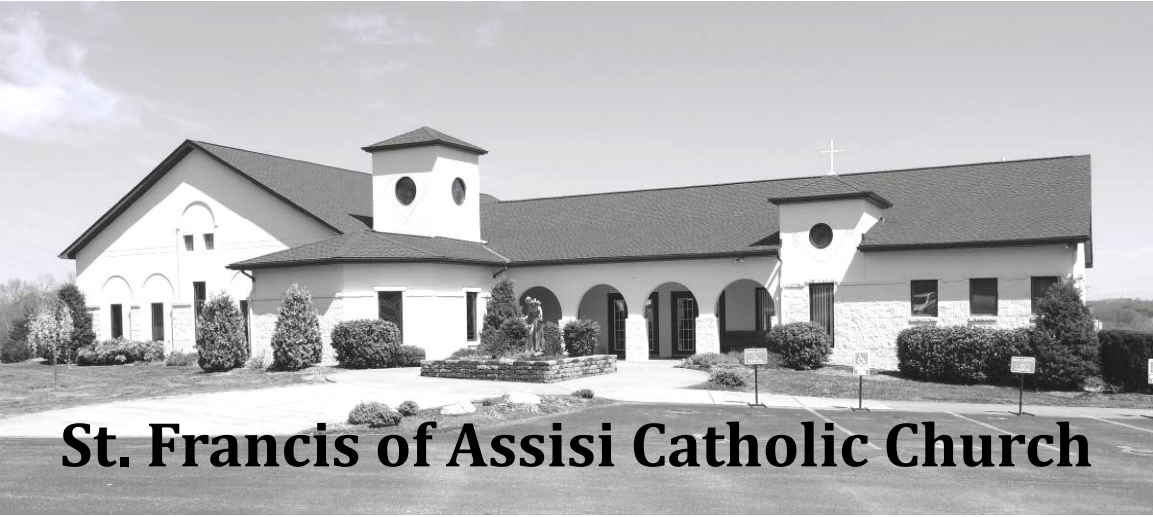
El mes de mayo es el "mes que la piedad de los fieles ha dedicado especialmente a Nuestra Señora", y es la ocasión para un "conmovedor tributo de fe y amor, que los católicos de todas partes del mundo rinden a la Reina. Durante este mes los cristianos, tanto en la iglesia como en la intimidad del hogar, ofrecen a María desde el corazón un homenaje de oración y veneración especialmente ferviente y amoroso. También en este mes descienden los beneficios de la misericordia de Dios a nosotros desde su trono en mayor abundancia." La Santísima Virgen María es Madre de la Iglesia y, por tanto, ejemplo, así como guía e inspiración, de todo aquel que a través de la Iglesia, busca ser servidor de Dios y del hombre y agente obediente de los impulsos de la Iglesia. El espíritu santo.

El Espíritu Santo, como nos recordó el Papa León XIII, es el alma de la Iglesia: toda la actividad y el servicio de los miembros de la Iglesia, comenzando por la participación suprema de la Santísima Madre en la obra de la Iglesia, es vivificada por el El Espíritu Santo como cuerpo, en todas sus actividades, es vivificado por su alma. Donde hay fe está el ejemplo de María, porque ella vivió por fe como nos recuerdan las Escritura. Entonces, si la piedad es la virtud que nos une a las fuentes de toda vida, a Dios, a nuestros padres, a la Iglesia, a Cristo, ciertamente la piedad cristiana nos une, en amor agradecido, a María, o nuestra aceptación de Cristo. y el misterio de nuestro parentesco con Él es imperfecto, parcial e insatisfecho. Recemos este mes a nuestra Santísima Madre honrando y siguiendo su ejemplo. ***María, Madre de Dios y Virgen, te escojo hoy como mi reina, patrona y defensora, y resuelvo firmemente y propongo no abandonarte nunca, nunca decir o hacer nada en tu contra, ni permitir que otros hagan nada. para deshonorarte. Recíbeme, pues, te conjuro, como tu siervo eterno; ayúdame en todas mis acciones y no me abandones en la hora de mi muerte. Amén.***

Local News & Events

Ecumenical Novena-You are invited to participate in an ecumenical Novena to the Holy Spirit, May 13-22, commemorating the 120th anniversary of the Pentecostal movement! The movement began in 1897 when Pope Leo XIII decreed that this novena would occur annually prior to Pentecost Sunday. Catholic bishops and Pentecostal leaders will lead us in prayer for a fresh outpouring of the Holy Spirit on our world to change hearts and overcome what divides us. The concluding event will be the Pentecostal Vigil celebrated by Pope Francis at 9 p.m. Rome time (3 p.m. EDT). More information, including resources and instructions on how to participate in the international prayer service, can be found at www.Pentecost.cmax.tv.

Worldwide Marriage Encounter Experience-Put Spring into your marriage! The Worldwide Marriage Encounter Experience is a chance to look deeply into your relationship with each other and with God. In just one short weekend you can learn a technique for communication that will keep your marriage on the right track to be healthy. Sign up today to attend one of the upcoming virtual Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekends, July 16-18, 2021 in Beaufort, SC and August 27-29, 2021 in HICKORY, NC. Early sign up is recommended. For more information visit our website at: <https://renewmarriage-vasouth.org/>



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May 15-16, 2021
Solemnity of the Ascension of the Lord
La Solemnidad de la Ascensión del Señor

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Parish Facebook Group
<https://www.facebook.com/groups/112238392199573/>

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<https://www.facebook.com/kofcrockymountva/>

Please contact Father Carlos if anyone you know is ill and would like communion or anointing of the sick.

If there is a death in your family or in the parish family, please contact the parish office or pastoral emergency contact number (757) 751-8194 as soon as possible. We want to be of service.

Liturgies and Events			
May 15	Sat	4:30pm	Mass-Solemnity of the Ascension of the Lord
		7:00pm	Misa-Solemnidad de la Ascensión del Señor
May 16	Sun	8:00am	Mass-Solemnity of the Ascension of the Lord
May 20	Thur	12:00pm	Noon Mass
May 21	Fri	10:30-11:30am	Adoration
		12:00pm	Noon Mass
		6-7pm	Adoration
May 22	Sat	4:30pm	Mass-Solemnity of Pentecost
		7:00pm	Misa-Solemnidad de Pentecostés
May 23	Sun	8:00am	Mass-Solemnity of Pentecost
May 27	Thur	12:00pm	Noon Mass
May 28	Fri	10:30-11:30am	Adoration
		12:00pm	Noon Mass
		6-7pm	Adoration
May 29	Sat	4:30pm	Mass-Solemnity of the Most Holy Trinity
		7:00pm	Misa-Solemnidad de la Santísima Trinidad
May 30	Sun	8:00am	Mass-Solemnity of the Most Holy Trinity

Sacrament of Reconciliation	
Confessions are heard in English and Spanish on Thursdays and Fridays from 11:00am-11:30am; Fridays from 6pm-7pm and Saturdays from 3:45pm-4:15pm.	
Sacramento de Reconciliación	
Se escuchan confesiones en inglés y español los jueves y viernes de las 11:00am-11:30am; viernes de las 6pm-7pm y los sábados de las 3:45-4:15pm.	
Readings, May 22-23, 2021	
<i>Solemnity of Pentecost</i>	

First Reading	Acts 2:1-11
Second Reading	I Corinthians 12:3b-7, 12-13
Gospel.....	John 20:19-23

Lecturas, 22-23 de mayo de 2021	
<i>Solemnidad de Pentecostés</i>	
Primera Lectura	Hechos 2:1-11
Segunda Lectura	I Corintios 12:3b-7, 12-13
Evangelio.....	Juan 20:19-23

Mass Intentions	
<u>Thursday, May 20, 2021 at 12:00pm</u> <i>For the people of St. Francis of Assisi</i>	
<u>Friday, May 21, 2021 at 12:00pm</u> <i>For the people of St. Francis of Assisi</i>	
<u>Saturday, May 22, 2021 at 4:30pm</u> <i>For the people of St. Francis of Assisi</i>	
<u>Sábado el 22 de mayo de 2021 a las 7pm</u> <i>Por la gente de San Francisco de Asís</i>	
<u>Sunday, May 23, 2020 at 8:00 am</u> <i>For the people of St. Francis of Assisi</i>	

Please keep the following in your prayers:			
Faithful Departed			
	Mary Ciappa	Raymond & Judy Kloos	
	Barry Dankovitch	Al Leonard	
	Leigh Doninger	Cindera Gilbert Martin	
	Pat Duffy	Charles Schano	
	Buford Heberer	Patricia Siler	
	Betty Holden	Adean Tyree	
	Ella Kenyon	Gladine White	
	Norma Kloos		
In Need of Prayer			
	Tom Davis	Father Carlos Lerma	
	Jane DeMartino	John McKenna	
	Mary Gallimore	Jason Stockton	
	Albert Galvan	Stockton Family	
	Yanick Garnier	Shirley Thomas	
	Peggy Gill	Tyree Family	
	Josephine Graf	Janet Vadase	
	Tim Guler	Carol Vaughan	
	Dorothy Hodges	Ann White	
	Dennis Holden	Father Mark White	
	Dan Jarrup	Jason Whitlow	
	Kefauver Family		

Home Bound		
Dollie LeMond (Home)	Ann Syminink (Home)	
US Military		
Lt. Col. Timothy Carey	John J. Griffó III	
Corey Chotkowski	Joseph Lyons	
Tristan Chotkowski	Major Raine Maus	
Noah Davis	Jason Presley	
Brandon Furrow	Francheska J. Remmert	

	Father Carlos’s Reflection on the Sixth Sunday of Easter-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. Today's feast the Ascension of our Lord in his human nature to his Father's and our Father's home, is the confirmation and the guarantee of this doctrine of our faith. We shall all rise from the grave with new, glorified bodies and ascend to heaven, as Christ did. There we'll begin our true life of eternal happiness. 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. This Solemnity of the Ascension of the Lord, in which Jesus is taken up to heaven to sit at the right hand of God would invite the Apostles and us to go out to preach and baptize in Jesus’ name. How often would you remember that and testify that you are called to a mission? Being a teacher, servant and messenger of the Gospel and so on. As we celebrate the solemnity of the Ascension, let’s prepare our hearts and minds to do and accompany signs that carry out the Gospel of Christ. As we pray: <i>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 Christ, our Lord. Amen.</i>
La Reflexión de Padre Carlos Sobre el Sexto domingo de Pascua- Al final de su vida terrenal, Jesús asciende triunfalmente al cielo. La Iglesia lo aclama en su santa humanidad, invitado a sentarse a la diestra del Padre y compartir su gloria. Pero la Ascensión de Cristo es nuestra promesa. Llena de una inmensa esperanza, la Iglesia mira hacia su líder, quien la precede al hogar celestial y la lleva consigo en Su propia persona. La fiesta de hoy, la Ascensión de nuestro Señor en su naturaleza humana a la casa de su Padre y de nues-	

tro Padre, es la confirmación y la garantía de esta doctrina de nuestra fe. Todos nos levantaremos de la tumba con cuerpos nuevos y glorificados y ascenderemos al cielo, como lo hizo Cristo. Allí comenzaremos nuestra verdadera vida de felicidad eterna. Mira al cielo hoy. Ve a Cristo ascendiendo hacia su Padre y nuestro Padre. Di: Gracias, Dios, por crearme y por darme, a través de la Encarnación de tu amado Hijo, la posibilidad y la seguridad de que si hago mi parte aquí, cuando llegue la muerte no será un enemigo sino un amigo. para apresurarme en mi camino hacia la verdadera vida sobrenatural que tú, en tu amor, has planeado y preparado para mí. Esta solemnidad de la Ascensión del Señor, en la que Jesús es llevado al cielo para sentarse a la diestra de Dios, invitaría a los Apóstoles y a nosotros a salir a predicar y bautizar en el nombre de Jesús. ¿Con qué frecuencia lo recordaría y testificaría que está llamado a una misión? Ser maestro, servidor y mensajero del Evangelio, etc. Al celebrar la solemnidad de la Ascensión, preparemos nuestro corazón y nuestra mente para hacer y acompañar los signos que llevan a cabo el Evangelio de Cristo. Mientras oramos: ***Alégranos con santos gozos, Dios todopoderoso, y haznos regocijar con devota acción de gracias, porque la Ascensión de Cristo tu Hijo es nuestra exaltación, y donde la cabeza ha ido antes en gloria, el Cuerpo está llamado a seguir en esperanza. Por Cristo, nuestro Señor. Amén.***