

"AS MARINERS ARE GUIDED INTO PORT BY THE SHINING OF A STAR, SO CHRISTIANS ARE GUIDED TO HEAVEN BY MARY." - ST. THOMAS AQUINAS

May is traditionally dedicated to Mary, the Mother of God. Let's use this month to find special ways to honour our Lady and seek to better imitate her fiat, or yes, to God's plans! <u>Click here</u> for Bishop Robert Barron's reflection on the month of May and Mary's Magnificat from his Catholicism series.

Though I don't want to rush our month dedicated to Mary, June will be here before we know it. That means the 10th World Meeting of Families is just around the corner. If your parish hasn't already begun plans to welcome back families, I encourage your leadership team to use our toolkit to help you in your preparations. More resources will be available in the June newsletter.

Finally, in Synod news, the Archdiocesan team has been at work discerning and summarizing the major themes of the contributions received. Next steps include a written synthesis of what has been heard.

As always, I am available if you have questions or need support or resources. Please don't hesitate to reach out.

+JMJ+ Taylor St Joseph the Worker May 1 Our Solemnity of St. Joseph guide has ideas that can be repurposed for his May 1st feast day. You can also use this day to get to know one of his best friends, St. André Bessette. FORMED has an hour long documentary about this Canadian saint and his devotion to St. Joseph.

Plan a May Crowning A traditional way to honour our Lady this month is with a May Crowning. <u>Click here</u> for a guide to help plan your own crowning in the home. And <u>click here</u> for a free flower crown activity download from Sadlier.

10th World Meeting of Families this June! <u>Click here</u> for a toolkit to help prepare family centric events in your parish.

Have a question or need support? Want to share about your parish's ministry initiatives? Just want to chat?

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