



# Our Lady of Grace Parish

*"Gathering in Faith ~ Striving in Hope ~ Serving in Love"*

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OFFICE HOURS: Monday-Thursday  
8:00 AM to 4:00 PM

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## Mass Schedule

**Saturday Vigil**  
4:00 PM

**Sunday Masses**  
8:00 AM & 10:30 AM  
12:30 PM Spanish Mass

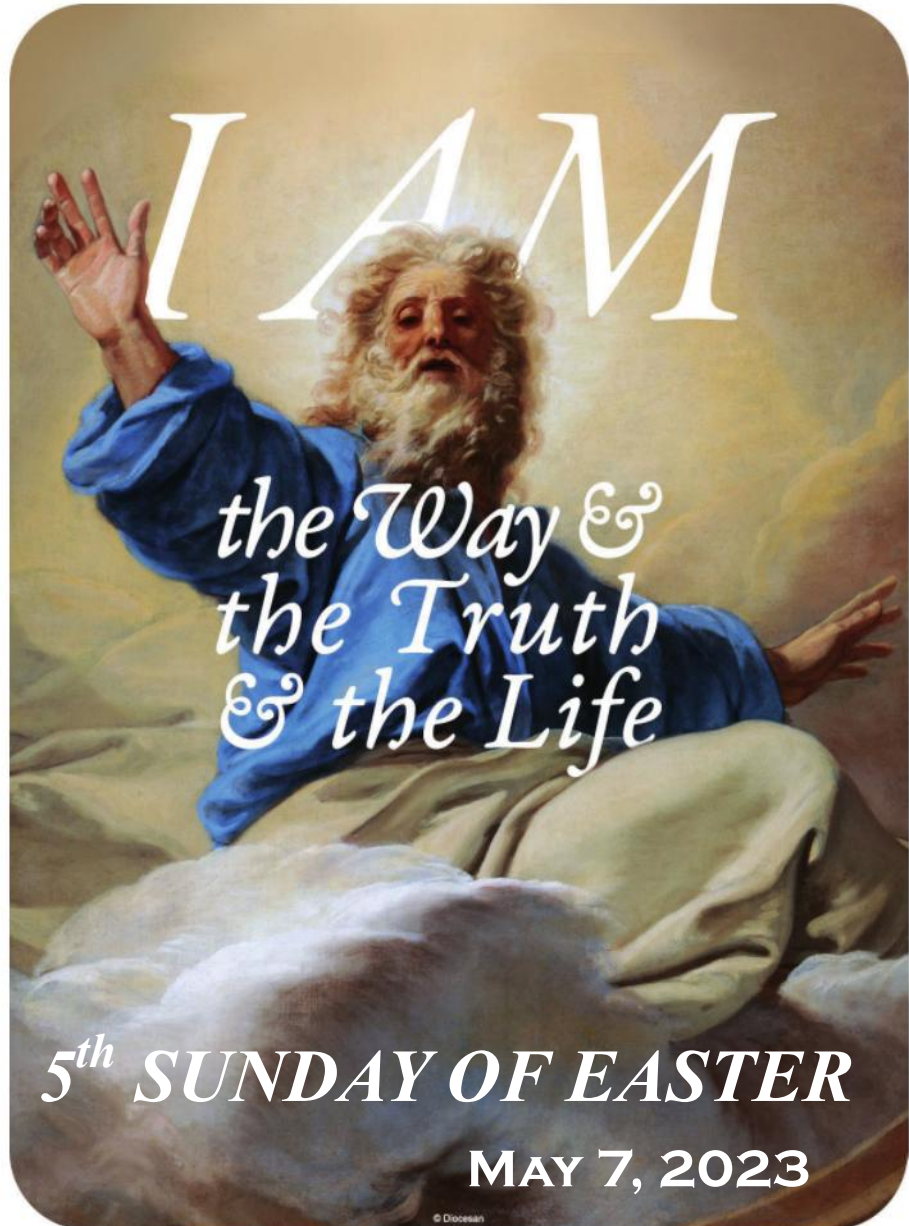
**Weekday Masses**  
9:00 AM Monday to Friday

## Eucharistic Adoration

First Fridays  
9:30 AM-12:00 PM

## Sacrament of Reconciliation

Saturdays  
2:30 to 3:15 PM

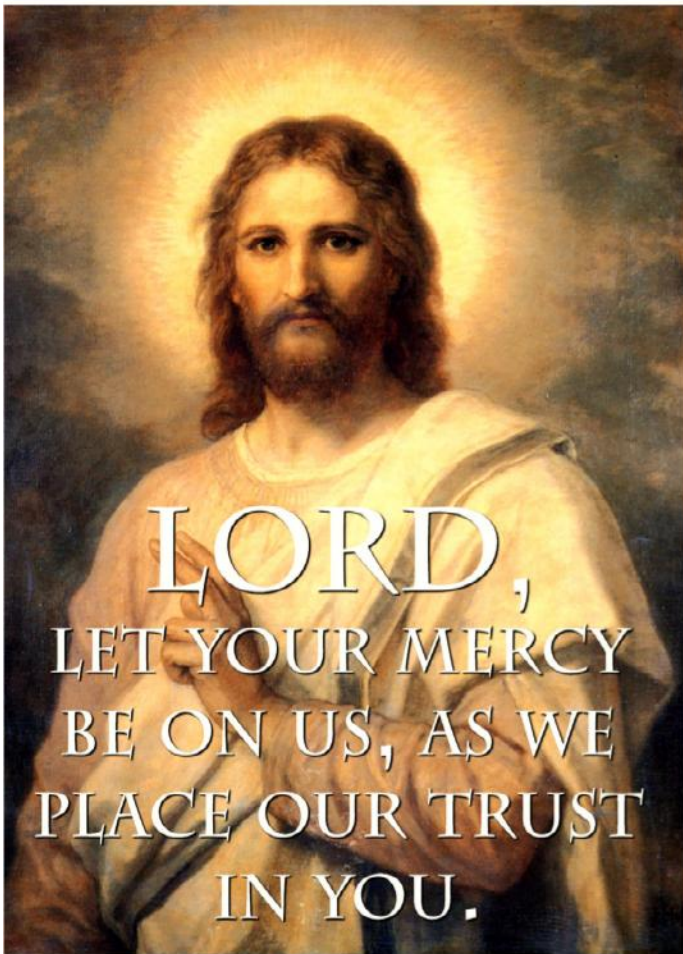


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**Baptisms:** Registered parishioners should contact the office to make arrangements. If possible, this should be done at least three months before the birth of your baby. Baptisms will be celebrated in **April, August, and December.**

**Marriages:** Registered parishioners should contact the office at least one year in advance of making marriage arrangements.

**OCIA:** This process is open to anyone interested in becoming a member of the Catholic Faith. Please contact the office.

**Sacrament of the Sick:** Please contact the office if you need a priest to come to your home to anoint you, or to be anointed at a weekday Mass.

**St. John Paul II Catholic School:**

4341 W. Homosassa Trail, Lecanto, FL 34461  
Phone (352) 746-2020 Web site: [www.sjp2.us](http://www.sjp2.us)



Join us in praying the rosary  
**MONDAY TO FRIDAY**  
8:00 AM before the Mass starts  
6:00 PM at the Grotto

**PRAYER**

"God our Father, look upon us with love. You redeem us and make us your sons and daughters in Christ. Give us true freedom and bring us to our true home." *Amen.*

**Scripture Readings  
For the Week of May 7, 2023**

<b>Sunday</b>	<b>Fifth Sunday of Easter</b> Acts 6:1-7; Ps 33:1-2, 4-5, 18-19; 1 Pt 2:4-9; Jn 14:1-12
<b>Monday</b>	Acts 14:5-18; Ps 115:1-2, 3-4, 15-16; Jn 14:21-26
<b>Tuesday</b>	Acts 14:19-28; Ps 145:10-11, 12-13ab, 21; Jn 14:27-31a
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>Feast of Saint John of Avila, Priest and Doctor of the Church, and St. Damien of Molokai, Priest</b> Acts 15:1-6; Ps 122:1-2, 3-4ab, 4cd-5; Jn 15:1-8
<b>Thursday</b>	Acts 15:7-21; PS 96:1-2a, 2b-3, 10; Jn 15:9-11
<b>Friday</b>	<b>Feast of Saints Nereus and Achilles, Martyrs, and Saint Pancras, Martyr</b> Acts 15:22-31; Ps 57:8-9, 10 & 12; Jn 15:12-17
<b>Saturday</b>	<b>Feast of Our Lady of Fatima</b> Acts 16:1-10; Ps 100:1b-2, 3, 5; Jn 15:18-21
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>Sixth Sunday of Easter</b> Acts 8:5-8, 14-17; Ps 66:1-3, 4-5, 6-7, 16, 20; 1Pt 3:15-18; Jn 14:15-21





## MASSES FOR THE WEEK

**MONDAY, May 8**

9:00 AM ✠ MARIE KLUN  
By husband, Frank

**TUESDAY, May 9**

9:00 AM ✠ DAVID GUMM  
By Jim Gumm

**WEDNESDAY, May 10**

9:00 AM ✠ LILIAN TOKARSKI  
By daughter, Roxanne

**THURSDAY, May 11**

9:00 AM ✠ HENRY LEE  
By Robin Turi & family

**FRIDAY, May 12**

9:00 AM ✠ LEOPOLDINA POLANCO REYES  
& JERRY REID  
By Jose & Annette

**SATURDAY, May 13**

4:00 PM ♥ SANDY & JO SHARPE  
By Cindy

**SUNDAY, May 14**

8:00 AM ✠ DINA MARIE HOFFMANN  
By mom & dad  
10:30 AM ✠ LOUISA TESTA  
By daughters  
12:30 PM PEOPLE OF THE PARISH

**Pray for our sick...**

Vince Wojteczko, Mary Gruss, Alma Eberle, Shirley Pell, Ken Goss, Andrea Gumaskas, Joanie Hayward, Alberto Sitchon, James Smith, Ileen Jervis, Anna Palmer, John Rodgers, Eric Hoyer, Diego Bertagna, Gene Brizuela, Mary Iosso, Michael Alberts, Bonnie Johnson, Ed Matos, Angelita Uy, Aline Castonguay, Enoc Moreno, Jr., Joe Carta, Remy Natividad, Mary Petersen, Johnny Rodriguez, Patricia Wescott, Odie Malave, Jaimie Farmer, Diane Citron, Richard Cangelosi, Al LeBlanc, Marge Abernathy.



### Discipleship *through* Stewardship and Sacrificial Giving

"The one who has faith in me will do the works I do, and far greater than these," Jesus tells his disciples. That's quite an assignment for us as Christian stewards!

April 30, 2023	
Offertory	\$6,500.62
Online Giving	\$ 627.00

**ALTAR FLOWERS**

May 5-12, 2023



*In Memory of*  
**DECEASED MEMBERS OF  
ALBRECHT & GUMM FAMILIES**

By Kay Albrecht-Daniels &amp; family

**BREAD & WINE**

May 1-11, 2023



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**DECEASED MEMBERS OF  
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**MAY 2023****ALTAR CANDLES****SANCTUARY LAMP**

*In Memory of*  
**DINA MARIE HOFFMANN**

By Mom &amp; Dad

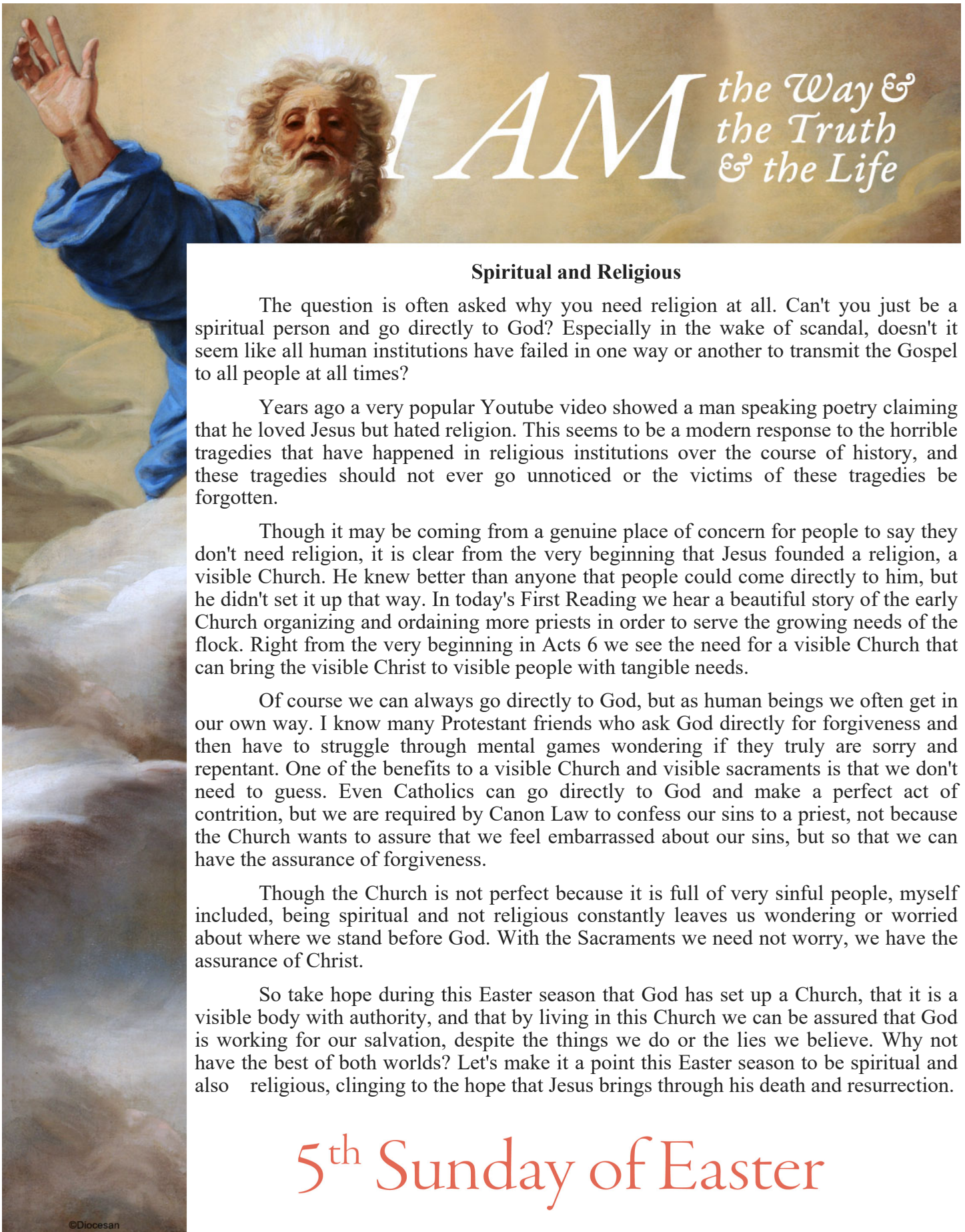
**Please remember...**

Our Lady of Grace in your Will  
*Will terminology for leaving gifts  
to the Church:*

Gregory L Parkes, as Bishop of  
the Diocese of St. Peterburg, a  
corporate sole, for the benefit of Our Lady of Grace  
Church, Beverly Hills, FL."



**Please take note**, we are closed for  
the summer, **NO DONATIONS**  
accepted from May, June, July. We  
will accept donations in August and  
reopen Labor Day weekend.



### Spiritual and Religious

The question is often asked why you need religion at all. Can't you just be a spiritual person and go directly to God? Especially in the wake of scandal, doesn't it seem like all human institutions have failed in one way or another to transmit the Gospel to all people at all times?

Years ago a very popular Youtube video showed a man speaking poetry claiming that he loved Jesus but hated religion. This seems to be a modern response to the horrible tragedies that have happened in religious institutions over the course of history, and these tragedies should not ever go unnoticed or the victims of these tragedies be forgotten.

Though it may be coming from a genuine place of concern for people to say they don't need religion, it is clear from the very beginning that Jesus founded a religion, a visible Church. He knew better than anyone that people could come directly to him, but he didn't set it up that way. In today's First Reading we hear a beautiful story of the early Church organizing and ordaining more priests in order to serve the growing needs of the flock. Right from the very beginning in Acts 6 we see the need for a visible Church that can bring the visible Christ to visible people with tangible needs.

Of course we can always go directly to God, but as human beings we often get in our own way. I know many Protestant friends who ask God directly for forgiveness and then have to struggle through mental games wondering if they truly are sorry and repentant. One of the benefits to a visible Church and visible sacraments is that we don't need to guess. Even Catholics can go directly to God and make a perfect act of contrition, but we are required by Canon Law to confess our sins to a priest, not because the Church wants to assure that we feel embarrassed about our sins, but so that we can have the assurance of forgiveness.

Though the Church is not perfect because it is full of very sinful people, myself included, being spiritual and not religious constantly leaves us wondering or worried about where we stand before God. With the Sacraments we need not worry, we have the assurance of Christ.

So take hope during this Easter season that God has set up a Church, that it is a visible body with authority, and that by living in this Church we can be assured that God is working for our salvation, despite the things we do or the lies we believe. Why not have the best of both worlds? Let's make it a point this Easter season to be spiritual and also religious, clinging to the hope that Jesus brings through his death and resurrection.

## 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter





### KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS COUNCIL 6168

Council Hall-Mother's Day Luncheon  
May 14th, 2023; 11:30AM-2:30PM

A special Mother's Day Luncheon  
featuring a variety of  
International Entrees and Desserts  
Serene Music and Videos  
Mimosa will be available.  
\$15./person, 2 for \$25.



Happy  
Mother's Day!

(Tickets available thru Parish office, Vinny DeMaio and John Uva)



CPR/AED Class in the PLC  
May 16, Tuesday at 9:30AM

Should you be interested please  
call the office or Rose Mary 352-527-6459 to sign  
up. There is a \$20 fee involved.



*Ladies Auxiliary  
Knights of Columbus  
Abbot Francis Sadlier Council 6168*



**OUR 51<sup>ST</sup> ANNIVERSARY LUNCHEON!!!**  
Wednesday, May 24<sup>th</sup> at 1 pm in the K of C Hall

Come, help us celebrate. Meet our scholarship  
recipient and the charitable organization's we gave  
donations to this year. The Knights of Columbus  
Council 6168 will be serving us lunch to honor the  
Auxiliary for its support and voluntary services.

Membership is open to all Catholic women in  
Citrus County. We hope to see you!

RSVP Denise Uva at (973) 896-7180 or email  
[uva.denise@gmail.com](mailto:uva.denise@gmail.com) by May 19<sup>th</sup>.

### WISH LIST REQUEST-GRANTED



I am grateful to the two volunteers  
who are willing to teach those  
interested in learning how to make  
the plastic mats for the homeless.  
PLEASE think about learning this  
simple art. So many people will be  
helped though your generosity of time. Should this  
be something you think you can do in your own  
time or in a groups call Rose Mary at 352-527-6459.

CCW

**Our Lady of Grace  
TEA PARTY  
Hosted by CCW**



To all ladies of the Parish you are cordially  
invited to an end of the year Tea Party on May 8, at  
11 AM in the PLC. Dress up, wear your fancy hat  
and bring your china tea cup.

Our program will be a concert with Mr. Ed  
with songs to Mary and a May Crowning.

Cost will be \$5.00. Please RSVP Cathy  
Hoyer by May 3 at 352-501-1468 or email [cathy-  
annhoyer@gmail.com](mailto:cathy-annhoyer@gmail.com).

See you soon and God bless.

Cathy



Canned Fruit, Canned Pasta, Soup,  
Hamburger Helper

**DROP OFF DAY**  
**May 16th A.M. ONLY**

### SACRAMENT OF THE SICK: Communion and Anointings



Anointing of the sick

Due to the Privacy Act, if you are going into a **nursing home**, you must **call the office**  
to arrange for a Eucharistic Minister to bring you Communion. If you are going into  
the **hospital**, please be sure to tell the Admissions office that you are Catholic so that  
you will be visited by a priest.

A priest is not always available on short notice so if you **would like to be anointed**,  
**please call the parish office** to arrange a time and  
date, or you may ask the priest to anoint you after  
Mass.

If you know someone is terminally ill or under the care of Hospice, please  
do not wait until the last minute to request an anointing.

*So you know...*

**Our Lady of Grace** covers Reserve (formerly Brookdale), Brentwood and Diamond Ridge nursing homes.

**St. Scholastica** covers Hospice House, Grand Living, Grove Health & Rehab.

**Our Lady of Fatima** covers Citrus Memorial Hospital.

**St. Benedict** covers Seven Rivers Hospital as well as the nursing homes in their area.

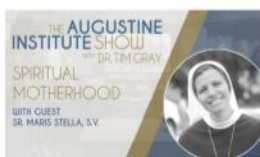
**St. Elizabeth Ann Seton** covers Citrus Springs and Dunnellon areas.





## THIS WEEK ON FORMED

Week of May 07, 2023



### Spiritual Motherhood | The Augustine Institute Show

Join Dr. Tim Gray and Sr. Maris Stella for a conversation on the vocation of every woman, that of motherhood. Although all women will not be called to be physical mothers, every woman is called to be a spiritual mother.



### The 13th Day

In a world torn apart by persecution, war, and oppression, three children in Fatima were chosen by God to offer an urgent message of hope to the world. Based on the memoirs of the oldest seer, Lucia Santos, The 13th Day dramatizes the true story of three young shepherds who experienced six apparitions of Our Lady, which culminated in the final prophesied miracle on October 13.

### REAL WOMANHOOD LISA COTTER



### Real Womanhood by Lisa Cotter

What does it mean to be a real woman in today's culture? Join Lisa Cotter in her talk Real Womanhood, as she draws on modern-day saints, St. John Paul II to define what it means to be an authentic woman.

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Visit [signup.formed.org](http://signup.formed.org) and select our parish name.



### The Faith Formation Program needs your help

Our Faith Formation Program is in need of an adult actively living out their Catholic faith. Is that you? We are looking for a teacher for the Sixth Grade Class. We meet Sundays from 9:00-10:20. You would be working with a small group of students sharing your faith and knowledge of the Sacraments. We will provide materials and assistance to help you on this journey. If you feel the Holy Spirit prompting you, please see Mary Arnold or call the parish office (352-746-2144) to inquire.



### MAY and MARY



There have long been devotions to our Blessed Mother, but the dedication of the month of May to Mary is a more recent development in the long history of the Church. In the sixteenth century there were month-long Marian devotions, but they were not necessarily associated with May. In medieval times, various celebrations involving Mary occurred in May. But it wasn't until late eighteenth-century Italy that the idea of dedicating May to Mary began to take root. This notion flourished in the nineteenth century and began to foster daily devotions, frequent rosaries, and May crownings around the world. And so May, the lovely month of nature's motherhood, came to be dedicated to our Blessed Mother Mary.





## Espiritual y Religioso

A menudo se hace la pregunta de por qué necesitamos la religión. ¿No podemos ser simplemente una persona espiritual y hablar directamente con Dios? Especialmente a raíz del escándalo, ¿no parece que todas las instituciones humanas han fallado de una forma u otra en transmitir el Evangelio a todas las personas en todo momento?

Hace años, un video muy popular de Youtube mostraba a un hombre hablando poesías y afirmando que amaba a Jesús pero odiaba la religión. Esta parece ser una respuesta moderna a las horribles tragedias que han ocurrido en las instituciones religiosas a lo largo de la historia, y estas tragedias nunca deben pasar desapercibidas y las víctimas de estas tragedias nunca deben ser olvidadas.

Aunque puede provenir de una preocupación genuina para las personas decir que no necesitan la religión, está claro desde el principio que Jesús fundó una religión, una Iglesia visible. Sabía mejor que nadie que la gente podía acudir directamente a él, pero no lo configuró de esa manera. En la Primera Lectura de hoy escuchamos una hermosa historia de la Iglesia primitiva organizando y ordenando más sacerdotes para atender las crecientes necesidades del rebaño. Desde el mismo comienzo en Hechos 6 vemos la necesidad de una Iglesia visible que pueda llevar el Cristo visible a personas visibles con necesidades tangibles.

Por supuesto que siempre podemos ir directamente a Dios, pero como seres humanos a menudo nos estorbamos a nosotros mismos. Conozco a muchos amigos protestantes que le piden perdón a Dios directamente y luego tienen que luchar con juegos mentales preguntándose si realmente están arrepentidos. Uno de los beneficios de una Iglesia visible y sacramentos visibles es que no tenemos que adivinar. Incluso los católicos pueden ir directamente a Dios y hacer un acto de contrición perfecto, pero el derecho canónico nos exige que confesemos nuestros pecados a un sacerdote, no porque la Iglesia quiera asegurarse de que nos sintamos avergonzados por nuestros pecados, sino para que podamos tener la seguridad del perdón.

Aunque la Iglesia no es perfecta porque está llena de gente muy pecadora, incluyendo a mí mismo, ser espiritual y no religioso constantemente nos deja preguntándonos o preocupándonos acerca de nuestra posición ante Dios. Con los Sacramentos no debemos preocuparnos, tenemos la seguridad de Cristo.

Así que ten esperanza durante este tiempo pascual de que Dios ha establecido una Iglesia, que es un cuerpo visible con autoridad, y que al vivir en esta Iglesia podemos estar seguros de que Dios está obrando para nuestra salvación, a pesar de las cosas que hacemos o las mentiras que creemos. ¿Por qué no tener lo mejor de ambos mundos? Procuremos en este tiempo de Pascua ser espirituales y también religiosos, aferrándonos a la esperanza que Jesús trae a través de su muerte y resurrección.

**Lecturas de las Escrituras Para la Semana del 7 de Mayo de 2023**

<b>Domingo</b>	<b>Quinto Domingo de Pascua</b> Hch 6, 1-7; Sal 32, 1-2. 4-5. 18-19; 1 Ped 2, 4-9; Jn 14, 1-12
<b>Lunes</b>	Hch 14, 5-18; Sal 113 b, 1-2. 3-4. 15-16; Jn 14, 21-26
<b>Martes</b>	Hch 14, 19-28; Sal 144, 10-11. 12-13ab. 21; Jn 14, 27-31
<b>Miércoles</b>	<b>Memoria de San Juan de Ávila, Presbítero y Doctor de la Iglesia y San Damiano de Veuster, Presbítero</b> Hch 15, 1-6; Sal 121, 1-2. 3-4a. 4b-5; Jn 15, 1-8
<b>Jueves</b>	Hch 15, 7-21; Sal 95, 1-2a. 2b-3. 10; Jn 15, 9-11
<b>Viernes</b>	<b>Memoria de Santos Nereo y Aquileo, Mártires, y San Pancracio, Mártir</b> Hch 15, 22-31; Sal 56, 8-9. 10-12; Jn 15, 12-17
<b>Sábado</b>	<b>Memoria de Nuestra Señora de Fátima</b> Hch 16, 1-10; Sal 99, 2. 3. 5; Jn 15, 18-21
<b>Domingo</b>	<b>Sexto Domingo de Pascua</b> Hch 8, 5-8. 14-17; Sal 65, 1-3a. 4-5. 6-7a. 16 y 20; 1 Ped 3, 15-18 o 1 Ped 4, 13-16; Jn 14, 15-21 o Jn 17, 1-11

**ORACIÓN**

*“Dios Padre nuestro, míranos con amor. Tú nos redimes y nos haces tus hijos e hijas en Cristo. Danos la verdadera libertad y llévanos a nuestro verdadero hogar”. Amén.*

13 de mayo de 2023





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