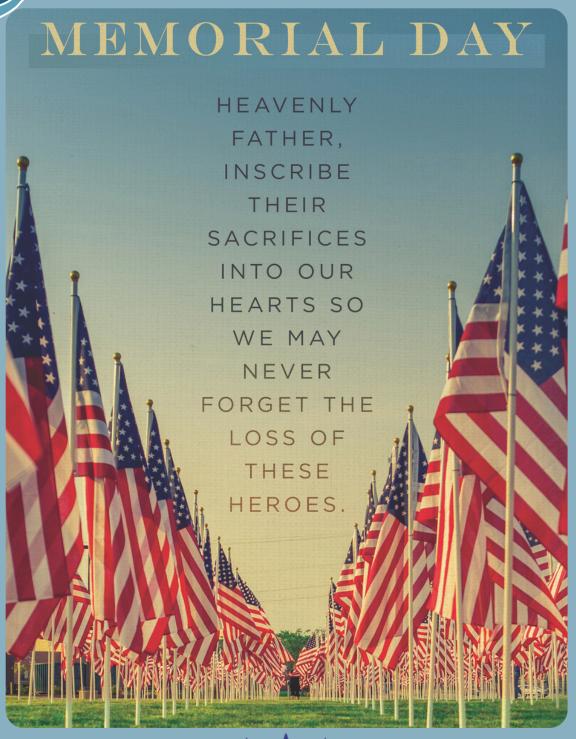
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# 6th Sunday of Easter

## Events

#### **SATURDAY May 24th**

**Sacrament of Reconciliation** 

3:00 - 4:30 pm - Confessional

#### **SUNDAY May 25th**

**Coffee & Christ** 

9:15 - 10:15am - Faith Formation Room

#### **MONDAY May 26th**



Parish Office Closed

#### **TUESDAY May 27th**

**Spiritual Companioning** 

6:30 - 7:30pm - Heritage Room

#### WEDNESDAY May 28th

**Stitchers** 

9:00am - 12:00pm - St. Francis Room

#### **Music Practice**

6:15 - 7:30pm - Music Room

#### **OCIA - Theology of the Body**

6:30 - 8:00pm - Heritage Room

#### **THURSDAY May 29th**

**OLL Games** 

1:00 - 3:30pm - Faith Formation Room

#### FRIDAY May 30th

**Spanish Charismatic Group** 

6:00 - 9:00pm - Faith Formation Room

#### SATURDAY May 31st

**WELCOME Women Meeting** 

8:30 - 1:30pm - Heritage Room

#### <u>Daniel O'Sullivan Funeral</u>

10:00am - Visitation - Gathering Space11:00am - Celebration of LifeNoon - Lunch - Faith Formation Rm

## Mass Times

#### **SATURDAY**

5:00pm 7:00pm (Spanish)

#### **SUNDAY**

8:00am 10:30am

#### **MONDAY**

9:00am

#### **TUESDAY**

9:00am

#### WEDNESDAY

5:30pm

#### **THURSDAY**

9:00am

## Adoration

#### **TUESDAY**

No Adoration, will resume June 10th

#### **THURSDAY**

No Adoration, will resume June 12th

## Important Links

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## **Mass Intentions**

Sat.	5/24	5:00pm	Dc. Dan 11th year of ordination (Living)
Sat.	5/24	7:00pm	Taney County Parish Family (Living)
Sun.	5/25	8:00am	Susanna Huerter +
Sun.	5/25	10:30am	Robert Zechman +
Mon.	5/26	9:00am	The Family of Blake Barton (Living & Deceased)
Tue.	5/27	9:00am	Deceased Members of the Konzen Family +
Wed.	5/28	5:30pm	Special Intention for Aleyamma Jose Family (Living)
Thur.	5/29	9:00am	Zeta Leonard + (Anniversary DOD)



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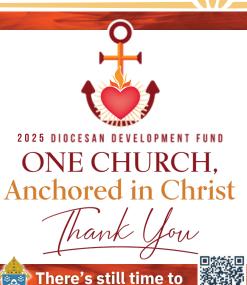












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Lectio: Mary "The Bible and the Mother of God" with Dr. Brant Pitre

Dr. Brant Pitre examines what the Old and New Testaments, the life of Christ, and the early Church fathers reveal about the life and identity of Mary.

### Coffee and Christ Sunday

9:15am to 10:15am
Faith Formation Room



Why is Mary so important to Catholics, and why have so many people been devoted to her over the centuries?

#### Session 7: The New Rachel

The Old Testament story of Joseph prefigures the life of Jesus and his salvific role in the New Testament. Likewise, the life of Benjamin, Joseph's younger brother, has parallels with the life of John the beloved disciple. Rachel, the mother of Joseph and Benjamin, prefigures Mary, the mother of Jesus and spiritual mother of John, and, thus, she can be seen as the New Rachel.



No registration required, just show up!

Do you know someone who would like to learn more about the Catholic Faith?

Please invite them to any one of these Come and See sessions.

Tuesday, June 24th, 6:30 - 7:30pm Tuesday, July 15th, 6:30-7:30pm Tuesday, August 5th, 6:30-7:30pm

Sessions will be held in the Heritage Room, on the lower level of the Church. Childcare can be provided. There is no decision making you have to commit to.
This is simply a Q and A discussion.

The Come and See summer sessions are a meet and greet, and an opportunity for you to ask discerning questions about the Catholic Faith, to decide if you do want to go further and learn more.



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# Congratulations

Deacon Dan Vaughn who is celebrating his 11<sup>th</sup> year of ordination on May 24th

Heavenly Father, since the time of the Apostles you have inspired the Church to commission certain members to assist in a special way in the pastoral mission of Christ.

Bless the deacons and all other ordained and non-ordained ministers that they may be humble and faith-inspired in their service.

We ask this through Christ, our Lord.



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## ELEVATE COMMUNITY DEDICATION

FRIDAY, MAY 30, 2025

4:00P.M.

**Elevate Community Construction Site at** The Elevate Branson Campus 310 Gretna Road, Branson, MO

Please note that this is an outdoor event at a real construction site. Standing for the event and available parking will require comfortable walking shoes. The event will take place rain or shine and no RSVP is required.

Please join us to celebrate this important milestone. Elevate Community is set to be one of the largest, permanent, tiny home communities in the country.

The dedication will include brief comments from key advocates, a blessing of the project, and an honorary tree planting to commemorate the occasion.

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Be their power and protector, leading them from darkness to light.









Join a local Give 5 class to **connect** with other active retirees, **learn** more about your community, and decide where your unique talents and experience can be utilized to **help** others in our area.

#### Q: What is Give 5 Branson?

A: Give 5 is a program that matches active retirees with nonprofits that utilize volunteer time and talent to serve the critical needs of the Branson/Tri-Lakes area.

#### Q: Who gives five of what?

A: First, Give 5 class participants learn about several local agencies and nonprofits, tour their facilities, meet their teams, and understand how they utilize volunteers to fulfill their missions. After four classes, participants are invited to choose a cause they want to support with five hours per month of their volunteer time and talent.

#### Q: Are the nonprofits local agencies?

A: Yes! Retirees who join a class in Taney or Stone County will visit nonprofits in Taney and Stone Counties.

## Q: What are the requirements to join a Give 5 session in our area?

A: A willingness to learn and help is all that's required. Register in advance for a session when you can attend at least three of the four, all-day classes. Thanks to the generosity of our sponsors, this program is 100% free for any resident of Stone or Taney County.

#### Q: How do I register for a session?

A: Use the QR code to the right, go online to OLLBranson.com/Give5, call 417-334-2928, or email MikeRivera@OLLBranson.com...and bring a friend!

#### **Upcoming Sessions**

TANEY COUNTY

Wednesdays

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Wednesdays

September 3, 10, 17 & 24, 2025





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Kathy -459 Dawn -482
Lil' Winner is Joyce -551



Swoop - Talk to the Hand BIG Winner is Harry -303 Sharon P -438 Margaret -492 Lil' Winner is Sharon A -517 Juliann -195 had to leave early Fr J -51 sat in late



### Do not give up working for peace.

Always remember that the peace for which you work is not of this world. Do not let yourself be distracted by the great noises of war, the dramatic descriptions of misery, and the sensational expressions of human cruelty. The newspapers, movies, and war novels may make you numb, but they do not create in you a true desire for peace. They tend to create feelings of shame, guilt, and powerlessness, and these feelings are the worst motives for peace work.

Keep your eyes on the prince of peace, the one who doesn't cling to his divine power; the one who refuses to turn stones into bread, jump from great heights, and rule with great power; the one who says, "Blessed are the poor, the gentle, those who mourn, and those who hunger and thirst for righteousness; blessed are the merciful, the pure in heart, the peacemakers and those who are persecuted in the cause of uprightness" (see Matt. 5:3-11). See the one who touches the lame, the crippl and the blind; the one who speaks words of forgiveness and encouragement; the one who dies alone, rejected, and despised. Keep your eyes on him who becomes poor with the poor, weak with the weak, and who is rejected with the rejected.

That one, Jesus, is the source of all peace. Henri Nouwen



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# MAY TOOTSIE ROLL DRIVE

While we typically have only done
Tootsie Roll Drives in the fall, last year we
added an additional drive in May to give our
summer visitors a chance to support our
cause as well, and the results were so good
we're doing it again!

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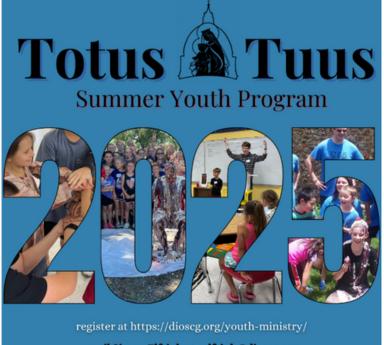
May 18 in the city of Indianapolis and the pilgrimage will end on June 22 in Los Angeles.

Everyone is invited to pray before the **Blessed Sacrament at one of its many** stops along the way. Although it will not pass through our diocese, there will be stops within driving distance in cities

like: Kansas City, Tulsa, and Peoria.

For more information, go to:

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# CATHOLIC TRIVIA JUST FOR FUN

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**Question**: How many scripture passages from the Bible are usually read during each Mass?

Answer: Three

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6TH SUNDAY OF EASTER









"What do you call a cat that teaches Sunday school?"



#### "A cat-echist!"



A catechist is someone who teaches the Catholic faith and helps others grow in their understanding and relationship with Jesus Christ.

# Memorial Day Mass

Monday, May 26, 9:00 a.m. | Resurrection Cemetery

Memorial Day is a special day set aside to remember our dearly departed brothers and sisters, especially those who have died serving our country in the cause of freedom. Please join Bishop Rice for a Mass of Remembrance on Mon., May 26, at 9 a.m. at Resurrection Cemetery, located at 4528 W. Division St., Springfield. Seating will be available under a large tent.





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### **Weekly** Prayer

#### **Sunday's Readings**

#### **First Reading:**

If you keep free of these, you will be doing what is right. (Acts 15:29)

#### Psalm:

O God, let all the nations praise you! (Ps 67) Or: Alleluia.

#### Second Reading:

The city had no need of sun or moon to shine on it, for the glory of God gave it light, and its lamp was the Lamb. (Rv 12:23)

#### Gospel:

"Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you. Not as the world gives do I give it to you." (Jn 14:27)

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# Live The Liturgy Inspiration of the Week

Thomas needed proof to believe the amazing things that had happened. God, in His mercy, gave him that proof — but it was up to Thomas to accept it. Do we accept the proof we see of God's love every day?

# Observances for the week of May 25, 2025

**Sunday:** 6th Sunday of Easter

Monday: St. Philip Neri, Priest; Memorial Day
Tuesday: St. Augustine of Canterbury, Bishop
Thursday: The Ascension of the Lord (holy day of

obligation in some U.S. dioceses);

St. Paul VI, Pope

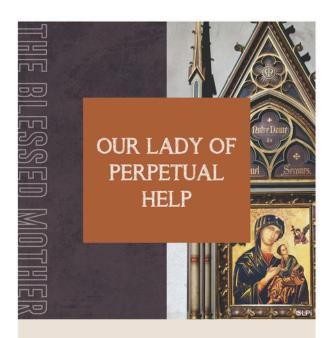
Saturday: The Visitation of the

Blessed Virgin Mary

**Next Sunday:** The Ascension of the Lord:

7th Sunday of Easter;

World Communications Day



#### Devotions, Explained!

Our Lady of Perpetual
Help is both a title of the
Blessed Mother as well as a
corresponding icon that dates
to the late Middle Ages, both
of which present Mary as a
source of strength and comfort
for Christ and his followers.

#### **Prayer for Peace**

Fill us with Your peace, Lord, as you promised in Your word.
Peace in our comings and goings, Peace that You are working and moving,

Peace for what has happened, the places we find ourselves today, and in the future to come.

Amen.

## Worship & Meditation

# Readings for the week of May 25, 2025

#### Sunday:

Acts 15:1-2, 22-29/Ps 67:2-3, 5, 6, 8 (4)/ Rv 21:10-14, 22-23/Jn 14:23-29

#### Monday:

Acts 16:11-15/Ps 149:1b-2, 3-4, 5-6a and 9b/Jn 15:26-16:4a

#### Tuesday:

Acts 16:22-34/Ps 138:1-2ab, 2cde-3, 7c-8/ Jn 16:5-11

#### Wednesday:

Acts 17:15, 22-18:1/Ps 148:1-2, 11-12, 13, 14/ Jn 16:12-15

#### Thursday:

Acts 18:1-8/Ps 98:1, 2-3ab, 3cd-4/ Jn 16:16-20

Ascension: Acts 1:1-11/ Ps 47:2-3, 6-7, 8-9 (6)/Eph 1:17-23 or Heb 9:24-28; 10:19-23/ Lk 24:46-53

#### Friday:

Acts 18:9-18/Ps 47:2-3, 4-5, 6-7/ Jn 16:20-23

#### Saturday:

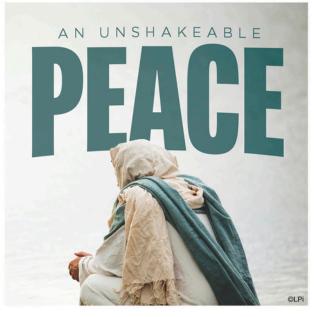
Zep 3:14-18a or Rom 12:9-16/Is 12:2-3, 4bcd, 5-6/Lk 1:39-56

#### **Next Sunday:**

Acts 7:55-60/Rv 22:12-14, 16-17, 20/ Jn 17:20-26 Ascension: Acts 1:1-11/Ps 47:2-3, 6-7, 8-9 (6)/Eph 1:17-23 or Heb 9:24-28; 10:19-23/ Lk 24:46-53



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# Gospel Meditation Encourage Deeper Understanding of Scripture

Jonathan Haidt's 2024 book entitled "The Anxious Generation" argues that today's kids are marked by significant increases in anxiety, as the title suggests. Smartphones, social media, economic uncertainty, the chaos of a global pandemic, fear regarding climate change, and the so-called "meaning crisis" all contribute to strikingly high levels of anxiety in young people today. I'm a bit older than this generation, but I feel it, too. The world can be too much to handle.

The Gospel this week offers a stunning solution for troubled souls. To his overwhelmed and anxious disciples, the risen Jesus says, "Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you" (John 14:27). His peace is that of the one who was overwhelmed on the cross and then conquered death by the power of his divinity, his bond of love with the Father. He offers us this unshakeable peace.

Of course, mental illness does not magically disappear because of the risen Jesus. But he does walk with us and offer us his peace in the midst of our suffering. The peace the world gives is not like his because it is weak, uncertain, and self-generated. Jesus' peace is strong, sure, and given as a gift from God. He gives it to us amid our anxiety. Will you receive it as a gift? I hope so. He wants to fill the hearts of this generation with his peace.

- Father John Muir

## **Liturgical** Life

# CATHOLIC

**Mini Reflection:** I think of the walls of heavenly Jerusalem, so high and so sturdy, guarded so scrupulously by God's strongest angels. These walls are not barriers. They are shields. They are arms, encircling us, gathering us in.

#### My Peace I Give to You

When John has a vision of heavenly Jerusalem, he sees walls.

"A massive, high wall," to be more precise. In the modern lexicon, walls have a negative connotation; we use them as metaphors for all that is exclusionary and rigid. But throughout much of history, walls have meant something very different. In the ancient world, walls meant safety.

Walls meant peace.

"My peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you," Jesus tells his disciples in today's Gospel. "Not as the world gives do I give it to you."

So what's the difference between the peace we know in the world, and the peace we know in Christ?

Well, I would argue that the difference is that the peace we know in Christ *exists*. We know no real peace in this world. Sometimes, we witness a sort of mirage of peace — something *like* it, but just a little off, and always on the horizon, never within reach.

Peace, to me, means rest. It means quiet. It means the absence of confrontation, of conflict, of anxiety. But I can't actually experience any of that in this life, not in a substantial way. I can rest — but I never really feel rested. I can retreat to a room by myself to have silence, but someone always knocks on the door, and even if they don't, my thoughts get pretty loud.

And boy oh boy, are those thoughts full of confrontation. Full of anxiety, full of conflict. Wherever I go to find peace, the world finds *me* and banishes it.

I think of the walls of heavenly Jerusalem, so high and so sturdy, guarded so scrupulously by God's strongest angels. These walls are not barriers. They are shields. They are arms, encircling us, gathering us in.

In Christ alone can we find peace in this world.

- Colleen Jurkiewicz Dorman

# Why do we do that? Catholic Life Explained

Why do Catholics need to go to Mass every Sunday?

#### Answer:

Question:

The heart of the Church's instruction that we are to attend Mass on Sundays goes back to the Third Commandment: "Take care to keep holy the sabbath day as the LORD, your God, has commanded you" (Deuteronomy 5:12). Although the Jewish People celebrate the Sabbath on Saturday, the first generations of Christians began to observe the sabbath on Sunday, recognizing how important it is for Christians to celebrate the day that Jesus rose from the dead. As the United States Catholic Catechism for Adults observes, "Sunday extends the celebration of Easter throughout the year ... It makes present the new creation brought about by Christ" (364).

The focus of our Sunday should be the celebration of the Eucharist in the Mass. This is our time to be formed by God's Word and nourished at the table of the Lord, becoming prepared to live out and share our faith in the week that follows. In his encyclical, Dies Domini, Pope Saint John Paul II reminded us that Christians "cannot live their faith or share fully in the life of the Christian community unless they take part regularly in the Sunday Eucharistic assembly" (no. 81). This is why the Church teaches us that Sunday Mass is a non-negotiable part of being a Christian (see Catechism of the Catholic Church, no. 2192).

Beyond being a time of worship, we should also remember that Sunday is intended to be a day of rest, when we make time for recreation, for sharing meals, and enjoying the company of friends and family. Sunday is given to as a day to take stock of and enjoy the blessings that God has given us (see Catechism of the Catholic Church, no. 2187). Pope Francis reminds us, "The day of rest, centered on the Eucharist, sheds its light on the whole week, and motivates us to greater concern for nature and the poor" (Laudato Si', no. 237).

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#### MASS SCHEDULE

#### WEEKEND

Saturday 5:00 pm & 7:00 pm (Spanish) Sunday 8:00 am & 10:30 am (Live-Streamed)

#### WEEKDAY

Monday, Tuesday, & Thursday 9:00 am Wednesday 5:30 pm 1st Friday 10:00 am

#### Holy Day of Obligation

Noon and 7pm (Bilingual)

#### RECONCILIATION

Saturdays from 3:00 - 4:30 pm or by Appointment (417-334-2928)

#### **ADORATION**

Tuesday 9:30 am - 3:00 pm

1st Wednesday of the month. After Mass -Adoration, Exposition, and Benediction until 7:30pm Thursday 9:30 am - 7:00 pm

- We will not have the exposition of the Blessed Sacrament for the week before, the week of, and the week after a holiday.
- All Adorers, please sign in when you come to pray before the Blessed Sacrament.
- Please get in touch with the office if you need a door code or are having trouble with your own.

#### SAFE ENVIRONMENT

Any suspected or known abuse of a minor must first be immediately reported to the Missouri Child Abuse and Neglect Hotline 800-392-3738 or 844-CAN-TELL; or for suspected or known abuse of vulnerable or eligible adults, the Missouri Adult Abuse and Neglect Hotline 800-392-0210.

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Dioscg.org/child-youth-protection



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#### PARISH COMMUNICATION

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