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CATHOLIC CHURCH

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Leading people to Jesus through Worship, Community, Service, and Devotion to Mary

Celebration of Holy Mass

SUNDAY MASSES

Saturday Vigil: 4:00 p.m.
Sunday: 8:30 a.m. & 11:00 a.m.

DAILY MASSES

Monday: 8:30 a.m., Tuesday: 6:15 p.m.
Wednesday-Friday: 8:30 a.m.

HOLY DAY MASSES

8:30 a.m., 7:00 p.m. or as announced

Sacraments

RECONCILIATION

Tuesdays: 5:30-6:00 p.m.
Fridays: Following the 8:30 a.m. Mass, 9:15-9:45 a.m.,
or by appointment

BAPTISM

For detailed information related to preparation and scheduling, please contact the Parish Office at (614) 267-9241, or at icoffice@iccols.org.

MARRIAGE

Couples should inquire at least 12 months in advance of the intended date. A marriage preparation program is required. For information, contact Elizabeth DeLuca at (614) 267-9241 or at edeluca@iccols.org.

ANOINTING OF THE SICK AND PASTORAL MINISTRY TO THE HOMEBOUND

If there is an emergency need for Anointing of the Sick, please call the Parish Office. If you get the voicemail message, press "1" and leave a message on the sacramental emergency line. For pastoral care needs, please contact the Parish Office at (614) 267-9241, or at icoffice@iccols.org.

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Family of the deceased loved one should contact the Parish Office at (614) 267-9241, or at icoffice@iccols.org.

OCIA

OCIA (Order of Christian Initiation of Adults) is the formation program of inquiry, discernment and instruction for adults. If you are interested in learning more about our faith and becoming Catholic, please contact Mary Ann Rivera at (614) 267-9241, ext. 605 or at marivera@iccols.org.


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MASS INTENTIONS

SATURDAY, MAY 2

Acts 13:44-52; Jn 14:7-14
4:00 p.m. Louis Đỗ Văn Vinh

SUNDAY, MAY 3

Acts 6:1-7; 1 Pt 2:4-9; Jn 14:1-12
8:30 a.m. Mary DeVol †
11:00 a.m. For the People of
Immaculate Conception Parish

MONDAY, MAY 4

Acts 14:5-18; Jn 14:21-26
8:30 a.m. Mike Hill †

TUESDAY, MAY 5

Acts 14:19-28; Jn 14:27-31a
6:15 p.m. Jane Callahan †

WEDNESDAY, MAY 6

Acts 15:1-6; Jn 15:1-8
8:30 a.m. Lynn Blackburn †

THURSDAY, MAY 7

Acts 15:7-21; Jn 15:9-11
8:30 a.m. For the Intention of
John & Cheryl Britt

FRIDAY, MAY 8

Acts 15:22-31; Jn 15:12-17
8:30 a.m. Keith Kidner †

SATURDAY, MAY 9

Acts 16:1-10; Jn 15:18-21
4:00 p.m. For the People of
Immaculate Conception Parish

SUNDAY, MAY 10

Acts 8:5-8, 14-17; 1 Pt 3:15-18; Jn 14:15-21
8:30 a.m. Cecilia Bruzzese †
11:00 a.m. Beth Ann Yablonski †

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LITURGICAL MINISTERS SCHEDULE – MAY 9 & 10, 2026

MASS TIMES	4:00 p.m.	8:30 a.m.	11:00 a.m.
EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS	Bobbie Mitch Paul Duffy	Chris Atzberger Dam Do	Colleen Kent Karen Cannell
LECTORS	Michelle Lang	Steven Brobst	Jody Foltyn
ALTAR SERVERS	Matthew Silva Declan Schools Ryan Wallace	Amanda Ruschau Owen Smith Lucas Watson Jack Zilly	Joe Snapp Sam Snapp Elise Stratton Alberto Suarez
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MINISTRY SCHEDULES

Ministry schedules are available on the parish website. To see complete schedules, go to iccols.org>Parish Life>Organization Schedules.

SCHEDULING MASS INTENTIONS

One of the greatest acts of charity is to pray for the living and the dead (a spiritual work of mercy). The greatest and most powerful prayer we have is the Mass since the fruits of the Mass are the very fruits of Jesus' redemption. Mass stipends (offerings) are \$10.00 each with only one intention per Mass. Mass Intentions are scheduled by calling the Parish Office at (614) 267-9241, emailing icoffice@iccols.org, or mailing your request to the Parish Office. We will do our best to honor the dates and times requested, but no day/time can be guaranteed. **Currently, we are scheduling Mass Intentions through October 2026.**

CONTRIBUTORS TO THE SANCTUARY LAMPS

The sanctuary lamps in the church burn constantly to proclaim the real presence of Jesus in the Tabernacle. For the month of **May**, the three sanctuary candles were donated by the **Beman Family**. Thank you for your generosity.

LIVESTREAMED MASSES

Immaculate Conception Parish livestreams 8:30 a.m. Sunday Masses and 8:30 a.m. Wednesday and Friday morning Masses for individuals who are unable to come to church. Go to www.iccols.org and scroll down to "Mass Schedule," then "See the Mass." Livestreamed Masses are archived and can be experienced at a later time.

IN OUR PARISH

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

We welcome **May Elizabeth Wilson**, the daughter of Christopher and Hannah Wilson, and **August Christopher Allanson**, the son of Dylan Allanson and Mary Carrigg, who were received into the Church and our parish through the Sacrament of Baptism on April 25, 2026.



NEW PARISHIONERS

We welcome our new parishioners to Immaculate Conception Parish: **Erika, Vincent, Remington** and **Ruby DeMaria**. We invite and encourage you to join us as we pray, work, and play together and hope that you find a welcoming and spiritual home here at Immaculate Conception.

MAY THEY REST IN PEACE:

Please remember in your prayers **Walter Bakle** who died last week. Eternal rest grant unto him, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon him. May your consoling love be with his family and friends.

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

WEDNESDAY
MAY 6, 2026
7 A.M. - 6 P.M.

Sign Up for a Holy Hour at: bit.ly/IC_Adoration or call the parish office.



Lord, let your mercy be on us, as we place our trust in you.

SACRAMENT OF FIRST COMMUNION

Congratulations to our parish 2nd graders who received their First Eucharist last weekend:

Frances Arter, Ava Bogner, Esmé Boulton-Nigro, Carlo Ciccone, Andrew Collins, Caleb Curtis, Gabriel Fiorini, Isabelle Gomez, Luma Graves, Brooks Hand, Willow Holsinger, Henry Klamet, Joseph Krall III, Lincoln Lagarra, Reagan Lonergan, John McCormick, Elise McGarity, Mario Mueller, Simon Nguyen, Savannah Peifer, Luciano Pichardo Sanchez, Rowyn Rausch-Davis, Michael Schirtzinger, Gabriella Tang, Alice Tidball, Jude Torgerson, Leonidas Watson, Anastasia Willard, Kathleen Wilson, Henry Winters, William Wishloff, and Lucas Zimmermann.



The Appeal
Rooted in Christ, Growing in Mission
2026

"A good tree bears good fruit." (Mt 7:17)

Your gift supports vocations, education, evangelization, and care for those in need across our Diocese.

Learn more. Make a gift.

2026 ANNUAL APPEAL PARISH GOAL

As we begin the 2026 Annual Appeal, "Rooted in Christ, Growing in Mission," we thank you for your generosity and faithful support. Because we are firmly rooted in Christ, our parish and Diocese continue to grow in faith and reach outward in mission. Through The Appeal, we support four vital areas of ministry: Social Doctrine, Education and Faith Formation, Evangelization, and Vocations. Together, these ministries strengthen our Church and serve those most in need. Please prayerfully consider a gift according to your ability. **Our parish goal is \$275,000. When we reach that goal, we can anchor and seal the loose capstones on Marian Hall, then replace the carpet as well.** You may give using the Appeal envelope you received in the mail, the QR code above, or securely online at columbuscatholicgiving.org/appeal. Please indicate your parish of Immaculate Conception. Together, rooted in Christ, we can bear lasting fruit for our Church and our world.

TIME, TALENT & TREASURE

Fostering Stewardship as a Way of Life

Fiscal Year 7/1/2025-6/30/2026 • Offertory Report 4/12/2026

	<u>4/26/2026</u>	<u>YTD 2025/2026</u>
Recorded Envelopes/Checks	\$ 27,929	\$ 1,161,131
Loose Cash	\$ 948	\$ 41,540
TOTAL RECEIVED	\$ 28,877	\$ 1,202,671
Weekly Operating Expenses	\$ 27,000	\$ 1,161,000
Weekly Overage/(Shortage)	\$ 1,877	\$ 41,671
Families Receiving Envelopes		838
Envelopes Received		90
Families on EFT		364



Manage your electronic contributions online! Visit www.iccols.org and click "Offertory & Stewardship" under the Giving menu. Alternatively, text "Give" to (614) 953-6436, or scan the QR code to the left. Thank you for your financial support of our Catholic faith here in our parish. We are grateful for your generosity.

"For where your treasure is, there will your heart be also." (Matthew 6:21)



OLD FAITHFULS SENIOR GROUP

The IC Old Faithfuls senior ministry group will gather Thursday, May 21 at noon in Marian Hall. We will have a chili lunch and fellowship. We could use help with desserts and cleanup and setup. Please email your response to mollydodane@yahoo.com by May 18. All parishioners of a "senior" age are invited.



IC PARISH FESTIVAL – VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!

As we continue planning for the Parish Festival on July 24 & 25, we are looking for parishioners interested in helping in a few key areas:

Future Festival Chairs: We are looking for a couple of individuals who would be interested in shadowing our current Festival Chairs this year, with the goal of stepping into the role next year.

Marketing Coordinator: Someone to help create graphics, assist with marketing materials, coordinate sponsorship signage, communicate with the Parish Office, and help lead our Festival social media and marketing campaign.

Soda, Water & Gatorade Booth Chair: An individual or group willing to organize and oversee this area during the Festival.

Kids Games Area Chairs: A group of volunteers to help lead and organize the children's games section.

If you or someone you know may be interested in helping, please reach out to Katie Lewis at klewis@cducation.org or Eric Torgerson at etorger2@gmail.com or join us at the next meeting on May 26 at 7 p.m. in Marian Hall.



SCHOOL ADVISORY BOARD NOMINATIONS

The School Advisory Board is seeking candidates for the upcoming 2026-2027 school year. The School Advisory Board exists to give the Catholic Lay Community a voice in education decision-making. Regular meetings are typically held on the second Thursday of the month, with the exception of the summer months as well as December. Additional committee meetings may also be scheduled. This is a 3-year term commitment. Interested candidates should submit their photo and short biography to the School Advisory Board Vice President, Andrea Hirsch, at andrea.e.hirsch@gmail.com by Friday, May 8. Feel free to reach out to Andrea directly via email with any questions regarding this opportunity.

SOCIAL CONCERNS

UPCOMING OPPORTUNITIES TO PROVIDE MEALS

Open Shelter Dinner – May 4, 2026

The Open Shelter meal for homeless and marginally housed individuals is this Monday, May 4, 2026. We need donations of sloppy joes, mac & cheese, cookies, lunch size chips, snacky desserts, bottled water and sturdy, clean to-go containers (can be recycled ones). Cash donations are welcome. Arrangements can be made to pick up your donations on that Monday or earlier in the week or weekend if Monday by 10 a.m. is not a convenient drop-off time. Please contact Cheryl Costello at (614) 774-8879 to coordinate. Thank you for your support of this ministry.

YWCA Family Shelter Dinner – May 15, 2026

In May, Immaculate Conception is providing dinner for the YWCA Family Shelter Friday, May 15. Food donations will be needed. Volunteers are also needed to help in the preparation and boxing of meals at the Family Center. For more information, or to sign up for food donations or time, go to iccols.org >Quick Links >YWCA Shelter Dinner Sign-up.



COLUMBUS BREAD NEHEMIAH ACTION EVENT!

THE Biggest BREAD Event of the Year

Tuesday, May 12, 6:40-8:30 p.m.

Celeste Center, Ohio EXPO Center Grounds

A Rental Registry and Increasing the Tree Canopy in Columbus are proven solutions for Columbus residents living 24/7 with unsafe housing and little recourse for repairs OR with serious, chronic health problems due to excessive heat, flooding and mold. Join 2,500 BREAD Justice Ministry Supporters across Columbus for just 110 minutes of your entire year to come to the Nehemiah Action Event and witness public officials giving commitments to these solutions.

IC BREAD Invites All Parishioners and Guests to a Complimentary Dinner and Free Transportation to Nehemiah on May 12.

Dinner in Marian Hall at 5 p.m.; Complimentary bus transportation to the Celeste Center at 6:15 p.m.; and 9 p.m. (or before) return to church parking lot.

Contact IC BREAD at Icbread43214@gmail.com or MaryAnn at (614) 530-5872 for data sources, free tickets, free fellowship meal, and free transportation information.

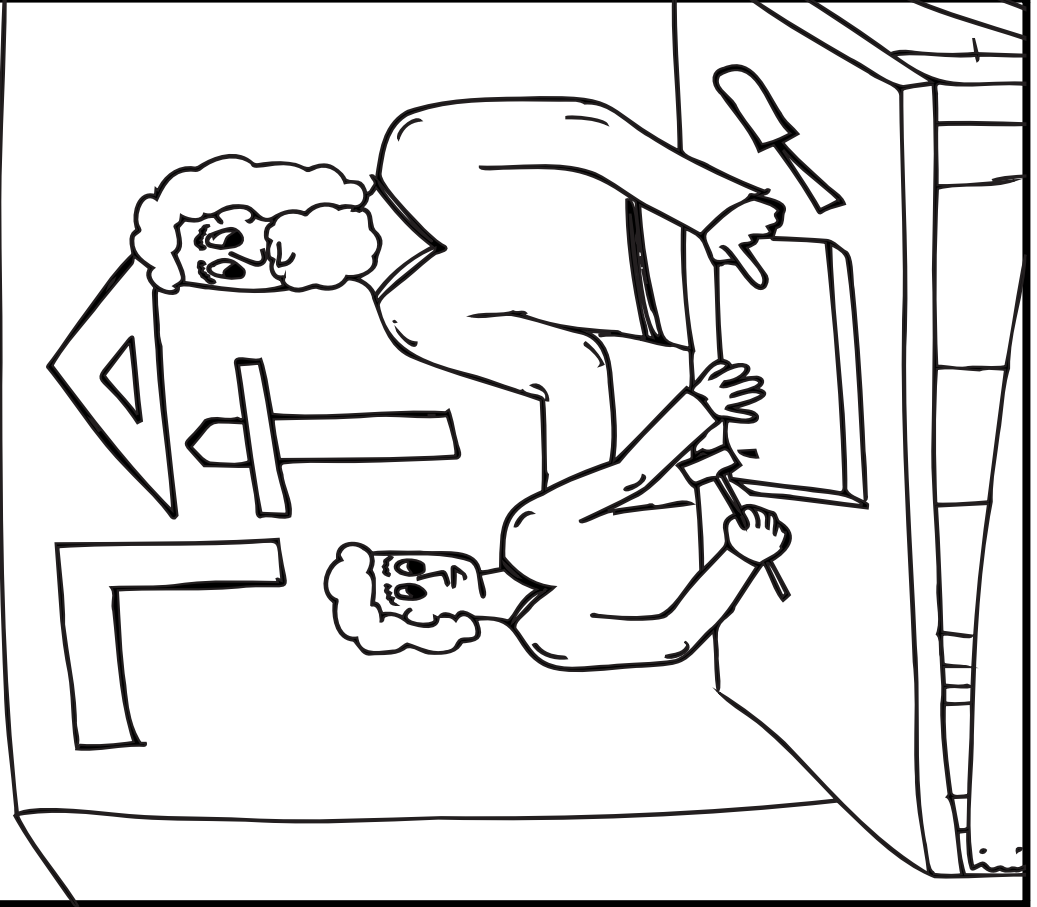


PARISH MAY CROWNING

All parishioners, including our First Communicants, are invited to join us for our parish May Crowning to honor the Blessed Mother on Sunday, May 10 at the Grotto following the 11 a.m. Mass. The brief ceremony will begin with a procession from the church to the Grotto. We encourage our second grade First Communicants to participate wearing their special dresses or suits and there will be reserved seating for them during Mass.

Saint Joseph the Worker

Saint Joseph was Jesus' dad on Earth. He was a carpenter, so he spent his time building beautiful things. Do you think Joseph taught Jesus how to build?



Catholic Kids

Bulletin

May 3, 2026

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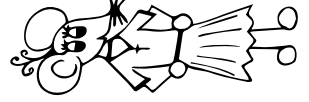
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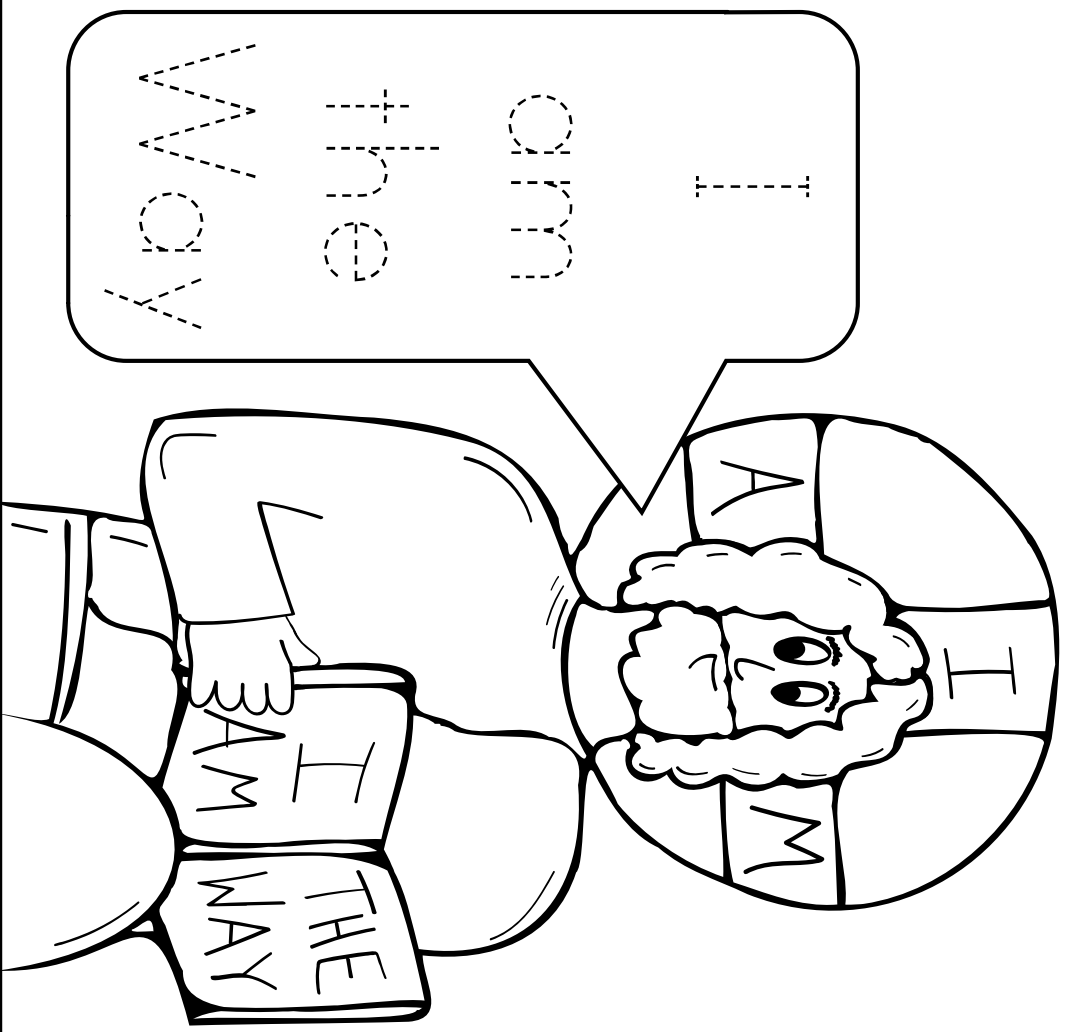
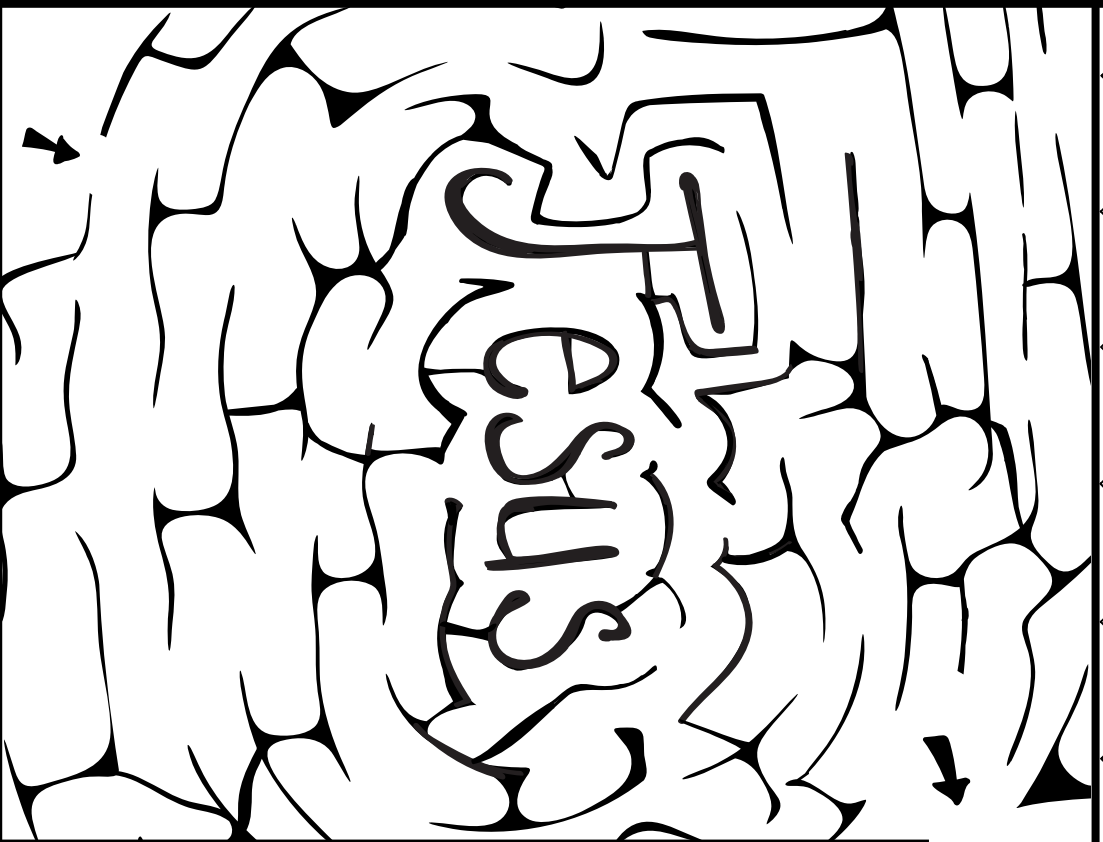
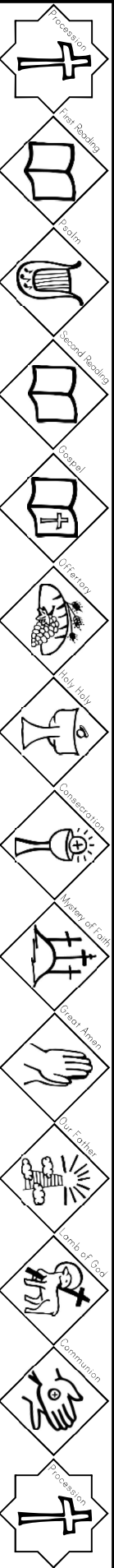
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Lord, let your
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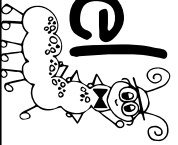
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We all stand during the Gospel reading. The Gospel is the part of the Bible that talks about Jesus' life.



Gospel



Jesus said if we believe in Him, we will be with Him forever.
He is the way to the Father, and He shows us what God is like.

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Discovering **hope** and **joy** in the Catholic faith.

May 2026

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Fr. Matthew Hoover

One Minute Meditations

St. Rita of Cascia

Born in 1381 near Spoleto, Italy, St. Rita was known for her holiness and charity from a young age. She wanted to be a nun but was forced into marrying when she was twelve. Unfortunately, her husband was cruel and violent. After eighteen years, she was widowed. Following the deaths of her sons, she finally entered the convent, where she became known for her piety, kindness, and humility. She is the patron saint of impossible causes.

"Come, Holy Spirit!"

On the Feast of Pentecost, the Holy Spirit descended on the Apostles and ignited their mission to baptize and preach. For this reason, Pentecost is considered the birthday of the Church. This same Spirit, who empowered twelve frightened men to travel, preach, baptize, and labor for the Kingdom of God, also comes to our aid in our struggle for holiness, even in our prayer (Romans 8:26). This month, keep with you this short yet powerful prayer: "Come, Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of your faithful and kindle in them the fire of your love!"

"Jesus answered him, 'If a man loves me, he will keep my word, and my Father will love him, and we will come to him and make our home with him'" (John 14:23).

Who is my neighbor?

This question matters. In the Two Greatest Commandments, Jesus calls us to love God and to love our neighbor as ourselves. But that raises a real, practical question: who is our neighbor? Our Lady offers a clear answer. Through her example, we begin to see that our neighbors include:

Family: Mary's first thought after the Annunciation was for her cousin Elizabeth. Despite the immense honor Mary had just received, she went in haste to serve Elizabeth. That sets the pattern. The first neighbors we're called to love are the ones closest to us: those in our own home and family.

Friends: Tradition holds that Mary and Jesus were close to the couple at the wedding in Cana. When the wine ran out, Mary didn't draw attention to herself. She noticed the need and acted, gently guiding things toward a solution. Loving our friends often looks the same—paying attention, stepping in quietly, and serving without needing

recognition.

Those who suffer: At the Cross, Jesus entrusted His mother to St. John. In that moment of deep loss, Mary and John were given to each other, able

"If you want to change the world, go home and love your family."

St. Teresa of Calcutta

to share a bond shaped by suffering. When someone in your life is hurting, that person is your neighbor. Who is carrying something heavy right now? How can you stand with them?

Each person we meet: As Queen of Heaven and Mother of the Church, Mary cares for all of us, especially through her prayers. To love God is to love those He loves—which means everyone. Sometimes the most meaningful act of love we can offer is also the simplest: to pray for them, asking that they come to know her Son more deeply.

Why Do Catholics Do That?

Why do Catholics call Mary our Mother?

Mary's role in salvation history is to lead people to her Son. As the Church teaches, "The Virgin Mary... is the mother of the members of Christ" (*Catechism of the Catholic Church* 963). Her motherhood extends to all who belong to Him. At the Cross, in the Gospel of John, Jesus says, "Behold

your mother" (John 19:27), entrusting Mary not only to St. John but to every disciple. From that moment, her care became personal. Because of her unique closeness to Jesus, she intercedes for us, always guiding us toward Him and helping us follow His will more faithfully.

St. Joseph - the quiet strength behind May

Though May is traditionally dedicated to Mary, it fittingly begins with the feast of St. Joseph the Worker. The Church invites us to honor St. Joseph and entrust our lives to his care, just as Jesus did during His hidden life on earth.

He protects. St. Joseph safeguarded Mary when her pregnancy placed her at risk (Matthew 1:19) and led the Holy Family to safety in their flight from Herod (Matthew 2:14-15). We can place ourselves under that same protection—formally through consecration or simply through daily prayer—entrusting our families, homes, and

responsibilities to his care.

He provides. As a carpenter, St. Joseph faithfully provided for Jesus and Mary. Christians have long trusted in his continued help. St. Teresa of Ávila famously wrote that she never asked anything of him without receiving help. We can confidently bring him our needs, work, and concerns.

The saints became holy by being open to God's grace. In St. Joseph, we're given a quiet but steady guide—one who helps us, step by step, follow God more faithfully on the path to heaven.

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John 3:16-18, Jesus' sacrifice reveals God's love

"For God so loved the world..." When doubt sets in—when God seems distant or silent—the Church directs our attention to the Cross. In the Crucifix, we don't see a contradiction of God's love, but its clearest expression. Christ does not stand apart from human suffering; He enters into it. What looks like defeat becomes the place where divine mercy is most fully revealed—a love that holds nothing back.

"He sent His only begotten Son." Faced with suffering and evil, we naturally look for solutions we can measure and manage—strategies, systems, progress. God's response is not a method but a

gift: He gives Himself. Evil, which is a distortion or absence of the good, cannot ultimately be overcome by partial fixes. It yields only to perfect goodness, just as darkness gives way to light.

"That all who believe in Him might not perish but have eternal life." This life is not the destination but the path. Its trials, uncertainties, and even its sufferings are not meaningless when lived with Christ. If we remain close to Him—whether in darkness, in turmoil, or at the foot of the Cross—we are not off course. We are being led, step by step, toward the life that does not end.

Feasts & Celebrations

May 14 - The Ascension of the Lord. This solemnity marks the completion of Jesus' mission of salvation and His triumphant entry into Heaven.
Note: In many dioceses, observance of Ascension has been moved to the following Sunday.

May 14 - St. Matthias (1st century). When the Apostles met to choose Judas' successor, Peter said that the new Apostle must have followed Jesus from His Baptism to His Ascension and witnessed His Resurrection. St. Matthias was chosen by lots to fill Judas' place.

May 18 - Pope St. John I (526). Born in Tuscany, Italy, John was elected pope in 523 while still a deacon. During his

pontificate, he battled the Arian heresy, and worked to improve diplomatic relations with the East. He was the first pope to visit Constantinople, during which he restored peace with the Eastern Church yet raised political suspicions. Arrested by King Theodoric, St. John I died in prison.

May 25 - Mary, Mother of the Church (2018). On the Cross, Jesus gave us His mother to be our mother (John 19:27). Now in Heaven, she prays and cares for us as our spiritual mother until we are safely home with God. We can look to her motherly care with confidence since she always leads us to her Son by the shortest, safest, and fastest route. This memorial highlights one central truth: Mary is not only the Mother of Jesus, but the Mother of all who belong to Him—the Church.

Q & A How can the Church be holy if her members aren't?

First, Jesus was aware of the failures within religious life. In the Gospel of Matthew, He strongly rebuked the Pharisees—the religious leaders of His time—for not practicing what they taught (Matthew 23:3). Among His own disciples, there were moments of division, betrayal, and abandonment (John 6:66). Yet the redemption He offers is not reserved for the perfect, but for all who place their faith in Him.

Second, the Church's holiness does not depend on the virtue of each individual member, but on the holiness of her Founder, Jesus Christ. A church building remains sacred even when its physical condition is imperfect because it is dedicated to God. In the same way, the Church, as the Mystical Body of Christ, remains holy even as her members continue to struggle and grow.

Third, history shows that God raises up saints precisely in times of difficulty. St. Athanasius, St. Catherine of Siena, and St. Thomas More each responded to periods of division and crisis with prayer, sacrifice, witness, and fidelity to the truth. Their example reminds us that holiness is always possible—and that we are called to live it, even now.

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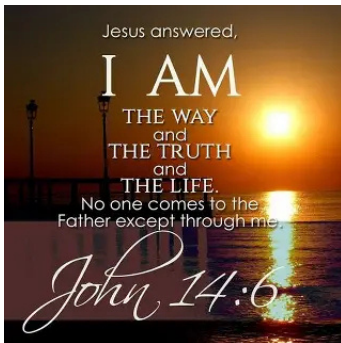
(Unless noted Bible quotes and references are from the Revised Standard Version and the New American Bible - Revised)

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The disciples are gathered together with Jesus on the last Thursday night of his life in the Upper Room for the Last Supper. The departing Jesus instructs them about how they may preserve his memory and carry on his mission. As his final hours on earth approach, Jesus prepares his disciples by explaining to them the full significance of what will happen. He will return to his Father and send them the gift of the Holy Spirit. And after dedicating their lives to leading others to Faith through the power of that Holy Spirit, they will be reunited with him in his Father's house. "I am going to prepare a living space for you, a mansion, a place for you for all eternity... I will come again and take you to that place."



Jesus is the Life. As God, Jesus has eternal life in himself. In addition, he is the one who gives us his life-giving Holy Spirit. Jesus is the Life also in the sense that he allows us to share in God's Life through the Sacraments. Christ rose from the dead for two reasons: first, to give us eternal life; second, to make us fully alive now. His Spirit animates every moment of our lives. To be fully alive is to be in God. Thomas a' Kempis of *The Imitation of Christ* fame wrote, "Without the Way, there is no going. Without the Truth, there is no knowing. Without the Life, there is no living."

Life messages: We need to know Jesus the Truth and walk Jesus the Way: Jesus asked Philip: "Have I been with you all this time and you still do not know me?" He is asking us the same question: "Have I not been with you all this time - in the Mass, in the Sacraments, in the Bible in the worshipping community - and you still do not know me?" If we really believe that Jesus is the Way and the Truth and the Life, then we will find fresh and creative ways to keep alive his memory. Jesus asks us to keep alive his memory by reading and praying the Scriptures, by gathering in Jesus' name and celebrating the Eucharist "in memory" of him, by handing on the great tradition of Christian Faith and by living according to his wise teachings.
vatican.va



Regina Caeli: the cry of joy that changes history – when Heaven responds to sorrow with Resurrection

There are prayers that are not merely said: they are proclaimed. There are words that are not merely spoken: they are sung with the soul. And among all expressions of Christian piety, few condense the mystery of Easter with such force as the Regina Caeli, the ancient Marian hymn that the Church raises to Heaven during the Easter season.

It is not a simple devotion. It is a proclamation. It is an explosion of theological joy. It is the Church's response to the empty tomb.

1. What is the "Regina Caeli"? A song born from the heart of Easter

The Regina Caeli (Queen of Heaven) is a Marian antiphon that replaces the Angelus during the Easter season, from the Easter Vigil until Pentecost. Its message is simple, yet radical: *Christ is risen.*

And Mary is proclaimed Queen because her Son lives.

It is no coincidence that the Church has united Christ's Resurrection with Mary's glorification. In this hymn, Easter joy and the figure of the Virgin Mary meet at a single point: the definitive victory of God over death.

2. Historical origin: from monastic tradition to the heart of the Church

The Regina Caeli has ancient roots, probably between the 10th and 12th centuries. It is associated with monastic liturgical tradition and medieval Marian devotion, where monks and faithful sought to express the Easter mystery in a brief form.

According to tradition, the hymn was gradually incorporated into Roman liturgy as an Easter Marian antiphon, until it was consolidated as an official part of the Church's universal prayer.

Its simple structure reflects something profound: in Easter, faith does not become more complicated—it becomes simplified into joy.

3. Theology of the "Regina Caeli": Easter seen through Mary

To understand the Regina Caeli, one must look with theological eyes.

Mary and the Resurrection

Although the Gospels do not explicitly narrate an appearance of the risen Jesus to His Mother, Church tradition has affirmed that Mary was the first to experience interiorly the joy of the Resurrection.

The Regina Caeli presupposes this spiritual truth:

Mary is not in the tomb.

Mary does not remain in mourning.

Mary is the first believer in Easter.

That is why we call her Queen of Heaven: because her life has been entirely assumed into Christ's victory.
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CATHOLIC COMMUNICATION CAMPAIGN

We are now accepting donations for the **Catholic Communication Campaign (CCC)**. Your support helps CCC fulfill its mission of love to share the Gospel message of hope with people in the United States using the internet, television, radio, and print media. Half the funds we collect remain here in the Diocese of Columbus to support local efforts such as AM820 St. Gabriel Catholic Radio and the Catholic Times. The other half support the communication activities of the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops and other projects across the United States and abroad. Be part of this campaign to spread the Gospel message. Support the collection today! **You may donate by putting the designated envelope in your packet, or a well-marked donation envelope, in the Offertory Collection; online at iccols.org>Give Now>Diocesan Collections>Sub Fund>Communication Campaign.** Learn more at www.usccb.org/cc.

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ADDITIONAL VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Welcome Desk Ministry – The parish has a Welcome Desk Ministry to assist parishioners and visitors who have questions, would like to register, need a Baptism or wedding information form, need additional information about the parish, etc. A trained volunteer is at the desk in the Gathering Space after weekend Masses to help anyone seeking assistance. We are looking for volunteers to help with this important ministry. Training is available and volunteers serve on a rotating schedule. Please call Karen Cannell in the Parish Office at (614) 267-9241 or icoffice@iccols.org for more information or to express an interest in this ministry.

Livestream Ministry – Additional volunteers are needed to operate the church livestream equipment for the 8:30 a.m. Sunday Mass for those who are homebound. Basic technical knowledge of computers, software, web browsers, and/or video cameras is helpful, and onsite training is available for any interested parishioner. High school-age members or school parents with the skillsets and the need for service hours may also apply! For additional information or to sign up, please contact Tom Berryhill at tberryhill@iccols.org.

WANT TO HELP ADULT LEARNERS?

The Dominican Learning Center, a ministry of the Dominican Sisters of Peace, is seeking volunteer tutors to help adult learners in our community with GED preparation, Adult Basic Education, and English as a Second Language (ESL). No prior teaching experience is required, just a willingness to walk alongside someone as they learn. Training and all materials are provided, and tutoring can be in-person or remote. Visit domlearningcenter.org for more information, or to discover how to support the ministry financially. You can also contact Drew Archer at drew.archer@opeace.org or call (614) 444-7330, ext. 0.

MARIA STEIN 2026 TASTE OF THE SHRINE FUNDRAISER

Enjoy the historical beauty and charm of the Maria Stein Shrine while sampling some of the finest food and drink crafted in God's country! The 2026 Taste of the Shrine Fundraiser is set for Thursday, May 21st from 5-8 p.m. Enjoy food and drinks, a chance to win \$1,000 and a silent auction. For more information and to get your tickets, go to the Shrine's website, mariasteinshrine.org or stop by the Shrine. **Summer Chapel Tours** – From Memorial Day until Labor Day, the Shrine is offering free Chapel tours on Tuesday and Thursday mornings at 10 a.m. Meet in the Gathering Space, across from reception.

CATHOLIC SOCIAL SERVICES MERGER

Catholic Social Services of the Diocese of Columbus is pleased to announce that the Joint Organization for Inner-city Needs (JOIN) and the St. Francis Evangelization Center in McArthur are joining its family of ministries. This partnership strengthens the Church's mission to serve individuals and families experiencing poverty and hardship across central and southeastern Ohio. JOIN has long provided emergency financial assistance to families in Franklin County, while the St. Francis Evangelization Center has served as a vital source of food and support in Vinton County. Together, this expanded ministry will now serve more than 17,000 individuals annually, with increased outreach in both urban and rural communities. Please join us in praying for all those served through these ministries and for the continued growth of this important work.

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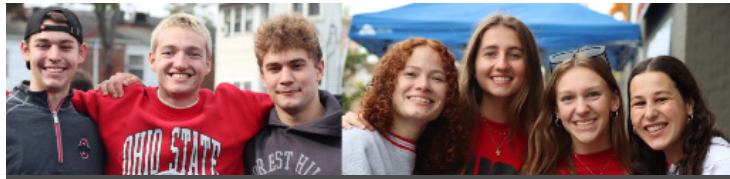
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Jubilee of Anniversaries Mass: The Jubilee of Anniversaries Mass will be celebrated at St. Joseph Cathedral on Saturday, August 22, 2026. This Mass of Anticipation will be at 5:00 p.m. with Bishop Fernandes as the main celebrant. The Jubilee of Anniversaries is for married couples celebrating 25, 30, 35, 40, 45, 50, 55, 60 and every year after 60 years of marriage. All registered couples, whether attending or not, will receive a personalized certificate. Couples can register using the QR Code on the flyer or by visiting <https://dioceseofcolumbus.org/jubilee-of-anniversaries>. Contact Elizabeth Christy at echristy@columbuscatholic.org for questions.

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