

# The Window



St. Anthony Catholic Church  
May 2025



Memorial Day - May 27

## Parish Pastoral Council April 21, 2025

### Cancelled due to Easter Holy Week

1. On Friday, 4-11-25, at 10.30 AM, a Funeral Mass was celebrated in honor of Mr. **Arnold Tony Montemayor** who passed away on 4-3-25. His family members and friends and many parishioners were present on the occasion. A reception was followed after the mass. Thanks to the Hospitality Committee for the Luncheon Party.
2. The Palm Sunday, celebrated on 4-13-25, with the Blessing of the Palms by Fr. George at 8.30 AM and the mass followed including the Vigil mass on Saturday and Easter Sunday. A good number of people attended with some visitors.
3. **I would like to express my deep sense of gratitude to all those** who had invested their time, talents and treasure for making this years' Holy Week Celebrations a joyful event. As a vibrant community joining with visitors and friends enjoyed and celebrated the Paschal Mystery of the Lord deepening our faith in God. Congratulations to the Newly Baptized and Confirmed at the Vigil Mass. I welcome their active involvement in activities of the Church.
4. **I thank all those who decorated the Church**, those that donated Easter Lilies, my sincere thanks to the Lectors, the Servers, Ushers and Volunteers **for their service and good will for all the celebrations. My sincere gratitude to DRE Mrs. Patty Wright, Billy Pace and Ashley Melton** for preparing and arranging the students for the "washing of the Feet" on Holy Thursday, and the leadership of **Aracely Castillo for the unique and fascinating Eucharistic Procession**, and Mr. Eli Wright for training and guiding the Servers. A big "thank you" to Richard Paladino for training the RCIA candidates and brought its fruition on Holy Saturday getting them confirmed. I thank **in a special way Julie West and her team of the Rosary Society** for setting & preparing the Church for the Holy Week. I don't have words to express my sincere thanks to the exceptional performance of our Choir inspiring all participates and visitors to be spiritually vibrant.
5. **Mr. Wayne Dunn was anointed on Holy Thursday 4-19-25**, at the Lincoln County Medical Center Hospital at 10:30 AM. Please kindly keep him in our prayers.

#### **Hospitality Outreach-** Delia Colbert

Feb 25th- The Monaghans prepared a delicious dinner to welcome Father Jerry before Father George's vacation.

March 29th - The Committee took a lunch of sandwiches and salads to Father George and Father Jerry. A big "Thank you" to Father Jerry for being here with us so Father George could take a well-deserved vacation.

April 11th - A Funeral luncheon was held after mass for the Family of Mr. Arnold Tony Montemayor. Our condolences to Pam and Mark Browning and Family. Thank you to everyone who helped.

April 19th - A reception for the RCIA candidates was held for them after their confirmation on Holy Saturday mass. Congratulations to them.

#### **Altar & Rosary Society** – Ellie Yancey/Julie West-Troy, Mary Frame

Meeting was held April 16<sup>th</sup> with 9 Ladies present.

It was announced that the Palm Sunday weekend bake sale made \$923.50. Discussions started as to what charitable cause to help with the money, now that the Women's Guild and Altar Society have combined.

At this time, Mary Frances Jones tendered her resignation as co-chair and Ellie Yancey has graciously volunteered to fill this position along with Julie West and Mary Frame. Intentions and rosary were made. Next Meeting May 21<sup>st</sup>.

\*\*No other reports were received.

**Next Meeting:** May 19,2025

Pat Bronner, Secretary

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## Memorial Day History

Memorial Day, originally called Decoration Day, is a day of remembrance for those who have died in our nation's service. There are many stories as to its actual beginnings, with over two dozen cities and towns laying claim to being the birthplace of Memorial Day. There is also evidence that organized women's groups in the South were decorating graves before the end of the Civil War: a hymn published in 1867, "Kneel Where Our Loves are Sleeping" by Nella L. Sweet carried the dedication "To The Ladies of the South who are Decorating the Graves of the Confederate Dead" (Source: Duke University's Historic American Sheet Music, 1850-1920). While Waterloo N.Y. was officially declared the birthplace of Memorial Day by President Lyndon Johnson in May 1966, it's difficult to prove conclusively the origins of the day. It is more likely that it had many separate beginnings; each of those towns and every planned or spontaneous gathering of people to honor the war dead in the 1860's tapped into the general human need to honor our dead, each contributed honorably to the growing movement that culminated in Gen Logan giving his official proclamation in 1868. It is not important who was the very first, what is important is that Memorial Day was established. Memorial Day is not about division. It is about reconciliation; it is about coming together to honor those who gave their all.

Memorial Day was officially proclaimed on 5 May 1868 by General John Logan, national commander of the Grand Army of the Republic, in his General Order No. 11, and was first observed on 30 May 1868, when flowers were placed on the graves of Union and Confederate soldiers at Arlington National Cemetery. The first state to officially recognize the holiday was New York in 1873. By 1890 it was recognized by all of the northern states. The South refused to acknowledge the day, honoring their dead on separate days until after World War I (when the holiday changed from honoring just those who died fighting in the Civil War to honoring Americans who died fighting in any war). It is now celebrated in almost every State on the last Monday in May (passed by Congress with the National Holiday Act of 1971 (P.L. 90 - 363) to ensure a three day weekend for Federal holidays), though several southern states have an additional separate day for honoring the Confederate war dead: January 19 in Texas, April 26 in Alabama, Florida, Georgia, and Mississippi; May 10 in South Carolina; and June 3 (Jefferson Davis' birthday) in Louisiana and Tennessee.

In 1915, inspired by the poem "In Flanders Fields," Moina Michael replied with her own poem:

We cherish too, the Poppy red  
That grows on fields where valor led,  
It seems to signal to the skies  
That blood of heroes never dies.

She then conceived of an idea to wear red poppies on Memorial day in honor of those who died serving the nation during war. She was the first to wear one, and sold poppies to her friends and co-workers with the money going to benefit servicemen in need.

Later a Madam Guerin from France was visiting the United States and learned of this new custom started by Ms. Michael and when she returned to France, made artificial red poppies to raise money for war orphaned children and widowed women. This tradition spread to other countries. In 1921, the Franco-American Children's League sold poppies nationally to benefit war orphans of France and Belgium. The League disbanded a year later and Madam Guerin approached the VFW for help. Shortly before Memorial Day in 1922 the VFW became the first veterans' organization to nationally sell poppies. Two years later their "Buddy" Poppy program was selling artificial poppies made by disabled veterans. In 1948 the US Post Office honored Ms Michael for her role in founding the National Poppy movement by issuing a red 3 cent postage stamp with her likeness on it.

Traditional observance of Memorial day has diminished over the years. Many Americans nowadays have forgotten the meaning and traditions of Memorial Day. At many cemeteries, the graves of the fallen are increasingly ignored, neglected. Most people no longer remember the proper flag etiquette for the day. While there are towns and cities that still hold Memorial Day parades, many have not held a parade in decades. Some people think the day is for honoring any and all dead, and not just those fallen in service to our country.

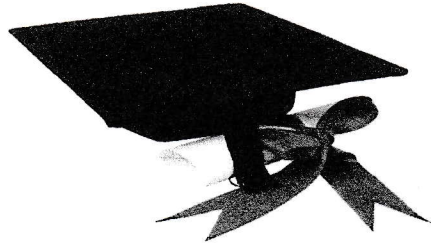
There are a few notable exceptions. Since the late 50's on the Thursday before Memorial Day, the 1,200 soldiers of the 3d U.S. Infantry place small American flags at each of the more than 260,000 gravestones at Arlington National Cemetery. They then patrol 24 hours a day during the weekend to ensure that each flag remains standing. In 1951, the Boy Scouts and Cub Scouts of St. Louis began placing flags on the 150,000 graves at Jefferson Barracks National Cemetery as an annual Good Turn, a practice that continues to this day. More recently, beginning in 1998, on the Saturday before the observed day for Memorial Day, the Boys Scouts and Girl Scouts place a candle at each of approximately 15,300 grave sites of soldiers buried at Fredericksburg and Spotsylvania National Military Park on Marye's Heights (the Luminaria Program). And in 2004, Washington D.C. held its first Memorial Day parade in over 60 years.

To help re-educate and remind Americans of the true meaning of Memorial Day, the "National Moment of Remembrance" resolution was passed on Dec 2000 which asks that at 3 p.m. local time, for all Americans "To voluntarily and informally observe in their own way a Moment of remembrance and respect, pausing from whatever they are doing for a moment of silence or listening to 'Taps.'"

The Moment of Remembrance is a step in the right direction to returning the meaning back to the day. What is needed is a full return to the original day of observance. Set aside one day out of the year for the nation to get together to remember, reflect and honor those who have given their all in service to their country.

But what may be needed to return the solemn, and even sacred, spirit back to Memorial Day is for a return to its traditional day of observance. Many feel that when Congress made the day into a three-day weekend in with the National Holiday Act of 1971, it made it all the easier for people to be distracted from the spirit and meaning of the day. As the VFW stated in its 2002 Memorial Day address: "Changing the date merely to create three-day weekends has undermined the very meaning of the day. No doubt, this has contributed greatly to the general public's nonchalant observance of Memorial Day."





## **GOD BLESS OUR 2025 GRADUATES:**

**Erica Cox – Fayetteville High School**

**Destiny Lopez – Fayetteville High School**

**Walker Prince – Fayetteville High School**

**Jiovanna Sanchez - Solis – Fayetteville High School**

**Grace Starr Uriostegui – Fayetteville High School**

**Daniel Schmidt – Lincoln County High School**

**Timothy Smith – Hazel Green High School**

**David Jordan Bolton – New Hope High School**

### **College Graduates**

**Alexander Castaneda – University Tn - Chattanooga**

**Damian Castaneda – University Al - Huntsville**

**Angel Lopez – University Tn - Chattanooga**

**Tejal Morris – Union University**

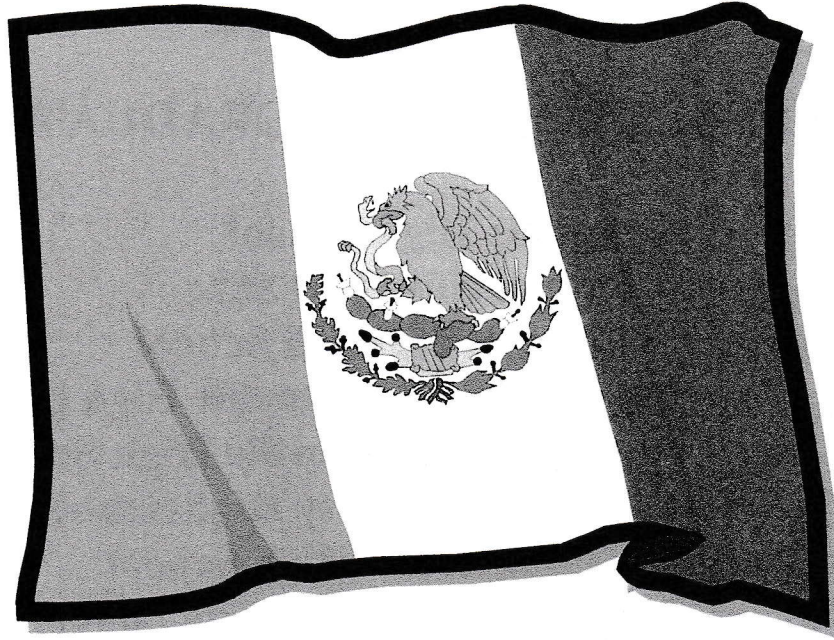
**Jasmin Ruiz – Middle Tn State University**

**Saul Solis – Tn College Applied Tech - Pulaski**



# Cinco de Mayo Word Scramble

Rearrange the letters in each word or phrase below to make a list of words related to Cinco de Mayo.



1. ATLBET

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2. FADETE

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3. CEHRFN

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4. OIMCEX

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5. EAEGHITR

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6. IDREP

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7. TRUELCU

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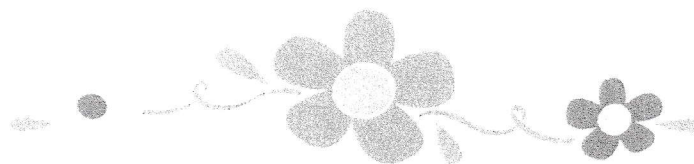
8. ULBP AE

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ANSWERS  
1. BATTLE  
2. DEFEAT  
3. FRENCH  
4. MEXICO

5. HERITAGE  
6. PRIDE  
7. CULTURE  
8. PUEBLA





<b>May Happy Birthday</b>		<b>Happy Anniversary</b>
1	Roger Johnson, Clarence Eck, Christian Martinez, Mary Hunt, Christina Sirman, Hovocio Perez- Padilla	Floyd & Mary Krack
3	Rita Holdmeyer	Randy & Mary Patterson (50 <sup>th</sup> Wedding Anniversary)
4	Alejandro Ruiz-Sanchez, Matias Roblero-Garcia, Diego Roblero-Garcia	
5	Anna Catharine Prince, Maricela Martinez, Beatriz Eugenio	
6	Carrie Caudle, Diego Hernandez	
8	Stacey Pace, Fr. George, Daniela Ruiz-Torres	
9	John Haendel, Luciano Solis, Maria Zenteno-Torres	
10	Jennie Macaulay	
11	Patty Wright, Mayla McAlister, Maria Ruiz-Sanchez	Donald & Catherine Berger, David & Martha Knowles
12	Donna Kirkwood	
13	Glecy Weir	Fr. George Ordination (1983)
15	Donald Keib Jr.	
16	Norma Huerta-Ruiz Lewis Winn Jr	
17	Jontae Johnson, Charlotte Pace, David Heath, Debbie Heath	William & Lavonne Dunning
18	Claire Catanese	
19		Jimmie & Danielle Caudle
20	Nicki Painter	Adam & Sara McCormick, Jose & Montserrat Garcia- Reynoso
21	Evelyn Sanchez-Contreras, Jesus Contreras	
24	Terry Hall, Susana Caballero	Ricky & Lisa Patterson, Larry & Debra Schaefer
25	Evan Pozos	Marcelino & Maria Espino
26	Emma Wright, Gael Lopez, Alma Torres-Otero	
27		Gordon & Barbara Ellacott
28	David Solis	
29	Walker Prince, Adam Suszcynski, Susan Helums	
30	Mary Patterson, Cordell McCurry	
31	Joe Donaldson, Kimberly Mireles, Tristyn Gray	

## May 2025 SCHEDULE

DATE	LECTORS	MINISTERS	SERVERS	GIFTS	USHERS
<b>May 3</b>	Richard Paladino	Donnie Keib John Haendel	Volunteer	Barry Yuhas Jim Anderson Richard Paladino	Donnie Keib Jim Anderson
<b>May 4</b>	Dennis Morgan Jimmie Caudle	Debbie Morgan Billy Pace Jake Peavey	Ellie Peavey	Caudle Family	Tommy Wilson Bill Dunning
<b>May 10</b>	Larry Schaefer	Debra Schaefer Larry Schaefer	Volunteer	Volunteer Family	Julie West-Troy Richard Paladino
<b>May 11</b>	Roger Johnson Heath Jacks	Becky Harris Mary Krack Eli Wright	Jovanny Ruiz	Pace Family	Grad Wright Alfredo Perez
<b>May 17</b>	Rose Loiacono	Mary Frame Mike Loiacono	Volunteer	Volunteer family	Barry Yuhas Donnie Keib
<b>May 18</b>	Youth	Lavonne Dunning JoAnn SantaMaria Sherry Winn	Luke Peavey	Youth	Rick Harris Youth
<b>May 24</b>	Barry Yuhas	Theresa Testin Julie West-Troy	Volunteer	Volunteer Family	Julie West-Troy David Testin
<b>May 25</b>	Jordan Greene Mary Krack	Sherrie Gill Patty Wright Jimmie Caudle	Thomas Caudle	Cummings Family	Jim Weir Jason Melton or Jordan Bolton