



the Basilica of St. Michael the Archangel

# HAPPY *Mother's Day*

10

MAY 2026

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# 6TH SUNDAY OF EASTER

MAY 10, 2026

## MOTHER'S DAY

The Catholic Church honors Mary not as a deity to be worshipped, but as the highest of all creatures, chosen by God for a unique role in salvation history. The fundamental reason for this devotion is her role as the Mother of God (Theotokos), which directly connects her to the mission of Jesus Christ.

The primary reason Catholics honor Mary is that she gave birth to Jesus Christ, who is believed to be God in the flesh.

**Logical Connection:** If Jesus is God, and Mary is the mother of Jesus, then Mary is the Mother of God. This was officially defined at the Council of Ephesus in 431 AD to affirm the divinity of Jesus.

**God's Choice:** Catholics believe God himself honored Mary by choosing her above all other creatures to bring his Son into the world.



### BIRTHDAYS THIS WEEK

- 5/11: Mark Fanfalone  
Debra Gillis  
Mary Kay Daugherty
- 5/12: Isabella Johnson
- 5/13: Larry Kelley  
Justin Cutchin
- 5/15: Morgan Matthew

**Reflecting the Light:** Just as the moon reflects the light of the sun, Mary is thought to reflect the greatness of Christ.

**Perfecting Devotion:** St. Louis de Montfort famously noted that "we never give more honor to Jesus than when we honor his Mother," as she always points toward her Son, telling the servants at Cana to "Do whatever he tells you."

**Perfect Submission:** She is a model of total obedience to God's will, even in her suffering.

## Last "Our Lady Sodality" Meeting Before Summer

**MONDAY, MAY 11TH IN THE PARISH HALL**

4:30 Social Gathering / Meeting / Member Photos

5:00 Potluck Dinner (Please bring an Entree or Side.)

\*New members welcomed for 2026-27 sessions

### STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURE

Weekly Offertory for **May 3, 2026**  
 In-Church Offering: \$6,681.55  
 Online Offering: \$4,133.20  
 Total Offertory: **\$10,814.75**

### 2026 C.S.A. Campaign as of May 3, 2026

Pledged: \$115,312  
 Given: **\$97,360**  
 Families Participating: **122**

### Current Billboard



"May the Lord reward your generosity with abundant blessings."

The Diocese of Pensacola-Tallahassee is committed to healing the hurting hearts of sexual abuse victims and has established Victims Assistance Coordinators who are experienced and trained counselors and are available to help persons who have been sexually abused by a priest, deacon, or other church personnel in Northwest Florida. The Coordinator for the program in the Pensacola/Ft. Walton Beach area is Dr. Louis Makarowski; he may be reached at 850-477-7181.



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DO YOU HAVE QUESTIONS ABOUT THE CATHOLIC FAITH???

Please visit the Basilica's website at [stmichaelbasilica.com](http://stmichaelbasilica.com). There you will find "Becoming Catholic" under the "Membership" menu for additional information about Catholicism, or to sign-up for classes.

## "THE MEN OF SAINT MICHAEL"

For the "Development of Men's Spirituality & Service to Basilica Ministries"

**First Meeting: Thursday, May 14th at 6:00 PM!**



## Big Announcement Coming Soon! BASILICA WILL FEED THE POOR!

**The Basilica of Saint Michael's Outreach Ministry**

will soon take on the loving responsibility of serving the poor a HOT nutritious meal at least once a month on the Basilica grounds. Ministry volunteers will be needed to carry out Jesus' command to take care of those less fortunate.

**LAST OCIA MEETING OF THE SPRING**  
Tuesday, May 12th at 6:00 PM

## BASILICA SECURITY STEPS POSTED IN THE VESTIBULE



1. Notify usher or guardian of your concern.
2. Report the threat:
  - Dial 911 for immediate danger or...
  - Dial 850-435-1965 for non-emergency
3. Be sure to tell dispatcher you are at Saint Michael's Basilica at 21 North Palafox
4. Follow the directions of Ushers, Guardians, or First Responders.

Liturgies & Mass Intentions for  
the **Week of MAY 10, 2026**

### 6TH SUNDAY OF EASTER

(9 AM)

*For the People of the Basilica*

(11 AM)

*Louis Robert and Mary Frances Pryor Sarosdy †*

### MONDAY: 6TH WEEK OF EASTER

*Mollie Barbara Helm †*

### TUESDAY: 6TH WEEK OF EASTER

*Jessie & Claire Rogers †*

### WEDNESDAY: 6TH WEEK OF EASTER

*Mae Myrick †*

### THURSDAY: 6TH WEEK OF EASTER

*Tom Lostetter*

### FRIDAY: 6TH WEEK OF EASTER

*Patricia Ehram †*

**Coffee Hour at 10:00 AM in Parish Hall**



**THIS WEEK'S ALTAR FLOWERS**  
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