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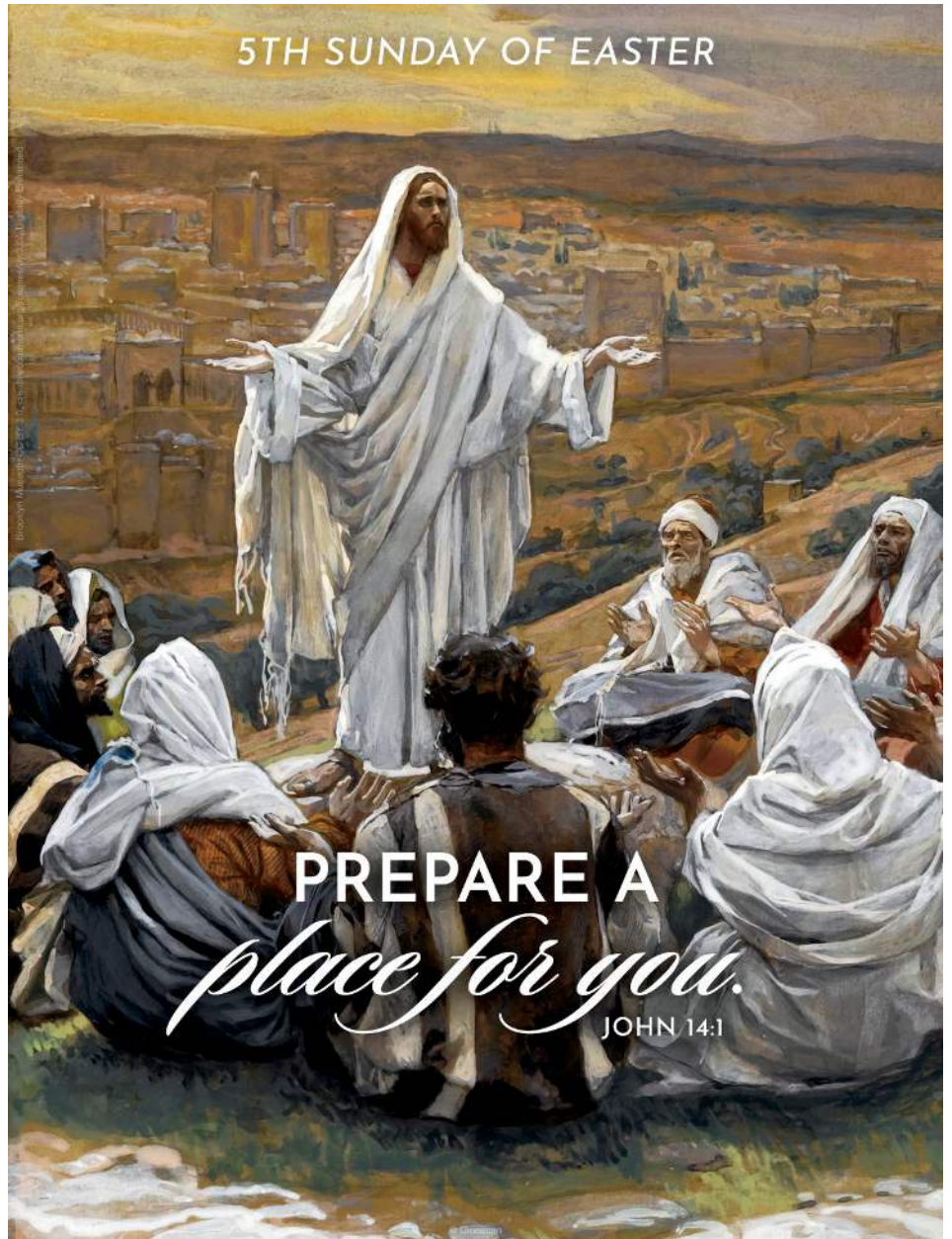
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Letter From the Principal

Dear St. Joseph Families,

It is hard to believe that we have begun our final month of school. This is the time when I always think that the year has gone by too quickly. Our final day of school this year is Thursday, May 21. Throughout this year we have celebrated successes, overcome challenges, and watched our students grow in many ways. I thank you for your continued support of St. Joseph School.

I am grateful that standardized testing is behind us as we turn our focus towards a busy May. In addition to getting in final days of instruction, we have several annual events to look forward to...May Crowning...Field Trip to Imagination Buckeye Museum and Richland Carousel Park...Day of Caring...6th grade D.A.R.E. Rally...Field Day...Preschool Graduation...Annual trip to Frank's...and the list goes on!

Students in Miss Ritter's class completed their Service-Learning project that focused on our parish shut-ins. They did a great job compiling baskets of goodies and thoroughly enjoyed meeting the parishioners as we delivered the baskets to their homes. Thank you to everyone who donated items for the baskets.

Registrations are still being accepted for the 2026-2027 school year. St. Joseph School is an Ed Choice Scholarship School

provider, and every student now receives a state tuition scholarship. In addition, tuition is free next year for Preschool students, and we only have a few spaces left! Please spread the word to family and friends about what a faith filled St. Joseph Catholic School education has to offer. For more information, contact the school office at 419-683-1284.

Thank you to everyone who purchased a St. Joseph sweatshirt through our PAWS parent group. They are available for pick-up in the school office during school hours or contact the office to make other arrangements. I am so appreciative of the faithful parents and parishioners who are active in the PAWS group and many thanks to Lindsay Mills who willingly oversees the SCRIP program.

A summary of the 2025-2026 school year will be shared in my Annual Report in the weeks ahead. The school community wishes everyone a safe and relaxing summer. May God continue to bless you, as you have blessed us.

In His Name,
Sue Sanders
Principal

Scripture Readings

For the Week of May 3, 2026

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| Sunday | Fifth Sunday of Easter Acts 6:1-7; Ps 33:1-2, 4-5, 18-19; 1 Pt 2:4-9; Jn 14:1-12 |
| Monday | Acts 14:5-18; Ps 115:1-2, 3-4, 15-16; Jn 14:21-26 |
| Tuesday | Acts 14:19-28; Ps 145:10-11, 12-13ab, 21; Jn 14:27-31a |
| Wednesday | Acts 15:1-6; Ps 122:1-2, 3-4ab, 4cd-5; Jn 15:1-8 |
| Thursday | Acts 15:7-21; Ps 96:1-2a, 2b-3, 10; Jn 15:9-11 |
| Friday | Acts 15:22-31; Ps 57:8-9, 10 and 12; Jn 15:12-17 |
| Saturday | Acts 16:1-10; Ps 100:1b-2, 3, 5; Jn 15:18-21 |
| Sunday | Sixth Sunday of Easter Acts 8:5-8, 14-17; Ps 66:1-3, 4-5, 6-7, 16, 20; 1 Pt 3:15-18; Jn 14:15-21 |

Church Cleaners Needed

We are looking for some volunteers to join the church cleaning crew. Do you have some time on Monday mornings a couple of times a month to help out? Duties include dusting, vacuuming, and dry mopping. If you are interested, please contact Bonnie at the Parish Office - 419-683-2015. Thank you!

Parish Garage Sale - June 11 through June 13, 2026

No clothing or exercise equipment please. More details coming. If you have questions, or can volunteer to help out, call Cyril Cochran at 419-632-3166.

May Crowning

Thank you Paula Willis and Ann Coward for taking part in the May Crowning celebration during the Masses today.



*Mary, Queen of Peace,
Pray of us!*



*St. Joseph Parish
welcomes Aiden
Harley and Lincoln
Harley to the
Catholic Faith.*

*They received the
Sacraments of Initiation
during the evening Mass
on Thursday, April 23.*



Mass Schedule & Intentions

Tuesday · May 5

6:30 pm Mass at Sacred Heart
The George Hines Family

Wednesday · May 6

8:30 am Mass at Sacred Heart
Paul Gosser

Thursday · May 7

5:30 pm Confessions at St. Joseph
6:30 pm Mass at St. Joseph
For Protection of the Unborn

Friday · May 8

8:30 am Mass at St. Joseph
For St. Joseph Students, Parents and Staff

Saturday · May 9

3:30 pm Confessions at Sacred Heart
4:30 pm Mass at Sacred Heart
For the People of Sacred Heart and St. Joseph Parishes

Sunday · May 10

7:00 am Mass at St. Joseph
For Those Having Surgery; For All Mothers, Both Living and Deceased

8:30 am Mass at Sacred Heart
For All Mothers, including Rosemary Keller; Jeanne & Kathleen Gosser; Marie Biglin and Mary Fike-Traxler

10:30 am Mass at St. Joseph
Lindsey & Lisa Anatra; Gerald Bickert

May Devotion



May is the month of Mary; devotion to the Blessed Mother throughout May originated in Rome in the 18th century to counter immorality and infidelity among students at a college there. It has spread through most of the Latin Church now. Because the North American holiday of Mother's Day falls in May, Catholics take

this time to recall and try to emulate Mary's role as mother. Therefore devotion to Mary in the month of May focuses both on Mary as a role model for Christian mothers, and Mary's ever lasting chastity and purity, and her fidelity to God's will.

| <i>Check Ministry Pro for updates.</i> | <i>Sunday, May 10 7:00 am</i> | <i>Sunday, May 10 10:30 am</i> |
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| <i>Lector</i> | Nancy Cozad | Debby Ketcham |
| <i>Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion</i> | Dave Horning Adam Link Connie Marek | Joann Palm Peggy Pauley Kristen Wozniak |
| <i>Altar Servers</i> | Samantha Link Sydney Link | Elliott Wozniak Grayson Wozniak Luci Wozniak |
| <i>Gift Bearers</i> | Don & Sharen Alt Family | Matt & Sheila Bickert Family |
| <i>Ushers</i> | Dave Horning Curt Young | Mark Schneider Brett Warnecke |

K/1 Classroom Teacher – St. Joseph Catholic School, Crestline

St. Joseph Catholic School, Crestline is seeking a combined K/1 classroom teacher for the 2026–2027 school year.

Qualifications:

- Bachelor's degree required; preferred background in early childhood education, elementary education, or a related field
- Current Ohio teaching license or willingness to obtain appropriate certification
- Successful background checks and completion of Virtus
- Support the mission of our Catholic school

Interested candidates should send cover letter and resume to ssanders@stjosephcrestline.org or Sue Sanders, St. Joseph Catholic School, 333 N. Thoman, Crestline, OH 44827

Preschool Teacher Aide – St. Joseph Catholic School, Crestline

St. Joseph Catholic School, Crestline, is seeking a part-time Preschool Teacher's Aide for the 2026-2027 school year. The hours would be Monday - Thursday from 7:30 AM -2:00 PM.

Qualifications:

- High-school diploma
- Successful background checks and completion of Virtus
- Experience working with young children is preferred
- Willingness to obtain Aide Certification
- Nurturing and patience toward children
- Support the mission of our Catholic school

Interested candidates should send cover letter and resume to ssanders@stjosephcrestline.org or Sue Sanders, St. Joseph Catholic School, 333 N. Thoman, Crestline, OH 44827

Weekly Offering

April 26, 2026

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| Total Offertory Collection | \$6,552.99 |
| Sunday Envelopes | \$2,540.00 |
| Loose Checks (All Categories)..... | \$1,500.00 |
| Loose Currency | \$573.36 |
| Online Giving (All Categories)..... | \$335.63 |
| Votive Lights | \$44.00 |
| School Support | \$205.00 |
| Parish Maintenance | \$285.00 |
| Church Building Maintenance | \$455.00 |
| Caritas | \$155.00 |
| Easter | \$175.00 |
| Ascension | \$25.00 |
| Good Friday | \$75.00 |
| Cemetery | \$25.00 |
| Catholic Home Missions | \$160.00 |

Thank You !



To sign up for weekly or one-time online contributions, you can use the QR code or visit our parish website: <https://stjosephcrestline.org/announcements>.

Holy Hour

Please join us as we pray a Holy Hour on Tuesdays at 11:00 am in St. Joseph Church.

Come and pray the rosary and other prayers for our beloved country. God bless us all and the USA.

Pray the Rosary With Us!

Every Sunday at 9:55 am in church before the 10:30 am Mass

Extra rosaries can be found in the narthex.



5th Sunday of Easter

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Metal Recycling Weekend

St. Joseph Parking Lot

Collection Times:

Saturday, May 16 — 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

Sunday, May 17 — Noon to 2:00 p.m.

We welcome items made of steel, aluminum, copper, and stainless steel. Old refrigerators, freezers, kitchen or laundry appliances, window air conditioners, dehumidifiers, gas grills, patio furniture, and metal shelving are all acceptable.

If you are unable to bring your items, we may be able to arrange pickup assistance. Please call the Parish Office at 419-683-2015 in advance to make arrangements.

If you have questions or would like to volunteer for a few hours, please contact Bonnie or Lisa at the Parish Office at 419-683-2015. Proceeds benefit St. Joseph School.

Catholic Home Missions Appeal

Thank you for your generous support for last week's Catholic Home Missions Appeal. As a parish, we raised \$165 to strengthen the Church at home and spread the Gospel across the United States. If you missed the appeal, it's not too late to give. Just visit www.usccb.org/home-missions.

3rd & 4th Grade Full-Time Teacher Sacred Heart School, Shelby, Ohio

Sacred Heart School is seeking a dedicated and enthusiastic full-time 3rd and 4th Grade Teacher for the 2026–2027 academic year. We invite qualified candidates to become part of our outstanding Catholic school community, rooted in faith, academic excellence, and service.

Qualifications:

- Valid and appropriate state teaching licensure
- Successful completion of BCI and FBI background checks
- Strong commitment to Catholic education and values and a passion for fostering student learning and development

Position Benefits include competitive salary; paid personal and sick leave; comprehensive benefits package including health, dental, vision, and life insurance; and retirement plan. Interested candidates are encouraged to submit a resume and salary expectations via email to Lmyers@shelbysacredheart.org or applications may also be delivered in person to the Sacred Heart School Office.

Appointments by Bishop Daniel E. Thomas:

Reverend Christopher G. Bohnsack, from Pastor of Saint Mary of the Assumption Parish, Van Wert, to Parochial Vicar of Saint Rose of Lima Parish, Perrysburg, effective 1 July 2026.

Reverend Michael A. Geiger, from Parochial Administrator of Corpus Christi University Parish, Toledo, to Pastor of Saint Augustine Parish, Napoleon, effective 1 July 2026.



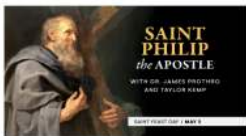
This Week on Formed

Week of May 03, 2026



The Boy From Milan: Stories of Carlo Acutis

Discover the inspiring story of Carlo Acutis, the young boy from Milan. You may have heard of him, the sneaker-wearing, computer-loving 'gamer saint' of our time. But beyond the headlines and hashtags, the real story of Carlo is something deeper, something the world desperately needs to hear. Known for his deep love of God, devotion to the Eucharist, and quiet acts of charity, Carlo's life was a testament to everyday holiness.



St. Philip the Apostle | Catholic Saints

Dr. James Prothro and Taylor Kemp reflect upon St. Philip the Apostle. St. Philip often brought others to Jesus Christ. His feast day is May 3. Jesus shows Philip that by following Himself, he will see God the Father, and that we can be bold in our evangelization and intercession in praying for others.



Carlo Acutis: God's Influencer

"Carlo Acutis: God's Influencer" is a beautifully animated film that brings to life the inspiring story of Carlo Acutis, a modern teenager who used his passion for technology to share the Catholic faith with the world.

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An offering from the AUGUSTINE INSTITUTE

Crestline Farmers Market

Located at 202 N Thoman St, Crestline, will kick off its 12th season on Tuesday, May 5, 2026. The market will be open every Tuesday from 3 p.m. to 6 p.m. from the beginning of May until the end of October.

Catholic Women's Club

The Catholic Women's Club of the St. Juan Diego Deanery will close out the year May 13, 2026 with Mass at 11:00am at Sacred Heart of Jesus Church, 5747 St. Rt. 61 Shelby, Ohio. Our buffet luncheon catered by OEC, will follow, about 12:00 at the K of C Hall, 250 Vernon Rd. Shelby, Ohio. We will have the installation of new officers, recognition of past presidents and Scholarship Winner.

All ladies from the Deanery are invited, bring a friend. If you missed your call or need a reservation, please call Susan Yakir, May committee chair, at 419-303-6576.

Toledo Diocesan Council of Catholic Women

Day of Renewal - Wednesday, May 13, 2026

Location: Our Lady of Consolation 315 Clay Street, Carey, OH 43316

The Program, "Praise God with Music," will be presented by Sean and Laura Beeson

Sean, a Catholic film composer details his road from music lessons to writing film score for major motion pictures to liturgical music. Registration begins at 8:30 am and the program will end at 3pm. The day includes a continental breakfast, Mass, lunch and rosary.

**** Last day to register is May 9, 2026 ****

Cost is 35.00 per person.

Register by E-mail to: sueh1757@gmail.com and pay at the door. Make checks payable to: Toledo Diocesan Council of Catholic Women. Please include your name, parish, email address, phone number and names of those attending in the E-mail. For questions, contact Rita Borgelt PH: 419-796-9168 or Email: hborgelt@bright.net

Quo Vadis Retreats

For High School Men

*July 31–August 2, 2026 | 4:00 p.m. Friday – 10:00 a.m. Sunday
Camp Miakonda, Toledo*

For Middle School Boys

*August 2–3, 2026 | 1:00 p.m. Sunday – 11:00 a.m. Monday
Camp Miakonda, Toledo*



Quo Vadis, which means "Where are you going?", are weekend retreats designed for boys and young men who want to grow in their faith while reflecting on God's call in their lives. The retreats include prayer, talks, discussion, and outdoor activities. Learn more and register: <https://toledopriesthood.org/new-events>

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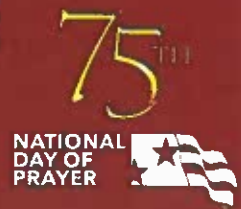


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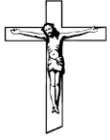
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THURSDAY, MAY 7, 2026

NATIONALDAYOFPRAYER.ORG



Thursday, May 7, 2026
6:00 p.m. at the Gazebo



Great things are happening at St. Joseph Catholic School!


St. Joseph,
pray for us!



May Events

- May 1 No Mass ~ Spring Clean-Up
- May 5 Kindergarten Screening
- May 7 Field Trip to Imagination Buckeye Museum and Carousel (PK-6)
- May 8 Mass 8:30 AM
May Crowning
- May 13 D.A.R.E. Rally (Gr. 6)
- May 14 Grand Pals Luncheon (Gr. 4-6)
- May 15 Mass 8:30 AM
Visit to Crestline Public Library
- May 18 Preschool Graduation 10:00 AM
- May 20 Field Trip to Frank's
- May 21 Field Day
Last Day of School
- May 23 Teacher Work Day



Preschool students are learning about dirt and bugs! 



Father Jeff showing and explaining to Miss Ritter's class the picture of Jesus in the painting *The Light of the World*.



Thank you to Mrs. Collene who did a great job displaying the student artwork at the Artaplooza Show.



Congratulations to our 2026 Artaplooza Winners



Adding Artists

- Kai Burge
- Payton Hawley
- Annie McKeever

Outstanding Art...

- Adaline Burton
- Kenzley Edgington
- Ayva Hawley



Congratulations to 3rd quarter Academic Honors and ABC award recipients!



Thank you to Mrs. Cochran who assisted the students in grades 4-6 with their Service-Learning project for our parish shut-ins!



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.

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.

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.

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