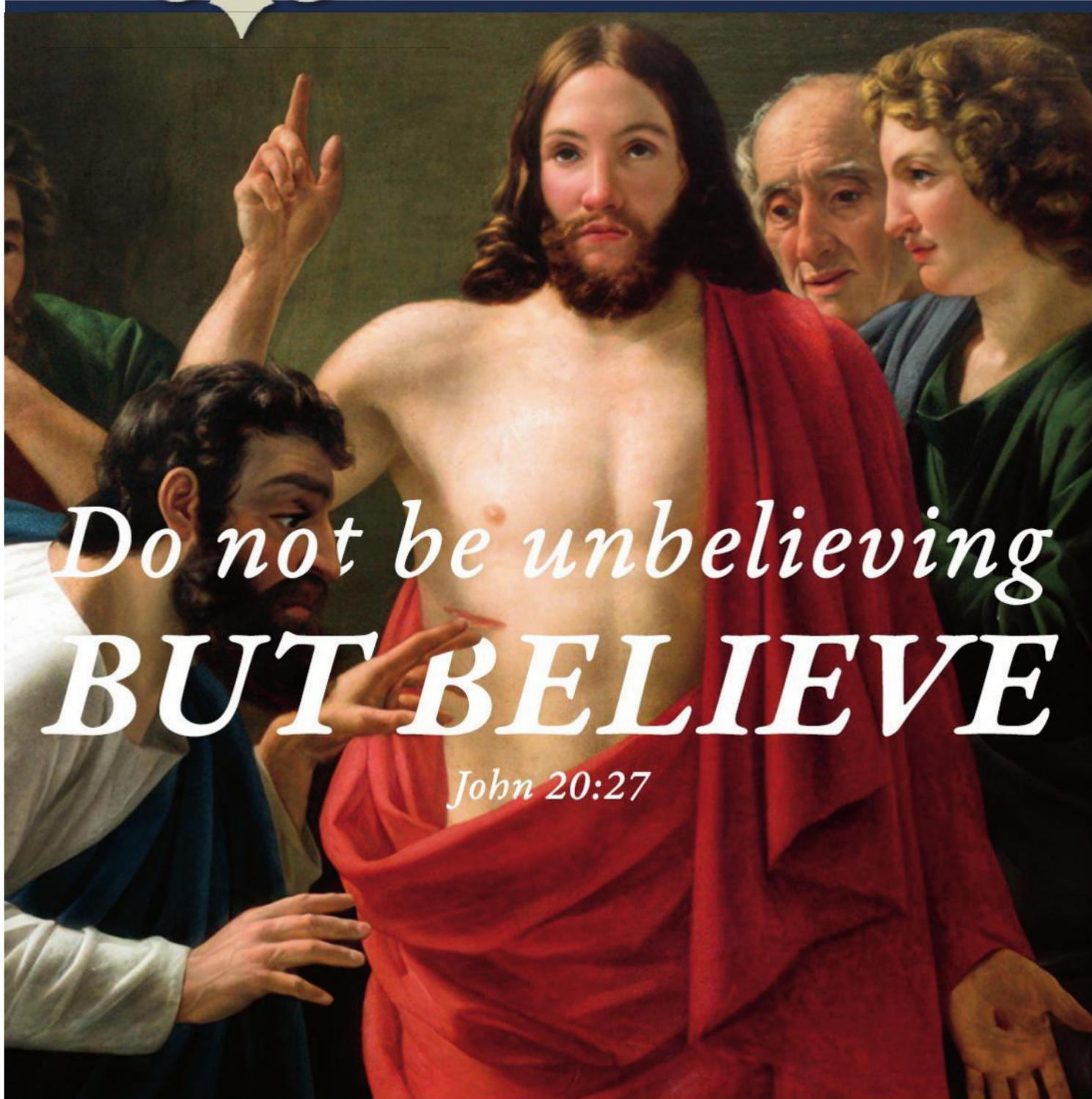




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*Do not be unbelieving*  
**BUT BELIEVE**

*John 20:27*

Second Sunday of Easter / Sunday of Divine Mercy | April 27, 2025

## Letter From the Pastor

Dear Parishioners,

Please continue to pray for the soul of Pope Francis! He certainly had the heart of a shepherd and loved the people of God immensely! We have great hope in God's mercy especially this weekend as we celebrate the Divine Mercy of Jesus. We also have GREAT hope in the resurrection of the body as we continue to celebrate the Easter season. Having this in mind we remember the words of St. Paul as he said, "We do not want you to be unaware, brothers, about those who have fallen asleep, so that you may not grieve like the rest, who have no hope. For if we believe that Jesus died and rose, so too will God, through Jesus, bring with him those who have fallen asleep." (1 Thess 4:13-14)

Yet in death we still mourn ... but we mourn with hope as Bishop Thomas announced this week.

"Together with all the priests, deacons, consecrated religious and lay faithful of the Diocese of Toledo, and united with all Catholics and people of goodwill throughout the world, with deep sadness we mourn the death of Pope Francis, after 12 years as our universal shepherd, the 265th successor to Saint Peter. We trust in the promise of Easter and saving power flowing from the Passion, Death, and Resurrection of Jesus Christ, and we beg the Lord to receive him into the company of Blessed Mary, Saint George and Saint Francis of Assisi his patrons, and all the Saints, as we pray:

*O God, immortal shepherd of souls,  
look on your people's prayers  
and grant that your servant Pope Francis,*

*who presided over your Church in charity,  
may, with the flock entrusted to his care,  
receive from your mercy  
the reward of a faithful steward.*

*Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son,  
who lives and reigns with you in the unity  
of the Holy Spirit,  
God, for ever and ever.*

*Amen!*

*Requiescat in Pace!*

*Rest in peace.*

Eternal Rest grant unto him, O Risen Lord,  
and let Perpetual Light shine upon him.  
May he rest in peace."

In Christ,  
Fr. Jeff

## Scripture Readings

*For the Week of April 27, 2025*

<b>Sunday</b>	<b>Sunday of Divine Mercy</b> Acts 5:12-16; Ps 118:2-4, 13-15, 22-24; Rev 1:9-11a, 12-13, 17-19; Jn 20:19-31
<b>Monday</b>	Acts 4:23-31; Ps 2:1-3, 4-7a, 7b-9; Jn 3:1-8
<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>Memorial of Saint Catherine of Siena, Virgin and Doctor of the Church</b> Acts 4:32-37; Ps 93:1ab, 1cd-2, 5; Jn 3:7b-15
<b>Wednesday</b>	Acts 5:17-26; Ps 34:2-3, 4-5, 6-7, 8-9; Jn 3:16-21
<b>Thursday</b>	Acts 5:27-33; Ps 34:2 and 9, 17-18, 19-20; Jn 3:31-36
<b>Friday</b>	<b>Memorial of Saint Athanasius, Bishop and Doctor of the Church</b> Acts 5:34-42; Ps 27:1, 4, 13-14; Jn 6:1-15
<b>Saturday</b>	<b>Feast of Saints Philip and James, Apostles</b> 1 Cor 15:1-8; Ps 19:2-3, 4-5; Jn 14:6-14
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>Third Sunday of Easter</b> Acts 5:27-32, 40b-41; Ps 30:2, 4, 5-6, 11-12, 13; Rev 5:11-14; Jn 21:1-19 or Jn 21:1-14

## First Friday Eucharistic Adoration

*Friday, May 2*

Sacred Heart of Jesus Church  
7:30 pm to 8:30 p.m.



## School Advisory Council Meeting

*Thursday, May 1*

7:15 pm (after 6:30 pm Mass) in the Knights Room

## Divine Mercy Sunday Prayer Service

*Today at 3:00 pm at St. Joseph Church*



## First Holy Communion is Next Sunday, May 4

We will be welcoming our St. Joseph First Communicants and their families to the 10:30 am Mass next Sunday.

Please pray for these young people as they finish preparing to receive this beautiful sacrament.



## Mass Schedule & Intentions

*Tuesday • April 29*

**6:30 pm Mass at Sacred Heart**  
*Rodney Cole; For the Deceased of the  
 Clarence Studer Family*

*Wednesday • April 30*

**8:30 am Mass at Sacred Heart**  
*For the People of St. Joseph and  
 Sacred Heart Parishes*

*Thursday • May 1*

**5:30 pm Confessions at St. Joseph**  
**6:30 pm Mass at St. Joseph**  
*Carl Giordano*

*Friday • May 2*

**8:30 am Mass at St. Joseph**  
*For the First Communicants of St.  
 Joseph Parish*

*Saturday • May 3*

**3:30 pm Confessions at Sacred Heart**  
**4:30 pm Mass at Sacred Heart**  
*Lawrence & Mary Alice Biglin; Yogi &  
 Mark*

*Sunday • May 4*

**7:00 am Mass at St. Joseph**  
*Wayne Kauffman & Family;  
 Maureen Hoffman*  
**8:30 am Mass at Sacred Heart**  
*Dorothy Blum; Bob Niese*  
**10:30 am Mass at St. Joseph**  
*Marie Vuich*

	<i>Sunday, May 4 7:00 am</i>	<i>Sunday, May 4 10:30 am</i>
<i>Lector</i>	Anna Langdon	Dan Legge
<i>Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion</i>	Tracy Dzigan Dave Horning Steve Marek	Dan Legge Peggy Pauley Sue Sanders
<i>Altar Servers</i>	Don Alt Jake Rafferty	Alexandrea Burton Adam Burton Grace Coffman
<i>Gift Bearers</i>	Steve & Connie Marek	First Communicants
<i>Ushers</i>	Dave Horning Jerry Studer	Mark Schneider Dave Sharrock



**Pope Francis**  
**1936—2025**

Eternal rest grant unto Pope Francis, O Lord. And let perpetual light shine upon him. May his soul and the souls of all the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace. Amen.



### Your Help Is Needed!

**We are planning and would like to hear from you.**

Please call the parish office to let us know if you are planning to donate desserts, bottles of wine, gift basket items, or if you are planning to volunteer your time. Thank you!

Also, tickets are still available. If interested, please call Joann in the Parish Office at 419-683-2015.

## Jubilee 2025 Pilgrims of Hope

### *Pilgrimage Sites*

In this Jubilee Year, Bishop Daniel E. Thomas has designated four locations in the Diocese of Toledo as Jubilee Pilgrimage Sites. A pilgrimage to any of these sites can apply to the reception of the Jubilee Indulgence.

Our Lady, Queen of the Most Holy Rosary Cathedral (Toledo)

The Sorrowful Mother Shrine (Bellevue)

Our Lady of Hope Catholic Church (Attica)

The Basilica and National Shrine of Our Lady of Consolation (Carey).

Learn more at: [toledodiocese.org/jubilee](http://toledodiocese.org/jubilee)



## Weekly Offering

*From April 20, 2025*

Total Offertory Collections .....	\$8,257.50
Sunday Envelopes .....	\$1,505.00
Loose Checks .....	\$380.00
Loose Currency .....	\$822.00
Votive Lights .....	\$61.00
School Support .....	\$75.00
Parish Maintenance .....	\$361.00
Online Giving .....	\$573.50
Church Building Maintenance .....	\$790.00
Caritas .....	\$110.00
Easter .....	\$3,310.00
Holy Land (Good Friday) .....	\$270.00

**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 in St. Joseph Church at 11:00 am. Please 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.



## 2nd Sunday of Easter

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## Toledo Diocesan Council of Catholic Women Day of Renewal

*Wednesday, May 14, 2025 at Our Lady of Consolation, Carey OH*

Presenter Ed Van Buskirk will speak on the topic "Live a Wonderful Life". Registration starts at 8:15 am with the presentation beginning at 9:15 am. Cost is \$35 per person which includes Continental breakfast and lunch. If interested, there are registration forms in the back of church. Call Rita Borgelt at 419-796-9168 or email her at [hborgelt@bright.net](mailto:hborgelt@bright.net) if you have any questions. **Registration closes on April 30, 2025.**



## Homeschooling Graduation Mass - Save the Date!

Join Bishop Daniel Thomas for the 2025 Homeschool Mass on **Tuesday, June 3rd, at 7:00 PM at Rosary Cathedral, Toledo**. This special celebration is open to all homeschooling families. At the end of Mass, we will recognize 8th grade and graduating high school seniors. If your student would like to participate, please contact Monica Depinet at [homeschoolmasstoledo@gmail.com](mailto:homeschoolmasstoledo@gmail.com). We look forward to celebrating with you!

## The Sorrowful Mother Shrine Welcomes You to Grieving With Great HOPE

*Friday, May 16 (7-9 pm) & Saturday, May 17 (10—4 pm)*

Grieving with Great HOPE is a weekend workshop for anyone who is grieving the death of a loved one. Fr. Jim Seibert, C.P.P.S. will join John and Sandy O'Shaughnessy from Good Mourning Ministry, a Catholic Bereavement Apostolate, who will facilitate the workshop.

If you are interested in attending this workshop at the Sorrowful Mother Shrine in Bellevue Ohio, please pick up a registration form in the back of church, or you may register online at [sorrowfulmothershrine.org](http://sorrowfulmothershrine.org).

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## One Minute Meditations

### St. Augustine of Canterbury

St. Augustine was an Italian Benedictine monk who, with forty other monks, was sent to re-evangelize England. The Celtic population had already accepted Christ, but the incoming Anglo-Saxons hadn't. St. Augustine and his companions arrived at Ebbsfleet in 597, and were, thankfully, welcomed by King Ethelbert of Kent, who gave them permission to preach the Gospel. He also later converted. St. Augustine and his companions successfully converted southern England. He is called the "Apostle of England."

### Happy Pentecost!

On Pentecost, the Holy Spirit descended on the Blessed Mother and the Apostles in the Upper Room, in a display of divine glory. The Holy Spirit continues to guide the Church, just as He inspired the first Apostles to go preach to the ends of the earth. How might He be guiding you? (We celebrate Pentecost on June 8, this year.)

### "Be the one"

"Be with Jesus. ... I always write that sentence, 'I looked for one to comfort Me, but I found no one.' Then I write, 'Be the one.' So now you be that one. Try to be the one to share with Him, to comfort Him, to console Him. So let us ask Our Lady to help us understand."

Mother Teresa

## "Be not afraid"

What God wants most for each of us is to be happy with Him in Heaven. He uses the world to shape us and give us qualities that will help us get there untainted by sin. *"Indeed, like clay in the hand of the potter, so are you in my hand ..."* (Jeremiah 18:6). Sometimes that means allowing us to undergo trials that cleanse and strengthen us.

Don't judge a gift by its ugly wrapping paper. Some virtues can only be acquired through hardship. Avoiding discomfort will cause you to miss out on experiences God wants you to have. While they may be uncomfortable, God would remove them at once if they weren't good for your soul.

"Pray, hope and don't worry." This famous advice from St. Pio of Pietrelcina (Padre Pio) is both comforting and practical. Many of tomorrow's troubles exist only in our minds. Live your trust in God by refusing to think about what might

happen and instead deal with what is happening right now. Refuse to worry. *"Can any of you by worrying add a single moment to your life-span?"* (Matthew 6:27).

*"Fear not, for I am with you, be not dismayed, for I am your God; I will strengthen you, I will help you, I will uphold you with my victorious right hand"* (Isaiah 41:10).

Accept aid. When overwhelmed, we may overlook the help God is already providing, mistakenly believing we must face challenges alone. This mindset can lead to pride — the temptation to act without God.

Instead, stay open to help from others, seek guidance in Scripture and Church teachings, and remain rooted in prayer and the Sacraments, especially the Eucharist. Once your storm passes, you'll be prepared to support others through theirs.

## Why Do Catholics Do That?

In the well-known Marian apparitions approved by the Church — Guadalupe, Lourdes, Fatima, and Kibeho — the Blessed Virgin Mary's appearance seems to adapt to the local culture of those to whom she appears, while her central message remains consistent: a call to prayer, repentance and renewed devotion to the Faith.

For example, the miraculous image

## Why do Catholics have different images of the Blessed Mother?

of Our Lady of Guadalupe features symbolic elements that the Aztec people would have understood, communicating the Gospel message in a way that resonated within their cultural context. This adaptation of Mary's appearance underscores her closeness to the communities she visits, reflecting the profound truth of her spiritual motherhood of all Christians.

## The Ascension brings us closer to Jesus

The Ascension might have felt like a moment of separation to Jesus' disciples, but in reality, it brought them closer to Him in a deeper spiritual connection. Through His Ascension, Jesus became spiritually present everywhere, continually interceding on our behalf. He is always thinking of us, presenting our needs to the Father. When we pray, we are never alone—Jesus Himself is praying with us and for us.

Prayer "power-up." Prayer doesn't have to feel good to be good prayer. It can be a real struggle to pray throughout the day, to stay focused on God, and not get distracted. That's when we can lean on Jesus' perfect prayer to the Father. We

can join our prayers to His, and know they are pleasing to God.

**Offer it up.** Whether it involves suffering, fulfilling a necessary duty, or performing an act of charity, when we unite these actions with Jesus' self-offering on the Cross, they gain profound spiritual significance and immeasurable value for souls — especially our own.

**Mass intentions.** During Holy Communion or right after Mass, take a moment to present your concerns, and your desires to God, dedicating them to the service and glory of His love. Remember, God is never outdone in generosity!

### from Scripture

**John 14:23-29, "I am with you always."**

This Gospel reading comes from Jesus' farewell discourse at the Last Supper. As He prepared to face His Passion, death, Resurrection, and Ascension, Jesus sought to strengthen His disciples, a close-knit group who had followed Him for three years. In this poignant moment, He reassured them of His continued presence, even after His departure. Before ascending to Heaven, Jesus promised, "I am with you always" (Matthew 28:20).

Jesus' message was clear: although His followers would no longer see Him physically, He would remain invisibly but powerfully present. If they kept His word, both He and the Father would

dwell within them through grace. Furthermore, He promised to send the Holy Spirit as a guide and comforter, granting them the gift of His peace and the assurance of His return.

It is natural to feel that being faithful would be easier if we could see and hear Jesus directly. Yet, He remains present in His Church—in her worship, prayer, sacraments, and acts of charity.

Above all, Jesus is profoundly present in the Eucharist, where His Body, Blood, Soul, and Divinity are truly present (CCC, #1374). We do not need to look back in time; we encounter Jesus at every Mass.

### Q & A How can I make a consecration to Mary?

The Marian Consecration, or *Total Consecration to Mary*, is a devotion dating back to the 1700s, introduced by St. Louis de Montfort. It involves entrusting one's life to Jesus through the Blessed Mother. This practice has been highly praised by many saints and popes, including Pope St. John Paul II.

Marian consecration does not involve worshipping Mary or treating her as divine. Instead, it acknowledges that Mary, as Christ's mother, always leads us to her Son. Mary serves as a bridge, guiding us closer to Jesus by the safest and most direct route.

On the Cross, Jesus gave His mother to humanity, saying, "Behold your mother" (John 19:26-27). St. John Paul II saw this as an invitation to deeper intimacy with Christ by drawing closer to the one closest to Him on earth.

Many who practice the consecration experience a deeper, more transformative prayer life, drawing closer to both Mary and Jesus. (Note: Catholic websites like EWTN and the National Shrine of St. Louis de Montfort provide free downloadable versions and instructions.)

### Feasts & Celebrations

**May 3 – Sts. Philip and James (First Century).** St. Philip was born in Bethsaida and followed John the Baptist before he followed Christ. After the Ascension, St. Philip preached in Asia Minor, where he was martyred. St. James, the son of Alphaeus, was also one of the twelve Apostles.

**May 12 – Sais Nereus and Achilleus (d.c.100).** Little is known about the early lives of Saints Nereus and Achilleus. They were Roman soldiers of the Praetorian Guard but converted to Christianity. They resigned the army, refusing to serve the Emperor. They

were exiled from Rome to the island of Terracina and were beheaded.

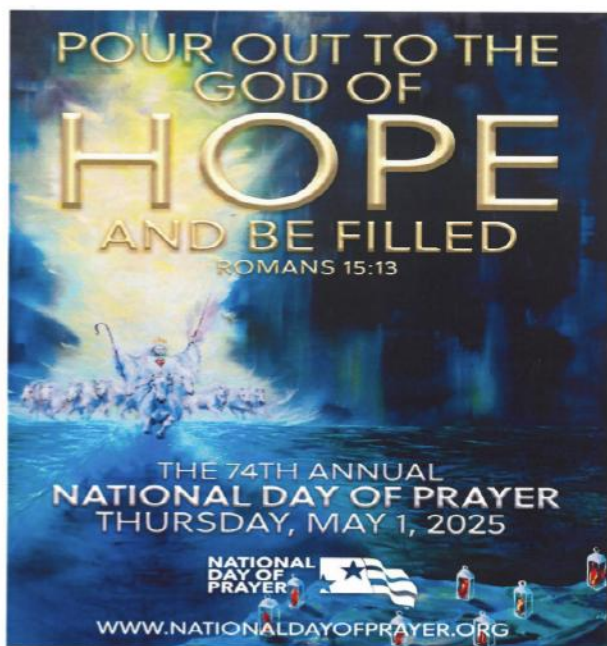
**May 29 – Solemnity of the Ascension of the Lord (1st Century).** Today marks the completion of Jesus' mission of salvation and his triumphant entry into Heaven. Note: In many dioceses, observance of Ascension has been moved to the following Sunday.

**May 29 – Pope St. Paul VI (1978).** Born in 1897, near Brescia, Italy, Giovanni Battista Montini spent most of his priesthood working for the Vatican. He was elected pope in 1963 and concluded the Second Vatican Council, went on many apostolic missions, and wrote several significant encyclicals. He died in 1978.

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National Day of Prayer  
Thursday, May 1, 2025  
6:00 p.m. at the Gazebo



## This Week on Formed

Week of April 27, 2025



### The 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.



### The Wild Goose

In this Easter season, join Fr. Dave Pivonka in the Wild Goose, a 14-part series on living a life inspired by and with the Holy Spirit.



### Divine Mercy with Fr. Michael Gaitley

Renowned speaker and author Fr. Michael Gaitley tells the dramatic history of God's love and mercy as interwoven through the transformative message of St. Faustina, the miraculous appearance of Mary at Fatima, the witness of Maximilian Kolbe, and the world-changing papacy of Pope St. John Paul II.

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