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FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK MAY - Month Of Mother Mary



The month of May is the "month which the piety of the faithful has especially dedicated to Our Blessed Lady," and it is the occasion for a "moving tribute of faith and love which Catholics in every part of the world [pay] to the Queen of Heaven. During this month Christians, both in church and in the privacy of their homes, offer up to Mary from their hearts an especially fervent and loving homage of prayer and veneration. This Christian custom of dedicating the month of May to the Blessed Virgin arose at the end of the 13th century. In this way, the Church was able to Christianize the secular feasts which were wont to take place at that time. The practice became

especially popular among the members of the Jesuit Order — by 1700 it took hold among their students at the Roman College and a bit later it was publicly practiced in the Gesu Church in Rome. From there it spread to the whole Church.

The practice was granted a partial indulgence by Pius VII in 1815 and a plenary indulgence by Pius IX in 1859. With the complete revision of indulgences in 1966 and the decreased emphasis on specific indulgences, it no longer carries an indulgence; however it certainly falls within the category of the First General Grant of Indulgences.

The Blessed Virgin Mary is the Mother of the Church and therefore the example, as well as the guide and inspiration, of everyone who, in and through the Church, seeks to be the servant of God and man and the obedient agent of the promptings of the Holy Spirit.

The Holy Spirit, as Pope Leo XIII reminded us, is the soul of the Church: All the activity and service of the members of the Church, beginning with the supreme participation of the Blessed Mother in the work of the Church, is vivified by the Holy Spirit as the body, in all its activities, is vivified by its soul. The Holy Spirit is the Paraclete, Advocate, and Comforter which Christ Himself sent to be our consolation in the sorrowful mysteries of life, our source of moderation in the joyful mysteries of life, our added principle of exaltation in the glorious mysteries of life.

So He was for the Blessed Mother; so also He is for the least of us; so also He is for the rest of the Church, even for those who are its unconscious but conscientious members.

In our observance of the Marian month we should take into account the season of the Liturgical Year which largely corresponds with the fifty days of Easter. Our pious exercises could emphasize Our Lady's participation in the Paschal mystery and in Pentecost with which the Church begins. The pious exercises connected with the month of May can easily highlight the earthly role played by the glorified Queen of Heaven, here and now, in the celebration of the Sacraments of Baptism, Confirmation and Holy Eucharist.

The following practices which are recommended by the Magisterium are offered as suggestions for honoring Our Lady during Her month.

The Regina Coeli

The ecclesial community addresses this antiphon to Mary for the Resurrection of her Son. It adverts to, and depends on, the invitation to joy addressed by Gabriel to the Lord's humble servant who was called to become the Mother of the saving Messiah.

The Rosary

Also called the Psalter of the Blessed Virgin Mary, the Rosary is one of the most excellent prayers to the Mother of God. Thus, "the Roman Pontiffs have repeatedly exhorted the faithful to the frequent recitation of this biblically inspired prayer which is centered on contemplation of the salvific events of Christ's life, and their close association with the Virgin Mother."

Litanies of the Blessed Virgin Mary

These consist of a long series of invocations to Our Lady, which follow in a uniform rhythm, thereby creating a stream of prayer characterized by insistent praise and supplication.

Consecration and Entrustment to Mary

The Roman Pontiffs have frequently expressed appreciation for the pious practice of "consecration to the Blessed Virgin Mary" and the formulas publicly used by them are well known.

The Brown Scapular and other Scapulars

The scapular is an external sign of the filial relationship established between the Blessed Virgin Mary, Mother and Queen of Mount Carmel, and the faithful who entrust themselves totally to her protection, who have recourse to her maternal intercession, who are mindful of the primacy of the spiritual life and the need for prayer.

Medals

These are witnesses of faith and a sign of veneration of the Holy Mother of God, as well as of trust in her maternal protection.

The Church blesses such objects of Marian devotion in the belief that "they help to remind the faithful of the love of God, and to increase trust in the Blessed Virgin Mary."

Let us intercede to our mother especially through the Vankkamasa prathana in our family.

May God Bless You All
Fr. Suni Padinjarekara

HOLY MASS, NIGHT VIGIL & NOVENA TIMINGS

Holy Mass:

Monday – Friday | 7 PM. Saturday | 9:30 AM.

Sunday | 7:30 AM, 9:00 AM (English), 11:30 AM

Night Vigil:

First Off Weekend Friday of the Month | 8 PM. to Midnight

Adoration

Every Friday | 9 AM -7 PM.

Monday – Friday | 6-7 PM. Saturday | 8:30 - 9:30 AM.

Novenas : St. Antony Tuesday | After 7 PM. Mass

St. Jude Thursday | After 7 PM. Mass

Our Lady of Perpetual Succour

Saturday | After 9:30 AM. Mass



April 28

Sunday Readings: May 2019 / Ave Maria & St. Anns

May 5

7:30 AM

9:00 AM

11:30AM

7:30 AM

9:00 AM

11:30AM

First Reading:

Is 55:4-13

Second Reading:

Col 1:12-20

Holy Gospel:

Jn 20:19-29



First Reading:

Is 56:1-7

Second Reading:

Eph 1:3-14

Holy Gospel:

Jn 14:1-14



BIBLE QUIZ # 16

1. When does the prophet who prophesies peace is recognized as the prophet whom the Lord has truly sent?

2. Who is the father of prophet Zachariah?

3. Since then no prophet has arisen in Israel like _____, whom the Lord knew face to face?

4. "Do not swear at all; not by heaven" why?

5. Who wrote the Acts of the Apostles?

Please refer to the POC Bible and the New American Bible only.

6. What does "Akeldama" means?

7. "Circumcision is of the _____, in the spirit, not the letter"

8. How long did Israelites stayed in Egypt? _____

9. David prospered in all his ways. Why?

10. What is the name of Abasalom's sister?

Name of the contestant

Family Name

Phone #

Quiz # 15

Selected winner: Simon Thomas Karickal

Winners

Tessy Siby Mecheril

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Flora Philin Kudakasseriyl

Lucy Sabu Karukaparambil

Bible Quiz # 15 Correct Answers.

1. Ananias (Acts 5:2)
2. Your names are written in heaven (Lk 10:20)
3. Tarshish (Jonah 1:3)
4. Hananiah (Jer 28:12)
5. Priest (Malachi 2:7)
6. 7 days (1 Sam 13:8)
7. The land of jawbone (Judges 15:17)
8. Son (Heb 1:1)
9. Demons (1Cor 10:20)
10. So that we may not be condemned along with the world (1 Cor 11:32)

"All wisdom comes from the Lord"

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Building Fund	\$ 6100.00
Sunday collections	\$ 2212.00

April 21

Annual contributions	\$ 850.00
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Sunday collections	\$ 3601.00



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