

HOLY EUCHARIST CATHOLIC COMMUNITY

**WE ARE A SUPPORTIVE, FAITH FILLED COMMUNITY THAT WELCOMES ALL PEOPLE.
THROUGH OUR BAPTISMAL CALL TO STEWARDSHIP WE BUILD UP THE BODY OF CHRIST
AS WE PRAY, WORSHIP, CELEBRATE AND REACH OUT IN SERVICE TO OTHERS.**

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FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

MAY 2 & 3 , 2026

*I am the way, the truth and the life, says the Lord;
No one comes to the Father, except through me.
John 14:6*



V DOMINGO DE PASCUA

2 Y 3 DE MAYO, 2026

*Yo soy el Camino, la Verdad y la Vida, dice el Señor;
nadie ca al Padre sino por mí.
Juan 14:6*

Mass Schedule /Horario de Misas

Thursday/Jueves 9:00 am Spanish/ Español

Friday/Viernes 9:00 am English/ Inglés

Saturday/Sábado 4:00 pm English/ Inglés

Sunday, Domingo 8:00 am & 10:00 am English, 12:00 pm Español

Holy Days (as scheduled in bulletin)

Días Festivos (según lo programado en el boletín)

Sacraments/Sacramentos

Please call the Parish Office at 722-5490 to make an appointment. Por favor llame la Oficina al 722-5490 para hacer una cita.

Reconciliation Services-By request, before and after Mass

Servicios de Reconciliación-Solamente por petición, antes y después de la Misa

Sacrament of Baptism-Parents and God Parents are required to attend one session of preparation in advance of infant baptism.

Sacramento de Bautizo-Padres y Padrinos se les requiere que atiendan una sesión antes del bautismo del infante.

Sacrament of Marriage

Bride & Groom must begin premarital preparation six months prior to date.

Sacramento de Matrimonio

Novios deberán comenzar una preparación prematrimonial seis meses antes de la fecha de la boda.

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Office Hours: Tuesday – Thursday 9:30 am to 4:30 pm, Friday 9:30 am-3:30 pm

Horas de Oficina: Martes – Jueves 9:30 am – 4:30 pm, Viernes 9:30 am-3:30 pm



Christian Stewards: People of the Resurrection

For those immersed in the secular world, Easter is long over. The pastel bunnies, the chocolate eggs, the color-splashed jelly beans which appeared in the marketplace so temptingly just as Christians were beginning the fasting of Lent, have long been swept from the store shelves to be replaced in anticipation of the next marketable holiday. For the Christian steward, how backward this all seems. Yes, we believe that the Paschal mystery and the life-changing events of Easter are not over. They are not an end but a triumphal beginning, and they have altered us in a quite radical way.

The mystery and miracle of Easter challenge us to live as different people, as people of the Resurrection. What does this mean? For those new Catholics who participated in the Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA), a period of mystagogy helps to understand this mystery. Indeed, this ancient Greek word actually means "to lead through the mysteries." During mystagogia, many parishes introduce their new members to service in a quite practical way. Here are the ministries of the parish; here are the charities we support; here are the needs of our community and our congregation. How do you choose to live out your faith in the Resurrection in a quite tangible and real way? How do your gifts fit into our needs? Essentially, however, this is a question that the Easter season calls forth in all Christian stewards not just our newest members.

We have lived through Lent and the Paschal mysteries, all the while trying to deepen a relationship with the person of Christ. It's as simple, yet as amazing and complex as that. The deeper the relationship grows, the more we become rooted in it, the more this relationship with Christ comes to dominate our lives. We no longer compartmentalize Jesus, we hold him at our center. And the mysteries lead us to the fundamental question at the heart of all Christian stewardship, the question that Easter compels us to ask: How do I steward my resources – my time, my money, my abilities and gifts, my very life – so that they are in service to the Kingdom of God? It's not a part-time question. It's not a seasonal question that's swept off the shelf periodically. It's the basic question which the Easter season demands of us:

Jesus, how do you want me to serve you?

We are in need of individuals to serve as Lectors, Greeters, Eucharistic Ministers and Scrip Sellers. If you feel called to help our community in these important ministries, please call the office.

Your help makes a difference!

Please join the Holy Eucharist Rosary Group. The group meets on Tuesdays at 10:30 am here in the church. All are welcome!

Fifth Sunday of Easter

In the reading from the Acts of the Apostles we see how the first community of Christians gathered together to discern and resolve how to care for each others' needs. As good stewards of the sisters and brothers who gathered around the Eucharistic table, the community of faith selected those among them who were to ensure that no one was neglected. How do we resolve to serve the needs of our parish family? How do we ensure that those who might be perceived to be the least of our brothers and sisters are not left alone and neglected?

Quinto Domingo de Pascua

En la lectura de los Hechos de los Apóstoles vemos como la primera comunidad de cristianos se reunió para discernir y resolver juntos cómo cuidar unos de otros de sus necesidades. Como buenos corresponsables de las hermanas y hermanos que se reunieron alrededor de la mesa Eucarística, la comunidad de fe seleccionó de entre ellos a aquellos que se asegurarían de que nadie fuese olvidado. ¿Cómo decidimos nosotros el servir las necesidades de nuestra familia parroquial? ¿Cómo nos aseguramos de que aquellos que tal vez sean percibidos como los menores de nuestro hermanos y hermanas no sean abandonados y olvidados?

We welcome the newly baptized members of our community:

Le damos la bienvenida a los miembros recién bautizados de nuestra comunidad:

**Elaine Apolinar-Rincon
Clarissa Apolinar-Rincon
Emma Madeline Connelly
Alex Abraham Delgadillo
Joseph Jason Ferre
Logan Agustin Garcia
Kassey Valentina Guerrero Perez
Ramon Santiago Carmen Hernandez
Chevy Leal
Adriel Martinez-Villalobos
Andres Martinez-Villalobos
Kyri Aurora Pena
Boone Cormac Triacca**



We extend our thanks to the members of the baptismal preparation team for their stewardship of time and talent in meeting with the parents and godparents to explain the call to baptism.

Extendemos nuestro agradecimiento a los miembros del equipo de preparación bautismal por su dedicación y talento al reunirse con los padres y padrinos para explicar el llamado del bautismo.

Mass Schedule & Readings

Saturday, May 2

4:00 pm Mass (Fr. Derek Hughes) (English)
For the People of Holy Eucharist

Sunday, May 3

Fifth Sunday of Easter

8:00 am Mass (Fr. Derek Hughes) (English)
+Alfredo Madrigal (Angie Madrigal)
+Shane Swenson (Mejia Family)
For the Special Intentions of the Swenson Family
(Mejia Family)



10:00 am Mass (Fr. Derek Hughes) (English)
+Eric Ackerman (Alois & Rosario Ackerman)

12:00 pm Mass (Fr. Derek Hughes) (Spanish)
+Diana Mello (Marisela Botello)
+Tranquilino Garcia (Marsela Botello)
+Pedro Chavez (Celina Chavez)
+David Limones Moreno (Sara Limones)
+Fortunato & Marina Renteria (Genaro Renteria)
+Martin Rodriguez Garcia
+Braulio Silva (Maura & Luis Motta)
+Jose Sambrano (Ruby Magaña)
For the Special Intention of Veronica Quintero (Celia Quintero)
For the Special Intention of Genaro Gonzalez
For the Special Intention of Pedro Torrez

R: Acts of the Apostles 6:1-7; 1 Peter 2:4-9; John 14:1-12

Monday, May 4

R: Acts of the Apostles 14:5-18; John 14:21-26

Tuesday, May 5

R: Acts of the Apostles 14:19-28; John 14:27-31a

Wednesday, May 6

R: Acts of the Apostles 15:1-6; John 15:1-8

Thursday, May 7

9:00 am Mass (Fr. Derek Hughes) (Spanish)
+Artemio & Lorenzo Garcia (Anita Cahue)

R: Acts of the Apostles 15:7-21; John 15:9-11

Friday, May 8

9:00 am Mass (Fr. Derek Hughes) (English)

R: Acts of the Apostles 15:22-31; John 15:12-17

Saturday, May 9

4:00 pm Mass (Fr. Derek Hughes) (English)
+Kathleen & Jack Wallace (Elaine Ribeiro)
+Alfredo Madrigal (Angie Madrigal)

Sunday, May 10

Sixth Sunday of Easter

8:00 am Mass (Fr. Derek Hughes) (English)
+Ana Maria Guzman Alicia Leon)
+Maria Leon (Alicia Leon)
+Lynn Eaton (Holy Eucharist)

10:00 am Mass (Fr. Derek Hughes) (English)
For the People of Holy Eucharist

12:00 pm Mass (Fr. Derek Hughes) (Spanish)
+Juan Anaya (Marisela Botello)
+Souls in Purgatory (Marisela Botello)
+Martin Rodriguez Garcia
+Rosa Hernandez (Salvador Hernandez)
+Braulio Silva (Luis & Maura Motta)
+Ana Maria Rodriguez (Maggie Rodriguez)
For the Special Intention of Genaro Gonzalez

R: Acts of the Apostles 8:5-8, 14-17; 1 Peter 3:15-18;
John 14:15-21

Horarios & Lecturas de la Misa

Sábado, 2 de Mayo

4:00 pm Misa (Fr. Derek Hughes) (Inglés)
Feligreses de la Parroquia

Domingo, 3 de Mayo

V Domingo de Pascua

8:00 am Misa (Fr. Derek Hughes) (Inglés)
+Alfredo Madrigal (Angie Madrigal)
+Shane Swenson (La Familia Mejia)
Intención Especial de la Familia Swenson
(La Familia Mejia)

10:00 am Misa (Fr. Derek Hughes) (Inglés)
+Eric Ackerman (Alois y Rosario Ackerman)

12:00 pm Misa (Fr. Derek Hughes) (Español)
+Diana Mello (Marisela Botello)
+Tranquilino Garcia (Marsela Botello)
+Pedro Chavez (Celina Chavez)
+David Limones Moreno (Sara Limones)
+Fortunato y Marina Renteria (Genaro Renteria)
+Martin Rodriguez Garcia
+Braulio Silva (Maura y Luis Motta)
+Jose Sambrano (Ruby Magaña)
Intención Especial de Veronica Quintero (Celia Quintero)
Intención Especial de Genaro Gonzalez
Intención Especial de Pedro Torrez

L: Hechos de los Apóstoles 6:1-7; 1 Pedro 2:4-9; Juan 14:1-12

Lunes, 4 de Mayo

L: Hechos 14:5-18; Juan 14:21-26

Martes, 5 de Mayo

L: Hechos 14:19-28; Juan 14:27-31

Miércoles, 6 de Mayo

L: Hechos 15:1-6; Juan 15:1-8

Jueves, 7 de mayo

9:00 am Misa (Fr. Derek Hughes) (Español)
+Artemio y Lorenzo Garcia (Anita Cahue)

L: Hechos 15:7-21; Juan 15:9-11

Viernes, 8 de Mayo

9:00 am Misa (Fr. Derek Hughes) (Inglés)

L: Hechos 15:22-31; Juan 15:12-17

Sábado, 9 de Mayo

4:00 pm Misa (Fr. Derek Hughes) (Inglés)
+Kathleen y Jack Wallace (Elaine Ribeiro)
+Alfredo Madrigal (Angie Madrigal)

Domingo, 10 de Mayo

V Domingo de Pascua

8:00 am Misa (Fr. Derek Hughes) (Inglés)
+Ana Maria Guzman Alicia Leon)
+Maria Leon (Alicia Leon)
+Lynn Eaton (Holy Eucharist)

10:00 am Misa (Fr. Derek Hughes) (Inglés)
Feligreses de la Parroquia

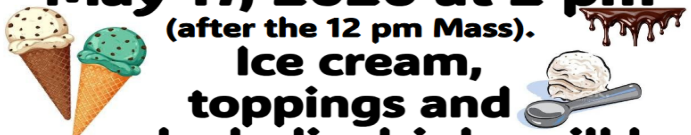
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+Juan Anaya (Marisela Botello)
+Álmas en Purgatorio (Marisela Botello)
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+Braulio Silva (Luis y Maura Motta)
+Ana Maria Rodriguez (Maggie Rodriguez)
Intención Especial de Genaro Gonzalez

L: Hechos de los Apóstoles 8:5-8, 14-17; 1 Pedro 3:15-18;
Juan 14:15-21

Spring Potluck & Ice Cream Social

May 17, 2026 at 2 pm

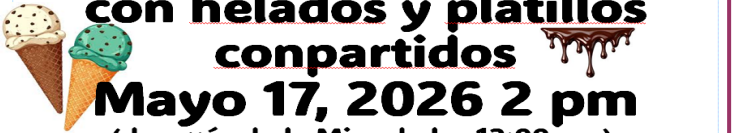
(after the 12 pm Mass).

 Ice cream, toppings and non-alcoholic drinks will be provided by the parish. Please bring a dish to share.

Convivencia de Primavera con helados y platillos compartidos

Mayo 17, 2026 2 pm

(después de la Misa de las 12:00 pm).

 La parroquia proveerá el helado, las cosas que lleva el helado y las bebidas sin alcohol.

Por favor, traiga un platillo para compartir. 

Mass Intentions

If you would like to have a Mass celebrated on behalf of a family member, friend, or deceased loved one please let us know. Mass Intentions are scheduled by the Parish Secretary during office hours. Intentions received are scheduled on a first come, first served basis-the recommended donation is \$10. There will be one Mass per weekend offered for the Parish (*For the People of Holy Eucharist*) according to Canon Law.

Cards will be sent for those for whom an intention is being said as requested.

Intenciones de las Misas

Si a usted le gustaría que se celebre una misa a nombre de un Familiar, amigo o un ser querido que haya fallecido, por favor háganoslo saber. Todas las Intenciones de las Misas son anotadas por la Secretaria parroquial durante el horario de oficina. Se recomienda una donación de \$10 por las Intenciones. Por el Derecho Canónico. Se ofrece la celebración de una misa durante el fin de semana por las intenciones de todos ustedes que pertenecen a la parroquia (Feligreses de la Parroquia).

Una tarjeta será enviada a aquellas personas quienes solicitaron una intención en la oficina parroquial.

Automatic Donations

Did you know that you can use **Visa, Mastercard or EFT** (electronic funds transfer from a bank account) for your weekly or monthly donations and for contributions to any of our special projects or ministries? You choose the amount and how often you would like to make the donations. You would no longer need to worry about whether or not you got your check in the collection basket, or if you were away for the weekend.

Please call the office at 722-5490 and we can help you set up the recurring donation.

You can also visit our website, www.holyeucharistca.com and make a secure donation. Just hit the red **"DONATE"** oval and follow the instructions.

Donaciones automáticas

¿Sabía que puede utilizar Visa, Mastercard o EFT (transferencia electrónica de fondos desde una cuenta bancaria) para sus donaciones semanales o mensuales y por contribuciones a alguno de nuestros proyectos especiales o ministerios? Usted elige la cantidad y cada cuando le gustaría hacer las donaciones. Ya no tendrá que preocuparse por sí o no llegó su cheque en la canasta de la colecta, o si estuvo fuera el fin de semana.

Llame a la oficina al 722-5490 y podemos ayudarlo a programar la donación periódica.

También puede visitar nuestro sitio web, www.holyeucharistca.com y hacer una donación segura. Simplemente presione el óvalo rojo **"DONATE"** y siga las instrucciones.

Join Our Holy Eucharist Family!

¡Únase a nuestra familia de Holy Eucharist!

Complete the following form and return it to

Llene el formulario siguiente y devuélvalo a

527 Corralitos Road, Corralitos CA 95076.

A registration form will be mailed to you. Un formulario de registraci3n le ser3 enviado por correo.

Name, Nombre: _____

Address, Direcci3n: _____

May is Greeter Ministry Month

Greeters are a very important part of our worship experience. They welcome us when we arrive for Mass. They distribute and collect worship aids and pass around the baskets for collections.

They get volunteers to bring up the gifts, and help the faithful line-up to receive communion. Thank you to all that are involved in our Greeter Ministry.

Next weekend, May 9 & 10,

we will have some of our current Greeters speak to you about being a greeter.

They hope to inspire some of you to become a greeter yourself. Please consider doing so-your community needs you! The Pastoral Council will be outside after each Mass next weekend to answer any questions you might have about serving and to help you sign up if you feel called to do so (and we are all praying that you will be called).

Mayo es el Mes del Ministerio de Hospitalidad

Los ministros de Hospitalidad son una parte muy importante de nuestra experiencia de culto. Nos dan la bienvenida cuando llegamos a Misa. Distribuyen y recogen las ayudas litúrgicas, y pasan las cestas para las colectas. Buscan voluntarios para llevar las ofrendas al altar y ayudan a los fieles a formar la fila para recibir la Comunión. Gracias a todos los que participan en nuestro Ministerio de Hospitalidad. El próximo fin de semana, Mayo 9 y 10, algunos de nuestros ministros actuales les hablarán sobre lo que significa desempeñar este servicio. Esperan inspirar a algunos de ustedes a convertirse también en acogedores. Por favor, consideren hacerlo: ¡su comunidad los necesita! El Consejo Pastoral estará afuera después de cada Misa el próximo fin de semana para responder cualquier pregunta que puedan tener sobre el servicio y para ayudarles a inscribirse si sienten el llamado a hacerlo (y todos estamos rezando para que así sea).

FEED THE HUNGRY

Team #6 is hosting this Monday
Salvation Army-Watsonville, CA

Food for the hungry is provided each Monday evening. You can contribute to this program by leaving a monetary contribution in the brown wooden on the offering table.

Meals served last week:

April 27, 2026—100 Total Meals

Thank you to all that contribute to this ministry.



Programa Dar Comer al Hambriento

El equipo #6 estará sirviendo este Lunes.
Salvation Army- Watsonville, CA

Todos los lunes por la noche se sirve comida caliente para las personas que tienen hambre. Usted puede contribuir al programa dejando su contribución monetaria en la caja de madera marrón sobre la mesa de ofrendas.

Comidas Servidas la semana pasada:

27 de Abril, 2026—100 Alimentos Totales

Gracias a todos los que contribuyen a este ministerio.

Important Dates

May 17-Spring Ice-cream Social and Potluck hosted by the Pastoral Council

July 26-Fiesta Mexicana

September 27-WineTasting and Auction

October 24-Maker's Festival



Fechas Importantes

17 de Mayo-Convivencia de Primavera con helados y platillos compartidos

26 de Julio-Fiesta Mexicana

27 de Septiembre-Cata y Subasta Anual

24 de Octubre-Festival de Artesanias

Second Collections

May 2 & 3-Parish Development

May 16 & 17-Catholic Communications

Segundas Colectas

2 y 3 de Mayo-Desarrollo Parroquial

16 y 17 de Mayo-Comunicaciones Catolicas

Please call us if you know of someone who is ill or homebound and would like to receive Communion. Our Eucharistic Ministers to the Sick would be happy to make a visit.

Por favor llámenos si sabe de alguien que esté enfermo o que no pueda salir de casa y le gustaría recibir la sagrada comunión. Nuestros ministros de la Eucaristía para los enfermos, con gusto le harán una visita.

Scrip is an ongoing fundraiser here at Holy Eucharist. For every gift card you buy, a percentage stays here. The following cards are in stock: Ace \$25, Amazon \$25 & \$100, Applebee's \$25, Big5 \$25, Chipotle \$25, CVS \$25 & \$100, Food Max \$25 & \$100, Home Depot \$25 & \$100, IHop \$25, Kohls \$25 & \$100, Macys \$25 & \$100, Michael's \$25, Nob Hill \$25 & \$100, Olive Garden \$25, Panda Express \$25, Safeway \$25 & \$100, Sees \$25, Starbucks \$10 & \$25, Target \$25 & \$100, TJ Max \$25, Ulta \$25. We also can special order many others.

To see the cards available, please visit <https://www.raiseright.com/>

Scrip is sold after Mass this weekend and during office hours, Tuesday-Friday, 9:30 am-3:30 pm.

Thank you for your support.

Parish Calendar

Monday, May 4

Office Closed

Salvation Army -Team #6 4:15 pm

Tuesday, May 5

10:30 am Rosary Group

4:30 pm 1st Year Religious Education

Wednesday, May 6

10:00 am Bible Study-English

7:00 pm Bible Study-Spanish

Thursday, May 7

9:00m am Mass-Spanish

3:00 pm Second Harvest Food Bank

4:30 pm 2nd Year Religious Education

5:00 pm Pastoral Council

Friday, May 8

9:00 am Mass-English

9:30 am-3:30 pm Office Hours

Saturday, May 9

11:00 am 1st Communion Mass

4:00 pm Mass-English



Calendario Parroquial

Lunes, 4 de Mayo

Oficina Cerrada

Salvation Army - Equipo #6 4:15 pm

Martes, 5 de Mayo

10:30 am Grupo de Rosario

4:30 pm 1° Año Educación Religiosa

Miércoles, 6 de Mayo

10:00 am Estudio de Biblia-Inglés

7:00 pm Estudio de Biblia-Español

Jueves, 7 de Mayo

9:00 am Misa-Español

3:00 pm Banco de Comida

4:30 pm Segundo Año Educación Religiosa

5:00 pm Consejo Pastoral

Viernes, 8 de Mayo

9:00 am Misa-Inglés

9:30 am-3:30 pm Horas de Oficina

Sabado, 9 de Mayo

11:00 am Misa de 1° Comunión

4:00 pm Misa-Inglés

Stewardship of Treasure

Plate Collections April 25 & 26, 2026

Plate Collection & Mail in Donations	\$2,482.70
Electronic Donations (Plate only)	\$ 288.17
Total	\$2,770.87
Weekly Plate Collection	
Budgeted (needed)	\$3,860.17
Shortage	-\$1,089.30

Reporte de Finanzas de Corresponsabilidad

Colecta de la Limosna 25 y 26 de Abril, 2026

Misas de fin de Semana	\$2,482.70
Donaciones Electrónicas	\$ 288.17
Total	\$2,770.87
Colecta de la limosna semanal	
Presupuesto (necesario)	\$3,860.17
El Déficit	-\$1,089.30

Annual Ministries Appeal 2026

Collection to date is \$17,030.00

from 37 Households

Thank you for your continued support.

Project: to install an all-weather permanent shelter over the patio area. Donation envelopes are available in the foyer.

Every donation is needed and appreciated.



Colecta Anual de Ministerios 2026

Colecta Actual es \$17,030.00

de 37 Familias

Gracias por su continuo apoyo.

Proyecto: instalar un techo permanente, apto para todo tipo de clima, sobre el área del patio. Los sobres para donaciones están disponibles en el vestíbulo.

Toda donación es necesaria y agradecida.

May our Prayers be a comfort to our parish family.

Que nuestras oraciones sean un consuelo para las familias de nuestra parroquia.

Sergio Abarca, Dana Alaga, Mabel Alameda, Wanda Allee, Mary Ellen Ambriz, Virginia Anderson, Jane Ango, Leonardo Arias, Richie Avalos, Camille Baxter, George Boero, Ken Brodkey, Tony & Vickie Cadiante, Ana & Jose Cahue, Karen Campbell, Laurie Chapman, Gretchen Coffey, Coco Conklin, Teri Corman, Greg Cornell, Aileen Correa, Trish Cronin, Mary Cross, Elizabeth Dailey, Roberta Dallimonti, Diane DeLisle, Lori Dewitt, The Dias Family, The Diaz Family, Jessica Dixon, Joseph Bradley Diaz, Marilyn Fanucci, The Faria Family, Maria Flores, Patty Galvan, Catalina Garcia, Ed & Pat Golditch, Jasmine Gomez, Maria Cuqui Gonzalez, Donna Harlan, Fr. Derek Hughes, Barry Jennings, Larry Jennings, Daniel Johnston, Robin Jozovich, Robin Karr, Susie Kehoe, Nancy Kirk, The Landacre Family, June Landacre, Joanne Landa, The Landis Family, Anabella Grace Legare, Terry Locke-Paddon, Connor Lopez, Chris Luffman, Juana Magdaleno, Ken & Romba Maitoza, Alfredo Marquez, Angelica Marquez, Lorena Marquez, Maru Marquez, Alfredo Madrigal, Raiden Martinez, Susie Martinez, Rose Marie McNair, Rebeka Medina, Emma Morales, Rosie Morales, Luis & Maura Motta, Theresa Oroasco, Daniela Ortiz, Michael Ortiz, Lucinda Pappani, Jane Patricio, Aidan Patterson, The Pezzini Family, Steve Podulke, Caroline Policicchio, Oliver Potts, Maria Quintana, Luis Ramirez, Adrian Renteria, Elaine Ribeiro, Mary Ringrose, Joel Rivera, Elis Rojas, Serafin Lopez Rojas, Kathie Skov Rossi, Jose Rufino, Johnny & Yoli Salgado, Baby Samuel, Robert Schuster, Sandra Silva, Ed Smith, Tom Stickel, Barbara Stringari, Julio Cesar Tena, Pedro (Elyer) Torres, The Valdivia Family, Genoveva Vázquez, Arturo Villalobos, Paul Vitali, Laura Wallenstein, Betsy Walsh, Dan & Kateri Walsh, Andy Wiley and Jim Wood.



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.

from Scripture

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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Santa Rita de Casia

Nacida en 1381 cerca de Spoleto, Italia, santa Rita fue conocida por su santidad y caridad desde joven. Deseaba ser monja, pero fue obligada a casarse a los doce años. Su esposo era cruel y violento. Tras dieciocho años, quedó viuda. Después de la muerte de sus hijos, finalmente ingresó al convento, donde se destacó por su piedad, bondad y humildad. Es la patrona de las causas imposibles.

“¡Ven, Espíritu Santol!”

En la fiesta de Pentecostés, el Espíritu Santo descendió sobre los Apóstoles e impulsó su misión de bautizar y predicar. Por esta razón, Pentecostés se considera el nacimiento de la Iglesia. Ese mismo Espíritu, que fortaleció a doce hombres temerosos para viajar, predicar y trabajar por el Reino de Dios, también viene en nuestra ayuda en la lucha por la santidad, incluso en la oración (Romanos 8,26). Este mes, conserva contigo esta breve pero poderosa oración: “Ven, Espíritu Santo, llena los corazones de tus fieles y enciende en ellos el fuego de tu amor.”

“Jesús le respondió: ‘El que me ama guardará mi palabra, y mi Padre lo amará, y vendremos a él y haremos morada en él’ (Juan 14,23).

¿Quién es mi prójimo?

Esta pregunta es importante. En los dos mandamientos más grandes, Jesús nos llama a amar a Dios y a amar al prójimo como a nosotros mismos. Pero eso plantea una pregunta muy concreta: ¿quién es nuestro prójimo? Nuestra Señora nos ofrece una respuesta clara. A través de su ejemplo, comenzamos a ver que nuestros prójimos incluyen:

Familia: El primer pensamiento de María después de la Anunciación fue su prima Isabel. A pesar del inmenso honor que acababa de recibir, fue con prontitud a servirla. Esto marca el camino. Los primeros prójimos a quienes estamos llamados a amar son los más cercanos: los de nuestro propio hogar y familia.

Amigos: La tradición sostiene que María y Jesús eran cercanos a la pareja de las bodas de Caná. Cuando se acabó el vino, María no llamó la atención sobre sí misma. Notó la necesidad y actuó, guiando con delicadeza hacia una solución. Amar a nuestros amigos a menudo se ve igual: estar atentos, intervenir con discreción y servir sin

buscar reconocimiento.

Los que sufren: En la Cruz, Jesús confió a su madre a san Juan. En ese momento de profunda pérdida, María y Juan fueron entregados el uno al otro,

“Si quieres cambiar el mundo, ve a casa y ama a tu familia.”
Santa Teresa de Calcuta

unidos por un sufrimiento compartido. Cuando alguien en tu vida está sufriendo, esa persona es tu prójimo. ¿Quién está cargando algo pesado ahora mismo? ¿Cómo puedes acompañarlo?

Cada persona que encontramos: Como Reina del Cielo y Madre de la Iglesia, María cuida de todos nosotros, especialmente a través de sus oraciones. Amar a Dios es amar a quienes Él ama, lo que significa a todos. A veces, el acto de amor más significativo que podemos ofrecer es también el más sencillo: rezar por ellos, pidiendo que lleguen a conocer más profundamente a su Hijo.

¿Por qué hacen eso los católicos?

¿Por qué los católicos llaman a María nuestra Madre?

El papel de María en la historia de la salvación es llevar a las personas a su Hijo. Como enseña la Iglesia: “La Virgen María... es la madre de los miembros de Cristo” (*Catecismo de la Iglesia Católica* 963). Su maternidad se extiende a todos los que le pertenecen. En la Cruz, en el Evangelio de Juan, Jesús dice: “*He ahí a tu*

madre” (Juan 19,27), confiando a María no solo a san Juan, sino a todo discípulo. Desde ese momento, su cuidado se volvió personal. Debido a su cercanía única con Jesús, ella intercede por nosotros, guiándonos siempre hacia Él y ayudándonos a seguir su voluntad con mayor fidelidad.

San José – la fuerza silenciosa detrás de mayo

Aunque mayo está tradicionalmente dedicado a María, comienza con la fiesta de san José obrero. La Iglesia nos invita a honrar a san José y a confiarle nuestras vidas, como lo hizo Jesús durante su vida oculta en la tierra.

Él protege. San José protegió a María cuando su embarazo la puso en riesgo (Mateo 1,19) y condujo a la Sagrada Familia a la seguridad en su huida de Herodes (Mateo 2,14-15). Podemos ponernos bajo esa misma protección, ya sea mediante una consagración formal o con la oración diaria, confiándole nuestras familias, hogares y responsabilidades.

Él provee. Como carpintero, san José sostuvo fielmente a Jesús y a María. Los cristianos han confiado durante mucho tiempo en su ayuda continua. Santa Teresa de Ávila escribió que nunca le pidió nada sin ser escuchada. Podemos confiarle nuestras necesidades, trabajo y preocupaciones. Los santos llegaron a ser santos por su apertura a la gracia de Dios. En san José se nos da un guía silencioso pero firme, que nos ayuda, paso a paso, a seguir a Dios con mayor fidelidad en el camino al cielo.

de las **E**scrituras

Juan 3,16-18, el sacrificio de Jesús revela el amor de Dios

"Porque tanto amó Dios al mundo..." Cuando surge la duda—cuando Dios parece distante o silencioso—la Iglesia nos dirige a la Cruz. En el Crucifijo no vemos una contradicción del amor de Dios, sino su expresión más clara. Cristo no se mantiene al margen del sufrimiento humano; entra en él. Lo que parece derrota se convierte en el lugar donde la misericordia divina se revela plenamente: un amor que no se reserva nada.

"Envío a su Hijo unigénito." Frente al sufrimiento y al mal, buscamos soluciones que podamos controlar—estrategias, sistemas, progreso. La respuesta de Dios no es un método,

sino un don: se entrega a sí mismo. El mal, que es una distorsión o ausencia del bien, no puede ser vencido por soluciones parciales. Solo cede ante la bondad perfecta, así como la oscuridad cede ante la luz.

"Para que todo el que crea en Él no perezca, sino que tenga vida eterna." Esta vida no es la meta, sino el camino. Sus pruebas, incertidumbres e incluso sufrimientos no carecen de sentido cuando se viven con Cristo. Si permanecemos cerca de Él—en la oscuridad, en la tormenta o al pie de la Cruz—no estamos perdidos. Estamos siendo guiados, paso a paso, hacia la vida que no termina.

P ¿Cómo puede ser **&** santa la Iglesia si sus **R** miembros no lo son?

Primero, Jesús era consciente de las fallas dentro de la vida religiosa. En el Evangelio de Mateo, reprendió fuertemente a los fariseos por no practicar lo que enseñaban (Mateo 23,3). Incluso entre sus discípulos hubo división, traición y abandono (Juan 6,66). Sin embargo, la redención que Él ofrece no está reservada para los perfectos, sino para todos los que ponen su fe en Él.

Segundo, la santidad de la Iglesia no depende de la virtud de cada uno de sus miembros, sino de la santidad de su Fundador, Jesucristo. Un templo sigue siendo sagrado aunque tenga imperfecciones físicas, porque está dedicado a Dios. Del mismo modo, la Iglesia, como Cuerpo Místico de Cristo, permanece santa aunque sus miembros sigan luchando y creciendo.

Tercero, la historia muestra que Dios suscita santos precisamente en tiempos difíciles. San Atanasio, santa Catalina de Siena y santo Tomás Moro respondieron a épocas de división y crisis con oración, sacrificio, testimonio y fidelidad a la verdad. Su ejemplo nos recuerda que la santidad siempre es posible y que estamos llamados a vivirla hoy.

Fiestas y celebraciones

14 de mayo - La Ascensión del Señor. Esta solemnidad marca la culminación de la misión salvadora de Jesús y su entrada triunfal en el cielo. *Nota: En muchas diócesis, la celebración se traslada al domingo siguiente.*

14 de mayo - San Matías (siglo I). Cuando los Apóstoles se reunieron para elegir al sucesor de Judas, Pedro dijo que el nuevo apóstol debía haber acompañado a Jesús desde su bautismo hasta su ascensión y ser testigo de su resurrección. San Matías fue elegido por sorteo para ocupar su lugar.

18 de mayo - San Juan I, papa (526). Nacido en Toscana, Italia, fue elegido papa en 523 siendo aún diácono. Durante su pontificado combatió la herejía arriana y trabajó por mejorar las relaciones con Oriente. Fue el primer papa en visitar Constantinopla. Arrestado por el rey Teodorico, murió en prisión.

25 de mayo - María, Madre de la Iglesia (2018). En la Cruz, Jesús nos dio a su Madre como madre nuestra (Juan 19,27). Ahora en el cielo, ella reza y cuida de nosotros como madre espiritual hasta que lleguemos con seguridad a Dios. Podemos confiar en su cuidado materno, ya que siempre nos conduce a su Hijo por el camino más corto, seguro y rápido.

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