

Why is May the Month of Mary?



The tradition of dedicating the month of May to Mary, came about in the 13th century. Some say because it was created to replace various pagan cults. The actual reason is the fact that this month is the time when spring is at the height of its beauty. Spring is also connected with nature renewing itself. In her way, Mary gave new life to the world when she gave birth to our saviour Jesus Christ. The link between Mary and the month of May became popular among the members of the Jesuit Order — by 1700 it had a firm hold among their students at the Roman College and a short time later it was publicly celebrated in the Gesu Church in Rome. From there it spread to the rest of the Church. The pious practice of honouring Mary during the month of May has been especially promoted by the Popes. Pius XII made frequent reference to it and in his great Encyclical *on the Sacred Liturgy Mediator Dei*. He characterized it as one of "other exercises of piety which although not strictly belonging to the Sacred Liturgy, are nevertheless of special import and dignity, and may be considered in a certain way to be an addition to the liturgical cult: they have been approved and praised over and over again by the Apostolic See and by the Bishops." Devotion to Mary is one an important part of the Catholic identity. As our mother she is an example of a committed "Yes" to the will of God. Because of the devotion to her many people ask her for help in the most difficult moments of their life as any child does with his mother.

"Hail Mary, Full of Grace, The Lord is with thee. Blessed art thou among women, and blessed is the fruit of thy womb, Jesus. Holy Mary, Mother of God, pray for us sinners now, and at the hour of our death. Amen."

Mass Intentions for the Week

Sunday, May 1, 2022

All Easter Flower Intentions
Polito Family and Canzoneri Family (blessing)

Tuesday, May 3, 2022

Lynn Dantin (memory)

Sanctuary Candle

End to Abortion

To schedule Mass Intentions or Sanctuary Candle Memorials call the Center 529-1636

Pope Francis' May Prayer Intention Faith-Filled Young People

We pray for all young people, called to live life to the fullest; may they see in Mary's life the way to listen, the depth of discernment, the courage that faith generates, and the dedication to service.

Next Weeks Reading

FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

Sunday, May 8, 2022

Reading 1: Acts 13:14,43-52

Responsorial Psalm: Psalm 100:1-2,3,5

Reading 2: Rv 7:9, 14b-17

Gospel: Jn 10:27-30 (51)

Letter From Archbishop Aymond on Retired Priests

To the Clergy, Religious and Laity of the Archdiocese of New Orleans

Dear Sisters and Brothers in Christ:

The Archdiocese is truly blessed by the service of many holy and dedicated priests, especially our retired priests, who have served our Archdiocese so faithfully. We currently have over fifty retired priests, many who continue to serve in our archdiocese in many ways. The annual retirement collection on Good Shepherd **Sunday, May 7-8, 2022**, is used to support the medical and retirement expenses of these priests. Your participation in this collection is a way to say "thank you" to our retired Archdiocesan priests for their many years of service to us, the Church of the Archdiocese of New Orleans. I assure you that your support will benefit the priests for many years to come. Please join me daily in prayer for vocations to the priesthood that others may follow in their footsteps to give their lives to be good shepherds in leading the flock of Christ.

With gratitude for your generosity and wishing you God's blessings in this Easter Season,

I am Sincerely in Christ,

Most Reverend Gregory M. Aymond

Center of Jesus Upcoming Events

Saturday, May 7

10 AM Eucharistic Adoration & Healing Prayer followed by Mass.

Sunday, May 8

Mother's Day

Sunday, May 29

Ascension of the Lord

Sunday, June 5

Pentecost Celebration

Sunday, June 19

Father's Day

Saturday, June 25

Craft Day-Paint Party

Sunday, June 29

The Ascension of the Lord

Mother's Day



On Mother's Day, May 8, we will have a crowning of the Blessed Virgin Mary Statue in the front courtyard. If you would like to bring a picture of your Mother to place in the church on Mother's Day, please feel free to do so.

First Saturday Adoration and Healing Mass

Our First Saturday Adoration and Healing Mass is on Saturday May 7. Adoration begins at 10 am. There will be healing prayer offered during the hour of Adoration. Please invite your family and friends to join us.

Easter Baskets

Leila and Sue Schultz put together seven beautifully stuffed baskets for our senior community members. Everyone was very pleased that they were remembered and appreciated the effort. Thank you!

Our Online Offering:
<https://faithlife.com/centerofjesusthelord/give>

NEED ONGOING HEALING AND FOLLOW UP?

- ✧ Inner Healing Prayer
- ✧ Spiritual Direction

Schedule your appointment through the office

PRAY THE ROSARY
OUR LADY OF GOOD COUNSEL ROSARY
GROUP EVERY WEDNESDAY AT 6:00 PM

Need Intercessory Prayer?...
Please call the Center at (504) 503-1206

PRAYER TO END ABORATION

Lord God, I thank you today for the gift of my life, and for the lives of all my brothers and sisters. I know there is nothing that destroys more life than abortion, yet I rejoice that You have conquered death by the Resurrection of Your Son. I am ready to do my part in ending abortion. Today I commit myself never to be silent, never to be passive, never to be forgetful of the unborn. I commit myself to be active in the pro-life movement, and never to stop defending life until all my brothers and sisters are protected, and our nation once again becomes a nation with liberty and justice not just for some, but for all, through Christ our Lord. Amen!

Stewards of Mercy
✧ Provides a mercy meal after funeral for grieving families for Center Members
If you or someone you know have a need for this services please call the Center of Jesus the Lord at 504-529-1636



*There are no strangers here,
only friends we have not
yet MET*

**Pray the Divine Mercy Novena with us
Sunday before Mass at 9:45 AM**

ALTAR FLOWERS

Altar Flowers are provided through the generosity of community members who contribute to their purchase. A donation to the flower fund is a beautiful way to remember, honor or give thanks for loved ones. The flowers on the altar are given to the Glory of God.

Altar Flower contribution envelopes can be found in the rear of the Church or at the Rectory. A Minimum donation of \$50.00 is requested.

Sacrament of Reconciliation before Sunday & Tuesday Masses. To schedule an appointment, please call the Center to check the availability of the priest.

Center of Jesus the Lord at Our Lady of Good Counsel



MAY 1, 2022 - THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER

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MISSION STATEMENT
Center of Jesus the Lord at Our Lady of Good Counsel is a joy filled, loving Catholic community where all are WELCOME! We are active in service to others, living the GOOD NEWS of Jesus Christ through the power of the Holy Spirit.

THE CENTER'S WEEKLY SCHEDULE
SUNDAY Praise and Worship: 10:00 AM; Eucharistic Celebration 10:15 AM;
Healing Prayer after Mass; Fellowship follows in dining hall
TUESDAY Praise and Worship 10:30 AM; Eucharistic Celebration 11:00 PM;
following Mass all are welcomed to join in fellowship (1307 Louisiana Avenue)
MONTHLY SATURDAY Eucharistic Adoration 10am with Healing Prayer followed by Mass