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Saturday, 5 PM

Sunday, 8 & 11 AM

Daily Liturgy:

Monday-Friday, 8 AM

Eucharistic Adoration:

Wednesday, 8:30-7:30 PM

Reconciliation:

Wednesday, 5:30-6:30 PM

Saturday, 3:30-4:30 PM

First Fridays, 8:30-9:30 AM

First Friday Devotion:

Following Daily Mass on
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“Do not let your hearts be troubled.”

(Jn 14:6)

Jubilation from John

Normally at this time of year, my family hears my annual harangue about the proliferation of “graduations.” They might call me the Oscar the Grouch of graduations or the Grinch who stole graduations. In addition to the time-honored traditions of high school and college graduations, normally we would be celebrating graduations at every educational level—including preschool and kindergarten—at this time of year.

But this year is anything but normal—and this year, my normal attitude is greatly tempered as students finish the academic year with a whimper and not a bang—moving on with a diploma, but without a cap and gown. Graduation and commencement—endings and beginnings—leaving behind and moving forward. This year, without the normal pomp and circumstance, ceremony and celebration, this season of change and transition is particularly challenging for all our graduates at every level.

In a sense, the setting for this Sunday’s Gospel reading is a graduation and commencement. The context is the annual Passover meal—a time-honored tradition passed down through generations of Jewish celebrants—but this Passover is anything but normal for Jesus and his twelve disciples. It is a moment of change and transition, and the Master and Teacher is delivering his commencement address to his best and brightest students.

He knows their anxiety and apprehension, and he tries to calm their fear of the future with words of assurance: “Do not let your hearts be troubled. You have faith in God; have faith in me” (Jn 14:1). But based on the questioning of Thomas and Philip, Jesus must have been wondering about the depth and strength of their faith: “Have I been with you so long and you still don’t know me?” (Jn 14:9). So, in his commencement address, Jesus answers their questions directly—with the love and patience of a father who is preparing a place for his children—a place not only in the heavenly kingdom, but also in this world where they must remain after he departs.

In his Last Supper discourse, Jesus reveals to his disciples the only truth that is eternal and absolute. He gives to all who bear his name a legacy that has reverberated down through the ages, even to us today in this topsy-turvy world: “I am the way and the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me” (Jn 14:6). “Believe me that I am in the Father and the Father is in me” (Jn 14:11).

Today, even though our Eucharistic celebration is anything but normal, the Mass is still a moment of graduation and commencement—a step on the journey into eternity—and a moment that challenges us to change and transform our lives. We have nothing to fear because by faith, we know the commencement speaker is still with us. His words are just as reassuring and transformative as they were at the Last Supper because the Risen Christ is living and present to us.

My congratulations to all graduates at every level of formation! You do know the Way and the Truth and the Life—he is the Son of God—and he has “called you out of darkness into his wonderful light” (1 Pt 2:9). Let us commence and carry on the plan of salvation in our lives and throughout the world.

Keep the Faith!

Deacon John

Dear friends and benefactors of Our Lady of the Black Hills Parish,

It is very difficult for me to write this note but it is also my responsibility. The Church relies solely on the generosity of the people. Every year we try to be careful and diligent about our budget. We are prepared for short term instability but ultimately we need to look into the future. Mass may be cancelled and this may give an idea that we do not need the donations - but we do. Like in every home, **we need to secure the basic necessities**, pay bills and to look after the well-being of our staff. I am asking you to keep OLBH Parish in your heart. If at all possible, please continue your financial support. These dark times will pass and we want to be ready to serve you to the best of our abilities. We cannot do this without your generous financial support. You can send in your contribution, drop it off at the office, when you visit the church or simply go into <https://www.olbh.org/donate> to make an electronic deposit. I am grateful for your gift, pray that we can emerge stronger as a Parish Family. THANK YOU TO THOSE OF YOU WHO HAVE DONATED ONLINE.

May God Bless and protect you all.
Blessed Mother and St. Joseph, Pray for us.

Fr. Andrzej

Thank you for your donation.

Please prayerfully consider automatic contributions via electronic withdrawal, check service, or at www.olbh.org/donate. Please prayerfully consider including the Western South Dakota Catholic Foundation and Our Lady of the Black Hills in your estate planning.

"All good giving and every perfect gift is from above" (Jas 1:17)			
May 2-3, 2020			
	Automatic	Basket	Total
Adopt a Seminarian	54	-	54
Sunday Collection	1,946	3,360	5,306
Rectory	19	-	19
Bottles of Hope	-	-	-
Building Fund	-	340	340
Catechist Appreciation	-	-	-
Held for Others	-	1,508	1,508
Total Contribution	2,019	5,208	7,227.25

LIMITED ATTENDANCE MASS SCHEDULE (begins 5/16/2020)

Monday Mass 8 AM & 6 PM

Tuesday Mass 8 AM & 6 PM

Wednesday Mass 8 AM & 6 PM, Adoration 8:30-5:30 PM,
Reconciliation 4:30-5:30 PM

Thursday 8 AM & 6 PM

Friday 8 AM & 6 PM

Saturday 8 AM & 5 PM, Reconciliation 3:30-4:30 PM

Sunday 8 AM & 11 AM, Reconciliation 1-3:30 PM, Adoration
Noon-6 PM

Financial Help for those Affected by the Pandemic

Catholic Social Services, in collaboration with the Diocese of Rapid City announces the establishment of a **COVID-19 response fund** for western South Dakota families. Visit <https://www.cssrapidcity.com/relief/> for details. PLEASE SHARE THIS WITH ANYONE YOU KNOW, NEED NOT BE CATHOLIC TO APPLY. Please spread the word to your neighbors, friends, and families.

CSS will allocate the funds, prioritizing applications from households anywhere in western South Dakota that meet one or more of **the following conditions**:

1. A household member who has a positive test for COVID-19, which has adversely impacted the family's income.
2. Temporarily lost employment due to the COVID-19 pandemic which has adversely impacted the family's income.
3. Health care providers in the family whose employment has resulted in financial hardships for the family.
4. Lost income due to a lack of childcare.
5. Members with pre-existing medical conditions that has caused them to self-quarantine, resulting in financial hardship for the family.



Eucharistic Adoration

Before moving on to speak about the Concluding Rites of the Mass, it is important to pause and reflect on Eucharistic Adoration. Jesus continues to be present with us in the Eucharistic Species. The Blood of Christ is consumed at the end of Communion. The Body of Christ is reserved in the tabernacle. In addition, we have times of Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament when the Eucharist is displayed in the monstrance to allow us to adore the Lord who remains present with us in this unique manner. As Catholics we have the privilege of visiting the Church, praying before the Blessed Sacrament, either in the tabernacle or exposed in the monstrance. This prayer before the Lord present in the Blessed Sacrament is a continuation of our Communion with Him.

First Communion and Confirmation

Due to the COVID19 restrictions, the previously scheduled dates for the sacraments First Communion and Confirmation have been cancelled. The dates will be rescheduled once the Diocese of Rapid City reinstates regular weekend Mass times. For more information please contact Rhonda in the office at 787-5168.

Weekly Schedule

Monday, May 11

No Mass

Tuesday, May 12

Saints Nereus and Achilleus, Martyrs; Saint Pancras, Martyr

No Mass

Wednesday, May 13

Our Lady of Fatima

No Mass

8:30-7 PM Adoration

9-12 Noon Food Pantry Open

5:30 PM Sacrament of Reconciliation

Thursday, May 14

SAINT MATTHIAS, APOSTLE

No Mass

Friday, May 15

Saint Isidore

No Mass

Saturday, May 16

8 AM Mass for Catholic Extension

9-12 Noon Food Pantry Open

5 PM Mass – Link on Facebook and OLBH.org for the 2020 Graduating Class

Sunday, May 17

SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

8 AM Mass the Priests of the Diocese of Rapid City

11 AM Mass for the community of Our Lady of the Black Hills and our sister parishes

Noon-6 PM Adoration

1-3:30 PM Sacrament of Reconciliation

Due to the COVID-19 Virus there are no public Masses. Fr. Andrzej offers Mass privately each day for the following intentions. Please pray for these intentions at home each day:

May 11 for Catholic Extension

May 12 for All Souls in Purgatory

May 13 for Steph Hohm

May 14 for Jim Wranek

May 15 for Tegann Hohm

Intentions of the Holy Father for May

Pope's Intention: For Deacons, That deacons, faithful in their service to the Word and the poor, may be an invigorating symbol for the entire Church.

Prayers for our Deployed Military

Jeremy Reeve

Josh Kornmann (grandson of Larry and Margaret Taylor)

Prayer Chain Requests

To request an intention for the prayer chain, please contact Sue Colgan at 431-0310 or at ssacolgan@gmail.com.

Eucharistic Adoration - ONGOING

For information on Adoration or to sign up to Adore or to fill in as a substitute, please contact Dave Allardyce at 791-2303.

Prayers for Life and Health Concerns

Names will be left for three months; please call to request prayers for someone.

- **Edwin Weaver** (father of Bob Weaver) • **Dean Antonsen**
- **Blanche Rieth** • **Jobie Berger** • **Bernard Wiehl**
- **Dennis Schumacher** • **Bette Stebbins** • **Ryan Wilson**
- **Tom Ryan** (father of Lorinda Collings) • **Lowell Amiotte**
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- **Peggy Laurenz** (niece of Cap and Arlene Holzer)
- **Cheryl Pederson** (sister of Debra Jensen) • **Cliff Roemich**
- **Christy Marie** (sister of Linda Schacher) • **Marek Kopec**
- **Alicia Castor** (niece of Kathleen and Lowell Amiotte)
- **Nila Serfling** (mother of Jason) • **Moneik Stephens**
- **Chelly Roemich** (daughter in law of Cliff and Judy)
- **Ryan Wilson**

† Necrology †

To remember in prayer for the repose of their souls, those whose deaths are recorded in the parish; and the bishops, priests, and deacons that have served the Diocese of Rapid City.

May 11	Rev. Philip Calrk, T.O.R. (1972) Rev. Aloysius B. Grady (1978)
May 12	Mederic A. Ricard (1976)
May 13	Rev. John Toohey, C.S.C. (1905) Rev. Leo O'Doherty (1994)
May 14	Rev. Aloysius Bosch, S.J. (1903) James Allen "Jim" Wranek (2014)
May 15	Mary L. Bies Burnette (1987)
May 16	Rev. Henry H. Kelly (1933) Rev. William P. Diskin (1980)

Safe Environment

The Catholic Diocese of Rapid City is firmly committed to creating and maintaining the safest possible environment for our children. To report allegations of sexual abuse by church personnel, contact the Victim Assistance Coordinator. In accordance with diocesan policy, all allegations of sexual misconduct involving children or young people and priests, deacons, lay employees, or volunteers serving the Diocese of Rapid City will be investigated. **Victim Assistance Coordinator - Barbara Scherr 605.209.3418**

Safe Faith Environment

Safe Faith Environment Training is **mandatory for all paid staff and adult volunteers** please contact Katie, Safe Faith Environment Coordinator, at 787.5168 for details.

Daily Readings

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 1:15-17, 20-26; PS 113:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 7-8; JN 15:9-17
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: ACTS 8:5-8, 14-17; PS PS 66:1-3, 4-5, 6-7, 16, 20; 1 PT 3:15-18; JN 14:15-21

The weekly readings can be found anytime online on the USCCB website or by clicking: [Weekly Readings](#)



COMMUNITY & DIOCESAN NEWS

Limited Attendance Mass is resuming at Our Lady of the Black Hills

Limited Public Masses will be offered throughout the week, there will be a **50 person maximum**.

"Sunday and Saturday will not be seen as superior to celebrating Mass on another day. This is not a dismissal of the importance of Sunday or our tradition but rather is an accommodation to allow as many people as possible within these guidelines to celebrate limited public Masses as often as possible. The faithful remain dispensed from the obligation to attend Holy Mass." –Diocese of Rapid City

YOU MUST CALL THE OFFICE TO ATTEND MASS

(605) 787-5168

*You will not be permitted to attend Mass without signing up per Diocesan policy.

To make Mass more available, we are temporarily adding Mass times:

Mass Times: Monday through Friday 8 AM & 6 PM Saturday 8 AM & 5 PM (Livestreamed) Sunday 8 & 11 AM

Reconciliation: Wednesday 4:30-5:30 PM, Saturday 3:30-4:30 PM, and Sunday 1:30-3 PM

Adoration: Wednesday 8:30-5:30 PM and Sunday Noon-6 PM

1. You may sign up for Mass from one week prior until 2:30 PM the day prior to the Mass you wish to attend (by 2:30 PM Friday to attend a weekend Mass).
- a. Masses are limited to 50 people.
- b. You cannot exchange Mass times once requested per diocesan policy. Call the office to cancel.
- c. Please rotate your days of attendance.

2. Please bring a mask or you will be issued one.
3. Ushers will check your name on the roster.
4. Only those who were regularly attending Mass at OLBH prior to the COVID19 suspension of Masses will be allowed to attend Mass at OLBH.
5. During Mass no physical contact is allowed during the Our Father nor during the Sign of Peace.

Our Lady of the Black Hills Limited Mass Attendance Plan during COVID19

1. The faithful remain dispensed from the obligation to attend Holy Mass on Sunday. Please discern your own attendance.
 - a. If you feel unsafe, you should feel no guilt or shame in staying home. You should feel a freedom to permit others who are comfortable attending to do so.
 - b. All who enter the church are must follow six foot minimum social distancing and personal hygiene practices.
 - i. Social Distancing is maintained upon entering, exiting, in Mass, and during the Communion procession.
 - ii. All will be seated as individuals or household with social distancing guidelines in all directions.
 - c. Those in high risk for contracting COVID19 are encouraged to remain sheltered and safe.
 - d. If you are living with someone sick, you are asked to remain at home.
2. Mass Times
 - a. Masses will accommodate 50 individuals at each Mass based on square footage guidelines recommended by the CDC and the Diocese of Rapid City.
 - b. You must attend Mass at the parish you were attending prior to the COVID19 suspension of public Masses.
 - c. Those not on the list of attendees (by 2:30 PM the day prior, or by 2:30 PM on Friday for Saturday and Sunday Masses) will not be permitted to attend Mass and will be asked to schedule a different time to attend Mass.
 - d. Monday-Friday 8 & 6 PM
 - e. Saturday 8 & 5 PM, Mass will be recorded and live streamed every Saturday during the 5 PM Mass.
 - f. Sunday 8 & 11 AM
3. Adoration
 - a. Wednesday 8:30-5:30 PM and Sunday Noon-6 PM
4. Reconciliation
 - a. Wednesday 4:30-5:30 PM and Sunday 1:30-3 PM
5. Face Masks
 - a. To fall into compliance with CDC recommendations please bring a mask or one will be issued to you.
 - b. Gloves may be brought and worn if you desire.
6. A list of all attendees will be recorded and checked. These records of attendance are maintained.
7. A regular collection will not be taken. The collection basket is will remain near the baptismal font.
8. Priest
 - a. The priest will wear a face mask during the distribution of Communion.
 - b. The priest will sanitize his hands immediately prior to and immediately following the distribution of Communion.
9. Ushers
 - a. Ushers will check that attendees are signed up on the list.
 - b. Ushers will walk each individual/family individually to their assigned seat.
 - c. Ushers will turn in the list to the office at the end of Mass or once check in is finalized.
 - d. Ushers will keep a secure eye on the door to ensure no one enters Mass late that is not on the list; please plan for extra time at the beginning of Mass to allow for proper seating.
 - e. Ushers will ensure social distancing guidelines are being followed before, during, and after Mass as well as during the Communion procession.
10. Lectors – One lector per Mass, will read both readings and the Psalm (in the absence of musicians).
11. Altar Server – There will be one Altar Server per Mass.
12. Sanitization
 - a. Individuals will be assigned to each Mass to sanitize the pews following each and every Mass.
 - b. Disposable Worship Aids will be provided for each Mass.
 - c. Sanitizer Stations:
 - i. Inside the main entrance hall, On either side of the Baptismal font, Outside of the bathroom, In the confessional (library for social distancing purposes)
 - d. Sanitizing cloths are available for each person to sanitize their space prior to and following Mass.
 - e. All pews are sanitized following each Mass using Sani tab water. Rags and gloves will be disposed of.
13. These guidelines are subject to change based on the course of the pandemic, hospitalization rates, the CDC, and the Diocese of Rapid City.

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May 2020

Our Lady of the Black Hills Parish

Fr. Andrzej Wyrostek, Pastor

One Minute Meditations

St. Rita of Cascia

Born in 1381 near Spoleto, Italy, St.

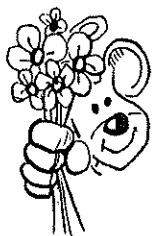
Rita was known for her holiness and charity from a young age. She wanted to be a nun but was forced into marrying when she was twelve. Unfortunately, her husband was cruel and violent. After eighteen years, she was widowed. Following the deaths of her sons, she finally entered the convent, where she became known for her piety, kindness, and humility. She is the patron saint of impossible causes.



Honor Mary

Jesus performed his first public miracle because his Mother asked. He said "no" at first, but his mother asked for help. The Bible is clear—Jesus listens to his Mother.

"Have no anxiety at all, but in everything, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, make your requests known to God. Then the peace of God that surpasses all understanding will guard your hearts and minds in Christ Jesus." (Philippians 4:6)



Why does God let us suffer?

When we watch a loved one suffer – or suffer ourselves – hearing "it's God's will," can feel unsatisfying. The implication is that God directs us like chess pieces, and bad things result. In fact, germs, atmospheric conditions, human error, or just plain chance account for what is often outside of our control. It helps to remember that God is always present, he wills our good, and evil is not of his doing.

God is always present.

Our Father loves us deeply, cares about our concerns right down to the hairs on our heads (Matthew 10:30). He urges us to respond well to a world we can't control. If we let him, God will enable us to learn and grow

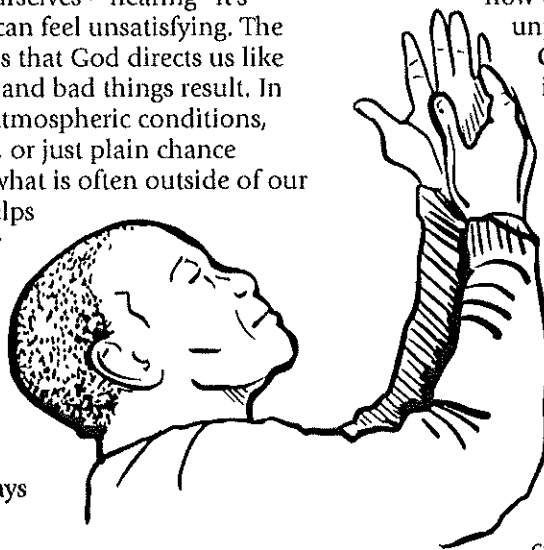
through our experiences, no matter how overwhelming or unpleasant.

God wills our good. It is not God's will that we suffer. The ways of the world aren't always in harmony with his will.

However, his plan for us will bring us the ultimate good. He loves us with true love and wants us prepped and ready for Heaven.

God doesn't make evil. What we see as evil in the world, God can use for good. When we cooperate with him,

suffering becomes meaningful, struggle worthwhile, victory affirming, and even the acceptance of what we cannot overcome life-giving, as they were for Jesus.



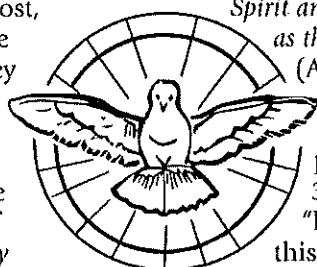
Why Do Catholics Do That?

Why do Catholics call Pentecost the "birthday of the Church?"

On the feast of Pentecost, the Apostles were in the Upper Room where they held the Passover with Jesus. All of a sudden, the Holy Spirit descended on the Apostles in the form of wind and fire. "And they were all filled with the Holy

Spirit and began to speak in other tongues, as the Spirit gave them utterance" (Acts 2:4).

Then the Apostles were emboldened and rushed out to preach the Gospel and baptized 3,000 people. We call this the "birthday" of the Church because this is the day when the Holy Spirit made the Church visible to the world.



Jesus understands

"For we do not have a high priest who is unable to sympathize with our weaknesses, but one who has similarly been tested in every way, yet without sin" (Hebrews 4:15). It is astounding to think that in his human nature, Jesus experienced fear and suffering, just like we do. Even better, he wants to help.

Fear. Early in his life, soldiers hunted him down to kill him. His neighbors threatened him with harm when they didn't like his teaching. He endured a horrific Passion. Jesus coped by relying on prayer, grace, and



confidence in his Father's will. He showed us how so we can endure, as well.

Suffering. During his crucifixion, Jesus became sick, dehydrated, and exhausted as his body began to shut down. Once on the Cross, it became harder and harder for him to breathe. In fact, throughout his life, Jesus experienced how it feels for a body to fail. He knows how it feels to die. When we are sick and suffering, we can turn to him for a cure, or the grace and strength to accept his will. All we have to do is ask.

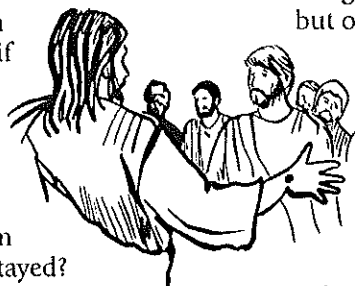
from Scripture

John 20:19-23, Jesus gives us the Holy Spirit

This Gospel shows us a glimpse of how most of the disciples spent their first Easter Sunday – hiding in fear. They were terrified the Romans would find them and execute them. What if the Resurrection really happened as Mary Magdalene said? What if Jesus came looking for them? Would he punish them for abandoning him when they should have stayed?

Yet, Jesus appeared to them within the locked room and spoke words of peace. He wasn't a ghost; his glorified body wasn't limited by the physical world. He showed them his wounds as

"the living proof" of the Resurrection. Imagine the Apostles' great relief at having their Friend back. Jesus did come looking for them, not in anger, but offering his forgiveness.



Instead of punishing them, Jesus gave them a mission and the Holy Spirit to help them. He said, *"Whose sins you forgive are forgiven them, and whose sins you retain are retained"* (John

20:23), establishing the Sacrament of Penance. Having authority to forgive sins, the Apostles and their successors could continue Jesus' work after he returned to Heaven.

Q & A

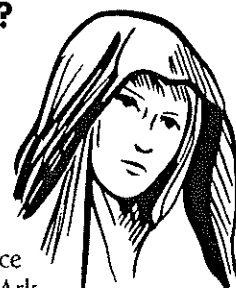
Why is Mary pictured with a blue mantle?

In the Old Testament, the Ark of the Covenant was covered in blue (or "violet") fabric for traveling (Numbers 4:5-6). God's Presence would "rest" on the Ark as a king sits on his throne (Exodus 25:22).

When Mary agreed to be the Mother of Jesus (i.e. God), she became his living "resting place." In art, Mary's blue mantle signals she is the new Ark of the Covenant.

Blue also indicates Mary's royal status. Jesus is the King of Heaven making Mary the Queen Mother. In Biblical times, the mother (not the wife) of the king was the queen. She wasn't as powerful as the king, but her intercession with him had significant influence.

Mary is not God, but her intercessory prayers for us are powerful because she is Jesus' mother. When we consider that Mary is also our mother by grace, her blue mantle invites us to entrust our concerns to her. Rather than an obstacle to Jesus, Mary leads us directly to him by a sure, safe path.



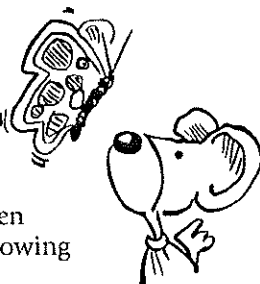
Feasts & Celebrations

May 12 – Sts. Nereus and Achilleus (1st century). Not much is known about them, but it is certain they were Roman soldiers under the Emperor Trajan. They converted to Christianity, were exiled from Rome, and eventually martyred.

May 14 – St. Matthias the Apostle (1st century). Chosen by lot to replace Judas Iscariot, St. Matthias is only mentioned once in Scripture, but had accompanied Jesus and the Twelve from the beginning. He spent his life preaching the Good News until his martyrdom.

May 18 - Pope St. John I (526). Born in Tuscany, Italy, John was elected pope in 523 while a deacon. His visit to Constantinople restored peace with the Eastern Church yet raised political suspicions. Arrested by King Theodoric, he died in prison.

May 21 – Solemnity of the Ascension of the Lord (1st century). 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.



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