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The saints of May offer advice on how to help lead others to God

By Annabelle Moseley

Meet an exiled bishop, a humble friar, and a comedic priest.

Many of us desire, to lead others closer to God; to help renew a zeal in those who have grown lukewarm, and to bring the light of faith to those who dwell in darkness.

The best advice for how to do just that can be drawn from the saints — the great cloud of witnesses that surround us and whose intercession we seek.

This May, in honor of Mary, Queen of All Saints, let us take a few minutes to listen to words of wisdom from Our Blessed Mother and some of her holiest fans. There's no better "self-help" than what they can offer us as we strive to become saints ourselves.

Here are four saints of May, along with advice for your life, in their own words. These saints offer very specific guidance on how to lead other souls to God. The saints join Our Lady of Fatima in helping you, prayerfully lead others to God.



May 2 — St. Athanasius

St. Athanasius, who died in 373, is one of the four doctors of the Eastern Church and is called "Champion of Christ's Divinity." As bishop in Egypt, St. Athanasius was repeatedly exiled for defending the Nicene Creed. While in exile, he discovered comfort in a great kinship with the work of St. Anthony of the Desert. St. Athanasius wrote the biography of St. Anthony of the Desert.

How often do we ask ourselves how we can more effectively preach the truth to others?

St. Athanasius advises, "The holy and inspired Scriptures are sufficient of themselves for the preaching of the truth."

To follow this advice, let us spend time each day reading Scripture, whether we open our Bible, read or listen to the Divine Office, or sign up for The Bible in a Year with Fr. Mike Schmitz. The more we familiarize ourselves with and steep ourselves in the holy Scriptures, the more we will know what to say to lead other hearts closer to God.

May 13 — Our Lady of Fatima

May 13, 1917, was the first apparition of Our Lady of Fatima to the three shepherd children — Lucia, Jacinta, and Francisco. Although there were multiple apparitions, May 13 is the feast of Our Lady of Fatima. The seers were mere children, playing together, when they first saw Our Lady appear, "more brilliant than the sun."

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Prayer for Priests & Future Priests

Eternal Father, We lift up to you these and all the priests of the world. Sanctify them, heal and guide them. Mold them into the likeness and holiness of your Son Jesus, the Eternal High Priest. May their lives be pleasing to you. In Jesus name, we pray. Amen.

05/15 • Rev. Alexander Padilla
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05/20 • Rev. Leonard Plazewski
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These are the names of the active priests and seminarians in our Diocese. Remember our Bishop has designated Wednesdays as Diocesan Day of Prayer for Vocations. Please continue to pray that more young people will hear and answer God's call to the Priesthood and Religious Life.

Receive Encouragement Each Day

You are invited to sign up to receive daily Scripture reflections on *Courageously Living the Gospel* that will provide suggestions and prayers for more boldly living your faith. Reflection writers include local Catholic leaders such as Bishop Gregory Parkes. You can choose to receive the reflections via email or text. Sign up to be courageous, visit www.dosp.org/reflection

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May 15, 2022

Fifth Sunday of Easter

Acts 14:21-27 | Rev 21:1-5a | Jn 13:31-33a, 34-35

GROW AS A DISCIPLE | PRAY, STUDY, ENGAGE, SERVE

I'm an expressive one when it comes to sharing my opinions: I absolutely LOVE these new shoes! I LOVE, LOVE, LOVE this lemon meringue pie! All good. My friends and family are mildly pleased that I am content with my wardrobe and my diet. But in today's Gospel, Jesus gives us the great commandment, combining the two commandments – to love God and to love neighbor – into one: "Love one another. As I have loved you, so you also should love one another." But what does it really mean to *love*? Saint Paul says it is to be patient, kind, and to rejoice with the truth; it is not being jealous, pompous, rude, or quick-tempered. (1 Cor 13: 4-6) Saint Thomas Aquinas says that "to love is to will the good of another." The love we show is the very essence of what it means to be Christian. "*This* (italics added) is how all will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another."

GO EVANGELIZE

PRAYER, INVITATION, WITNESS, ACCOMPANIMENT

In today's reading from Acts, Paul, and Barnabas return from their travels to various Christian communities. They have shared the Good News, making disciples in each place and building up the Church. Yet when they return, they do not gloat or boast of their accomplishments. Rather, they "reported what God had done with them and how he had opened the door of faith to the Gentiles." Sometimes in our strivings – to be better friends or parents, better Christians, better at sharing our faith – we can become discouraged when we fall short. Paul, arguably the best evangelist ever, reminds us that God works through us, not the other way around. We are to persevere, placing our trust in God. Through him we are able to love as he does, and help others come to know that same love.

ACTIONS Spring is upon us! Plant something and watch it grow. Just as the sun and water nurture a garden, God nurtures and helps us grow through the Holy Spirit and the people around us. How can we in turn share that love with others?



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Saturday, May 14, Feast of Saint Matthias, Apostle
4:00 p.m. Jennifer Andrews (Dec)

Sunday, May 15, Fifth Sunday of Easter
8:00 a.m. Paige Calhoun (Dec)
9:30 a.m. *Mass for Parishioners*
11:30 a.m. Domenico Gammaraccio (Dec)

Monday, May 16, Easter Weekday
8:00 a.m. Marlene Romani (Dec)

Tuesday, May 17, Easter Weekday
8:00 a.m. Gertrude B. (Trudy) Murray (Dec)

Wednesday, May 18, Memorial of Saint John I, Pope, Martyr
8:00 a.m. *Mass for Vocations*

Thursday, May 19, Easter Weekday
8:00 a.m. Dee Dee Morrow (Dec)

Friday, May 20, Easter Weekday
8:00 a.m. Lyliane Covington (Dec)

Saturday, May 21, Memorial of Saint Christopher Magallanes, Priest, and Companions, Martyrs
8:00 a.m. Laura Lyons (Dec)
4:00 p.m. Jennifer Andrews (Dec)

Sunday, May 22, Sixth Sunday of Easter
8:00 a.m. Art Hanley (Dec)
9:30 a.m. *Mass for Parishioners*
11:30 a.m. Albert Castillo (Dec)

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Loving as New Creations

“There’s something different about you.”

Think about the times in your life when this has been said to you. Maybe it was after someone complimented you on a job well done, and you realized that you were walking through life with a little more confidence. Maybe it was after meeting someone special, as you carried the glow of that relationship wherever you went. Chances are, if someone has noticed something different about you, it’s because, inwardly, you’ve been changed by the loving or respectful actions of another person.

Love, you see, can make us into new creations. From the love of God flows the grace to tackle any challenge, including the biggest challenge of all: loving each other well. Christ knows what a big request this is. He was human, too. He came and lived among us. He knew intimately what it was to love people in the chaos of their own flaws. He knew what he was asking of us when he said, “As I have loved you, so you should also love one another.”

In essence, this is the call to stewardship: loving as Christ loves, amidst the messiness of everyday reality. Loving with accountability, challenging ourselves and our brothers and sisters to be faithful even when it is hard. Loving with an unflinching sense of hospitality that welcomes even those we do not agree with or understand. Loving with gratitude, giving thanks for the great variety of ways that Christ can make himself known to us through others.

It isn’t easy — we all know that. But if we ask God for the grace to remain steadfast in this greatest commandment, we will be given what we need to live as new creations.

— Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS

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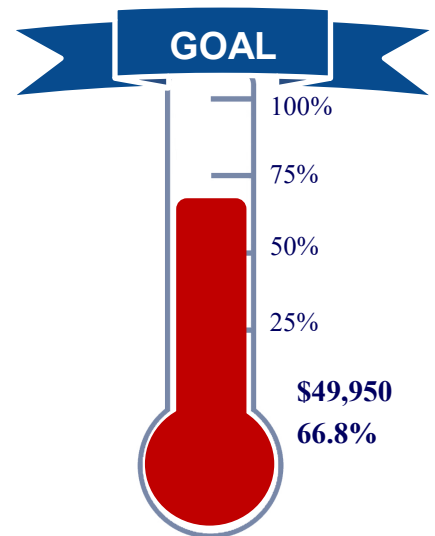
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The saints of May *Continued from cover*

Mary exhorted them on this date to “pray, pray very much. Make sacrifices for sinners. Many souls go to hell, because no one is willing to help them with sacrifice.”

Our Lady also asked the three shepherd children, “Do you wish to offer yourselves to God to endure all the sufferings that He may be pleased to send you, as both an act of reparation for the sins with which He is offended and an act of supplication for the conversion of sinners? Well then, you will have much to suffer. But the grace of God will be your comfort.” And then, Our Lady added, ‘Pray the Rosary every day to obtain peace for the world and the end of the war.’

And so Our Lady’s advice on how to help souls is to pray the Rosary every day, and offer up sacrifices for sinners. Do we take that opportunity every day? Why not offer up a daily chore or little, loving sacrifices while praying the words our Lady of Fatima taught us, “O Jesus, it is for love of Thee, for the conversion of sinners, and in reparation of the sins committed against the Immaculate Heart of Mary.”

The advice of Our Blessed Mother on how to help souls is clear: “Pray the Rosary every day.”

May 20 — St. Bernardine of Siena

We read earlier that St. Athanasius was “Champion of Christ’s Divinity,” and so too did St. Bernardine of Siena, who died in 1444, also lovingly point to the divinity of Christ.

A famous Franciscan preacher, Bernardine is famous for spreading devotion to the Holy Name of Jesus. He reconciled those at odds with one another; helped save souls through his ardent preaching, and inspired many priestly vocations. A humble priest, he was three times offered to be made a bishop and all three times he refused. After preaching for fifty days in a row, he died, having truly spent himself for the Lord.

St. Bernardine of Siena gives awesome advice for how to lead souls closer to God, and it is through wishing them well and loving them:

“For the love of God, love one another. Do you not see that if you delight in the ruin of one another what will come upon you because of this? Amend yourselves for the love of God.”

May 26 — St. Philip Neri

St. Philip Neri (1515-1595) is a patron saint of joy and laughter and was known to be a superb teacher who led by example, as well as with humor and humility.

His joyful energy drew people from all walks of life closer to God. He received many mystical graces, such as on the eve of Pentecost when a globe of fire entered his mouth, an unfathomable love for God overwhelmed him, and a physical swelling appeared over his heart.

Yet despite these graces, he remained humble and didn’t take himself too seriously. He would famously wear his cloak inside out, and even shaved off one half of his beard to make people laugh while practicing humility.

St. Philip Neri spent long hours listening to confessions and died after he had heard confessions for eight hours. He reminds us that as we teach our young people about the faith, we must combine devotion and diligence in prayer with a humble joy in the Lord. So let us be fools for God and for everything holy!

St. Philip Neri is the patron saint of the Catholic Homeschool Conference so if you or someone you know homeschools or wants to consider it, why not learn more about teaching at home in a spirit of great joy, just as St. Philip Neri did!

In the words of St. Philip Neri, “A joyful heart is more easily made perfect than a downcast one.” So when we are evangelizing, teaching our kids, or trying to lead anyone closer to God, let us remember to do so from a place of authentic joy in the Lord.

Saints of May, as we seek and follow your advice, pray for us! And in the words of a time-honored, prayerful aspiration that is said to accomplish just what it asks when prayed with devotion, we pray, “Jesus, Mary, I love you! Save souls!”

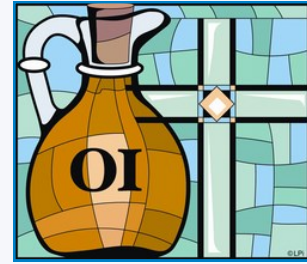
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