



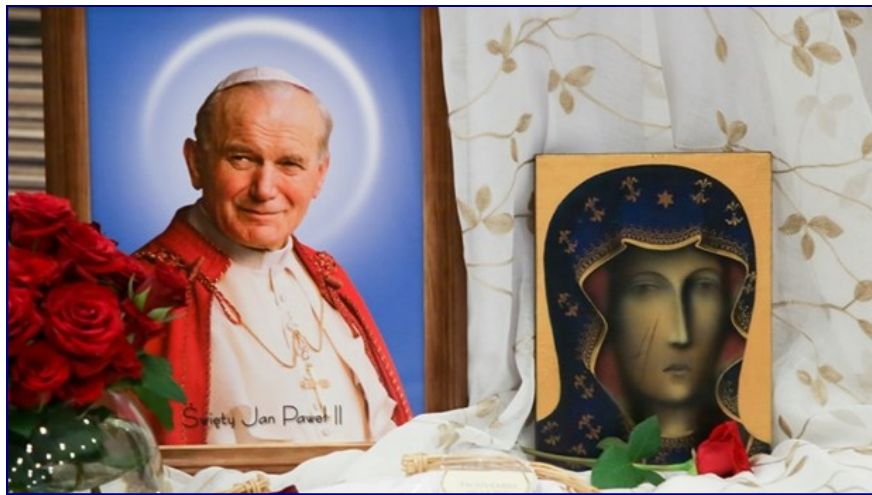
# Blessed Trinity

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May 29, 2022 ▪ The Ascension of the Lord

## On Memorial Day, a prayer to the Virgin Mary for peace by St. John Paul II



*By Philip Kosloski*

*As we remember the fallen, let us pray for an end to the violence in the world.*

Memorial Day in the United States is a day when fallen soldiers are remembered by their relatives and friends. Often it is a day for visiting cemeteries and the graves of those who died in battle.

While many died valiantly defending the innocent, their deaths remind us of the sadness of war and how God desires peace to reign in the hearts of all.

As we ponder this mystery, below is a prayer for peace composed by St. John Paul II, on the World Day of Peace in 2002.

Let us continue to pray for peace and an end to all violence in the world.

*“Salve, Madre santa!” Virgin Daughter of Zion, how deeply must your Mother’s heart suffer for this bloodshed! The child you embrace has a name that is dear to the peoples of biblical religion: “Jesus,” which means “God saves.” So the Archangel named him before he was conceived in your womb (cf. Lk 2,21). In the face of the newborn Messiah, we recognize the face of all your children, who suffer from being despised and exploited. We recognize especially the faces of your children, to whatever race, nation or culture they may belong. For them, O Mary, for their future, we ask you to move hearts hardened by hatred so that they may open to love and so that revenge may finally give way to forgiveness. Obtain for us, O Mother, that the truth of this affirmation — no peace without justice, no justice without forgiveness — be engraved on every heart. Thus the human family will be able to find the true peace, that flows from the union of justice and mercy. Holy Mother, Mother of the Prince of Peace, help us! Mother of Humanity and Queen of Peace, pray for us!*

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#### **Weekday Masses**

Monday - Saturday 8:00 AM

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Saturday Vigil at 4:00 PM

Sunday

8:00 AM, 9:30 AM & 11:30 AM

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## **Memorial Day Mass**

Join us on May 30, 2022 at 10:00 am, for the Memorial Day Mass at Calvary Catholic Cemetery, 11801 US Highway 19 North, Clearwater.

Reverend Hugh Chikawe, Chaplain for Catholic Cemeteries, will be the main celebrant. Please join us for this special Mass, as we remember those who gave their lives in service to our country and all the souls of the faithful departed. All are welcome!

## **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.

05/29 • Rev. Pedro J. Zapata  
05/30 • Rev. Lucius Amarillas, OSBB  
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06/01 • For Vocations to Priesthood & Religious Life  
06/02 • Rev. Krzysztof Gazdowicz  
06/03 • Rev. Phillip Clement  
06/04 • Rev. Dominic J. Corona

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](http://www.dosp.org/reflection)





May 29, 2022

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FAITHFUL  
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## The Ascension of the Lord

Acts 1:1-11 | Eph 1:17-23 or Heb 9:24-28; 10:19-23 |  
Lk 24:46-53

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

"Praise Jesus." Those two words pack a powerful punch. We often say them with relief on hearing news of a better-than-expected prognosis, celebrating a milestone, seeing a beautiful sunset, or other moments when we feel God's presence. Jesus' ascension to the Father was clearly one of those moments. After Jesus was taken up into heaven, the Apostles "returned to Jerusalem with great joy, and they were continually in the temple praising God." We might wonder how they could do that, after watching Jesus depart. I think the answer is found in Paul's Letter to the Ephesians. The Apostles had what Paul desired for the people of Ephesus, and for all people: "a Spirit of wisdom and revelation resulting in knowledge of [Christ]"; enlightened hearts that know "the hope that belongs to his call" for all who believe. The Lord has brought us salvation: "Sing praise to God, sing praise; sing praise to our king, sing praise."

### GO EVANGELIZE

PRAYER, INVITATION, WITNESS, ACCOMPANIMENT

Jesus said, "You will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes upon you, and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, throughout Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth." The Apostles took Jesus' words to heart, and we must too. In a homily in 2013, Pope Francis said: "The Ascension does not point to Jesus' absence, but tells us that he is alive in our midst in a new way. He is no longer in a specific place in the world as he was before the Ascension. He is now in the lordship of God, present in every space and time, close to each one of us." As the two men clothed in white reminded the Apostles, Jesus will return. And we know that he is not distant, but that he is fully present to us in a new way. His presence is felt through the workings of the Holy Spirit in our lives and in the sacraments.

**GIFTS OF THE SPIRIT** Remember confirmation? A refresher on the gifts of the Spirit can serve as inspiration when we have a big decision to make or need guidance in our everyday lives: wisdom, understanding, counsel, fortitude, knowledge, piety and fear of the Lord.





## Are You Hoping to Receive One of the Seven Sacraments With Us?

### Matrimony

Congratulations on your engagement! Every Diocese in Florida requires at least six months preparation before marriage. Please call our Pastor, Fr. Wayne Genereux, at the Parish Office for an appointment before setting a date.

### Baptism

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## Mass Intentions

### Saturday, May 28, Easter Weekday

4:00 p.m. Jennifer Andrews (Dec)

### Sunday, May 29, Ascension of the Lord

8:00 a.m. Jon Vande Laare (Dec)

9:30 a.m. Mass for Parishioners

11:30 a.m. Paige Calhoun (Dec)

### Monday, May 30, Easter Weekday

8:00 a.m. Lyliane Corvington (Dec)

4:00 p.m. Private Mass

### Tuesday, May 31, Feast of the Visitation of the Blessed Virgin Mary

8:00 a.m. Paul Manley (Dec)

### Wednesday, June 1, Memorial of Saint Justin, Martyr

8:00 a.m. Mass for Vocations

### Thursday, June 2, Memorial of Saints Marcellinus and Peter, Martyrs

8:00 a.m. Anne Deakins (Dec)

### Friday, June 3, Memorial of Saint Charles Lwanga and Companions, Martyrs

8:00 a.m. Delores Bolin (Dec)

### Saturday, June 4, Easter Weekday

8:00 a.m. Lyliane Corvington (Dec)

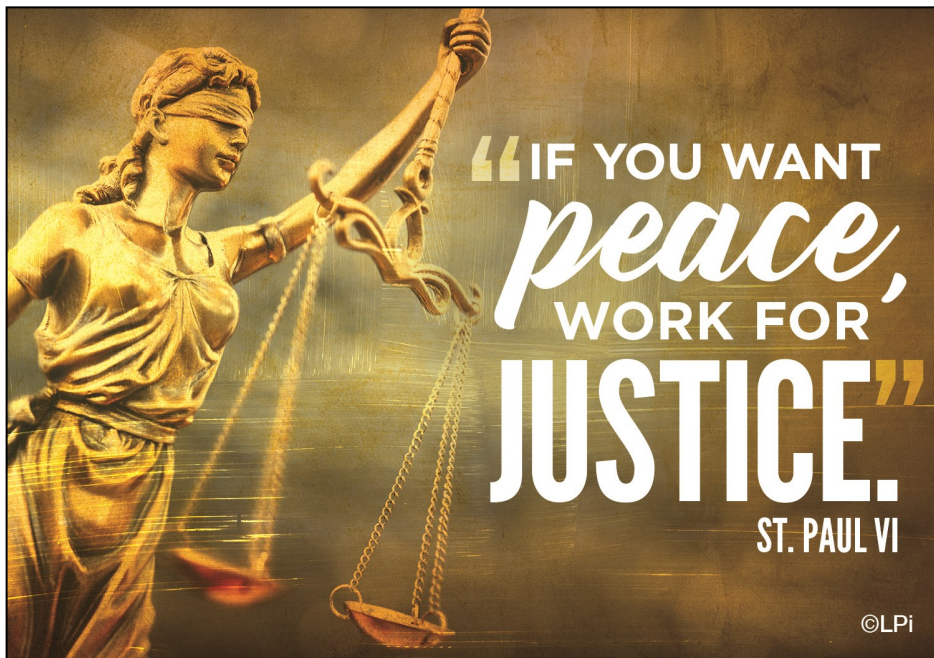
4:00 p.m. Jim Lawler & Pat Sullivan (Dec)

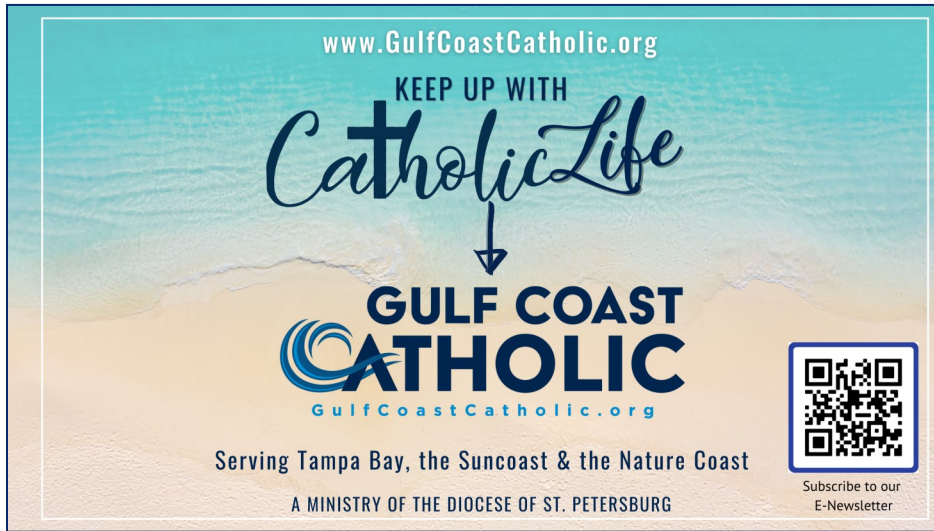
### Sunday, June 5, Pentecost Sunday

8:00 a.m. Vince Heffern (Dec)

9:30 a.m. Mass for Parishioners

11:30 a.m. Steve & Ann Clancy (Liv)





## EVERYDAY STEWARDSHIP - RECOGNIZE GOD IN YOUR ORDINARY MOMENTS

### God's Game of Telephone

You've probably played the game of "pass it on" before, maybe years ago on the playground. It's a simple concept: one person whispers something in another person's ear, and it gets repeated person by person throughout the group, until finally the last one to hear the message has to say it out loud. Whatever ends up being said at the end of the game is usually a far cry from the original statement, and everyone has a good laugh.

As individuals, we don't receive news in the same way. Our personalities, our histories, our weaknesses, and our strengths determine how we interact with information we encounter in the world, both good and bad. One person will interpret a compliment positively; someone else will take offense. One person reacts to news of a job promotion with joy, another is disappointed that now they will have less time with their family. The same news can mean completely different things to different people.

But what God gives us is the truth in love, and the truth in love is the same in every place and in every time, for every person of every race. When Christ prayed to the Father that "the love with which you loved me may be in them," he was asking that the magnificent gift that had been imparted to him would also be imparted to us.

Our job is to play a game of pass it on with this gift of love. How do we keep it from becoming warped? Through remaining committed to the word of God, to the sacraments, and to one another.

In this game, we don't change the message. The message changes us. And we have to give it away to keep it.

— Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS

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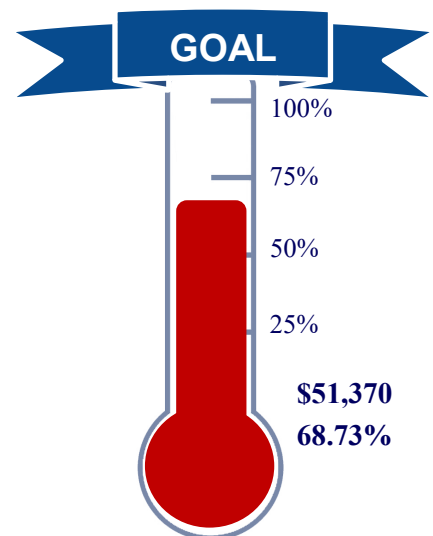
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## Deacons

### Question:

At a parish council meeting, our pastor mentioned the need for deacons. It is something I am considering. How do I know if I have a vocation? What steps should I take next?

### Answer:

Any and all gifts that the Holy Spirit gives to the church are for the good of the community. As members of the Body of Christ, what one member does affects all. What the body does also affects each member. A vocation or call to ministry is tested and verified by the church. Through prayer, instruction, and service, a vocation is tested, and then acknowledged by the official call to orders or to service.

If you are considering becoming a deacon, the first step would be to talk to your pastor. He will be able to give you more specific information on the program in your diocese, what is expected of you, and how you apply. You might also begin to see a spiritual director, someone who can help you with your faith journey and vocation discernment. They do so by focusing on prayer, your relationship with God, and spiritual practices. Finally, you'll need to see the diocesan vocation director in charge of deacons to apply. Best wishes!

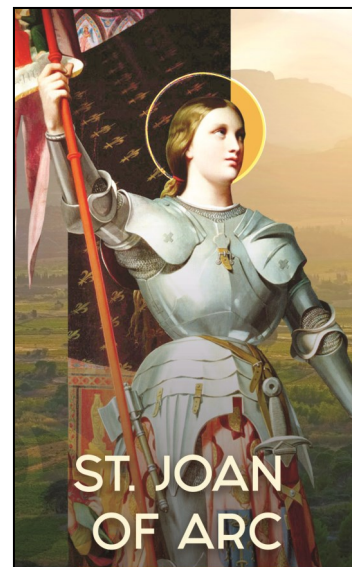
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## St. Stephen Gatherings

The Office of the Diaconate plans to begin a new inquiry group in October 2022, and will be hosting St. Stephen Gatherings for those interested in learning more about the Permanent Diaconate. With Deacons and wives in attendance, this will be an evening of information, conversation, and refreshments. If you have someone in your community who may have expressed an interest in the Diaconate, please feel free to invite them and their wives (if applicable), better yet, join them for one of these evenings from **6:30pm to 8:00pm**:

- Tuesday, June 21, 2022, Cathedral of St. Jude Parish Center, St. Petersburg
- Thursday, June 23, 2022, St. Joan of Arc Parish Center, Spring Hill
- Tuesday, June 28, 2022, St. Timothy Parish Center, Lutz

Please contact the Diaconate Office via phone 727-341-6826 or [diaconate@dosp.org](mailto:diaconate@dosp.org) to reserve a spot now.



## St. Joan of Arc | May 30

St. Joan of Arc (1412 – 1431) has had her story told throughout history through many books, movies and plays. She was born in the village of Domrémy, near the province of Lorraine, to a French peasant family. At a young age, she began to experience visions and voices, which were later identified to be of St. Michael, St. Catherine of Alexandria, and St. Margaret of Antioch. At the age of 13, all three saints told her that she was to drive the English from French territory, and that she must bring the Dauphin to Reims for his coronation. Trusting in God, she did as she was told.

During the Hundred Years War, St. Joan of Arc led French troops against the English and recaptured the cities of Orléans and Troyes. Captured near Compiegne the following year, she was sold to the English and placed on trial for heresy and witchcraft, eventually being found guilty and burned at the stake in Rouen.

St. Joan of Arc was canonized by Pope Benedict XV on May 16, 1920, and is the patron saint of military members.

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# MEMORIAL DAY

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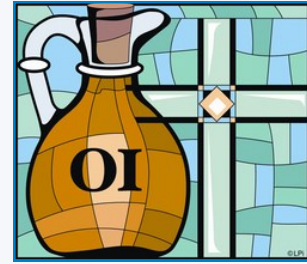
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To request the Anointing of the Sick for yourself or a loved one, please contact the parish office, 727-867-3663.

If you or a close family member would like to be added or removed from our prayer list, please contact the parish office at 727-867-3663.