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Saints to help if Mother's Day is hard



Meg Hunter-Kilmer

If this is a painful holiday, for any reason, these saints can be a guide.

Mother's Day can be a beautiful holiday, a day to celebrate your mother or to be celebrated as a mother. For many, though, this is a painful day, as they remember their late mothers, grieve their broken relationships with their mothers or their children, mourn their lost children, or lament the children they've been unable to have.

If Mother's Day is hard for you, it may help to find some saints who can walk with you in your particular struggle. You are not alone.

If your mother has passed away: **St. Rafqa Pietra Choboq Ar-Rayès** (1832-1914) was a Lebanese girl of only seven when she lost her beloved mother. At 11, financial difficulties compelled her father to send Rafqa out to work as a servant; when she returned a few years later, she discovered that he had remarried. She never got along with her stepmother, who tried to pressure Rafqa into marriage. When Rafqa became a religious instead, she took the name of her beloved mother as her religious name. She suffered from debilitating chronic illness and for many years was blind and entirely immobile.

If you're estranged from your mother: **St. Maddalena of Canossa** (1774-1835) was the oldest of four noble Italian children. When she was five, her father died, and two years later her mother abandoned the children in order to remarry. She left them with their uncle (a marquis), who found a governess to raise them. Little Maddalena was devastated and turned to the Blessed Mother for comfort. "I wept ... before Mary," she later said, "invoking her in tears and calling her by the name of 'mamma!'" Though Maddalena eventually took the title marchioness and acted as hostess in a home so distinguished that it hosted Napoleon himself on several occasions, she longed to serve the poor and abandoned. Eventually, she left her title and her wealth behind to found the Canossian Sisters.

If you've lost a child to miscarriage or stillbirth: **St. Gianna Molla** (1922-1962) was an Italian doctor who married at almost 33 with hopes of having a large family. By their fourth anniversary, Gianna and her husband Pietro had three small children. But Gianna lost her fourth and fifth children to miscarriage; each time she was disconsolate, worried about the fate of her babies' souls and begging her friends to pray for them. When she became pregnant again and doctors found a tumor in her uterus, Gianna was ready to do whatever was necessary to save her baby, reminding Pietro, "If you must decide between me and the child, do not hesitate: choose the child—I insist on it. Save her." The baby was born healthy but Gianna died of complications a week later.

If you're mourning the loss of a child after birth: **Sts. Peter Choe Chang-hub and Magdalena Son So-Byok** (1786-1840, 1801-1840) were a married couple from Korea. They were parents of a young daughter when they lost their second child as an infant. And their third. And their fourth. Nine children in a row. All died as infants. Finally, another little girl survived, a balm for the grieving parents' souls, though they must surely have ached for the little ones they had buried. In 1839, when their oldest daughter, St.

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Monday - Saturday 8:00 AM

Weekend Masses

Saturday Vigil at 4:00 PM

Sunday

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

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Barbara Choe Yong-I, was a young mother and their youngest daughter was only 2, the family was arrested along with Barbara's husband, St. Charles Cho Shin-chol. Having entrusted their surviving children to others to raise, all four adults were tortured and martyred.

If you're estranged from your child: St. Martha Wang Luo Mande (1812-1861) was a Chinese laywoman who was unable to conceive but adopted two sons with her husband. Unfortunately, their sons became accustomed to wild living, spending their parents' money even after their father's death left their mother alone. Realizing that she had done all she could for them, Mande cut them off financially and moved away to run an inn, where she became a Catholic. Mande eventually went to work in the seminary; when the seminary was closed and its students imprisoned, Mande continued to bring them food in jail. And when those seminarians were being taken to their death, one of the guards tried to scare Mande by threatening to kill her, too. "Ah, well, that's fine," she said, as simply as always. "If they can die, so can I." So she did.

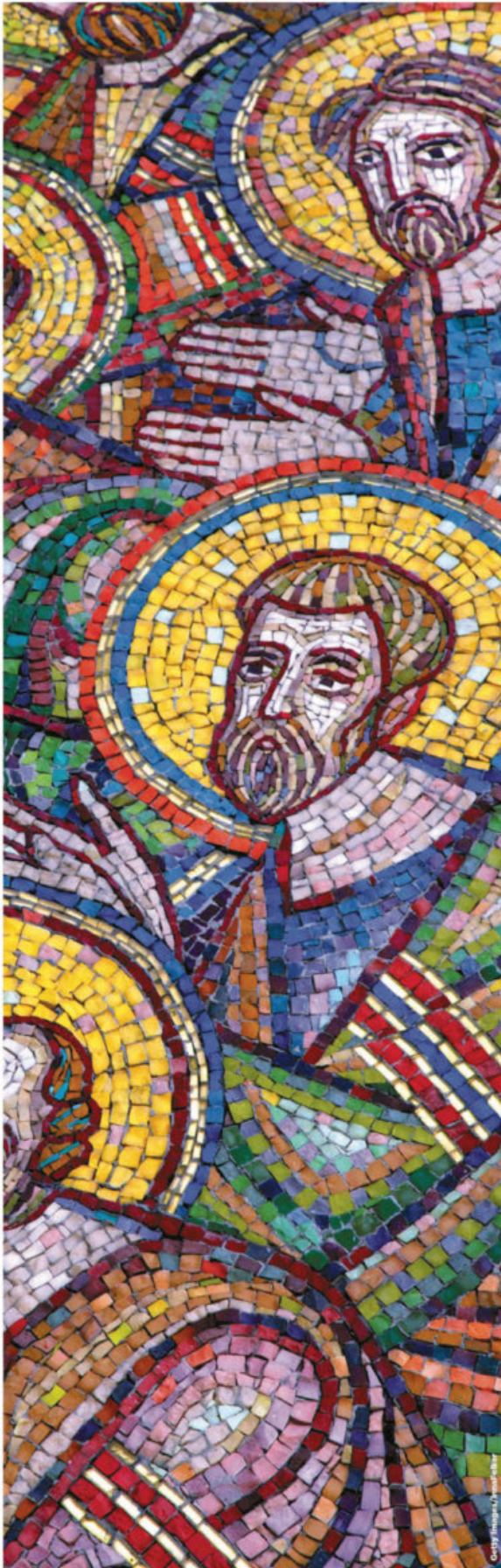
If you were never able to conceive: Servant of God Elisabeth Leseur (1866-1914) was a French woman married to an atheist who scoffed at her faith, though he loved her very much. The two were married for 25 years and were never able to have children. When Elisabeth died, her husband read her diary and was converted by the depth of faith and love he found there; he went on to become a Dominican priest.

If you're unmarried: Bl. Consuelo Aguiar-Mella Díaz (1898-1936) was a vivacious, fashionable Uruguayan woman who moved to Spain as a toddler, where she eventually worked in the property tax office and hoped to marry. At 38, she was dating a Spanish man and approaching engagement to him, but the Spanish Civil War separated them. Consuelo carried her Uruguayan diplomatic passport at all times for her protection, but was martyred with her sister Bl. Dolores Aguiar-Mella Díaz; unbeknownst to Consuelo, only three days earlier her boyfriend had been killed 200 miles away.

If you're parenting alone: Servant of God Catherine Doherty (1896-1985) was a Russian noblewoman who married her first cousin and served as a nurse in World War I before fleeing Russia during the Russian Revolution. The couple made their way to Canada, where Catherine gave birth to a son. Not long after, Catherine left her abusive and adulterous husband, later becoming a Catholic and obtaining an annulment. She and her son moved to New York where Catherine worked with the poor and fought for interracial justice. She married at 47, after her son was grown and, with her husband, founded a community called Madonna House that is still active today.

If you've had an abortion: Servant of God Dorothy Day (1897-1980) was a convert to Catholicism and the founder of the Catholic Worker movement, an international movement of solidarity with the poor. Before that, she was a single mother. Before that, she had an abortion. She's a beautiful witness of the healing that parents can find after abortion and the way God can work in them to make them great saints.

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May 14, 2023

Sixth Sunday of Easter

Acts 8:5-8, 14-17 | 1 Pt 3:15-18 | Jn 14:15-21

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

I know a few people whose method of book buying is to read the last few pages of a book first. They want to know if buying, or reading, the book is going to be worth it. As an avid bibliophile I find this to be something I could never do, but I understand their impulse. After all, it makes sense to want to have some kind of assurance that the journey one is taking – whether physical, spiritual, or literary – has a decent “payoff,” as it were. In today’s Gospel, Jesus promises his disciples that when he leaves he will provide “another Advocate” for them. We see this truth in action in the first reading, as with the laying on of hands by the apostles, those who had been baptized in Jesus’ name “received the Holy Spirit.” Christ’s life, death, and resurrection not only conquered death and brought us new life, it made way for the Holy Spirit who has come to dwell among and within us. The Lord has not left us alone. So while we may have a sense of what the sequel to our journey is, we trust the author of our story to help us write the ending of this one.

GO EVANGELIZE

PRAYER, INVITATION, WITNESS, ACCOMPANIMENT

The love of God and the gift of faith from the Holy Spirit brought the earliest disciples, and us, to the journey – to our own story of a life of discipleship. And while the Bible is indeed “a book,” it is also a compilation of books, letters, and events, and more, that give words to a living history of salvation that began before time and is outside of time and eternal. The Good News cannot be contained in pages – it must be lived, shared, and loved. And yes, it is good to know how it ends, but even that pales in relation to the joy and worthiness of the reading and living of the Word. That is for us to experience, and to share! As much gratification as there is in sharing our favorite new bestseller, we need to double and revamp our efforts when it comes to the Gospel. Give it away freely, to everyone, and shout out the ending. Jesus Christ is risen! He is risen indeed! And the Holy Spirit sets us free to love him and one another.

STUDY In order to truly live the Word and spread it to others as Jesus commanded, we must be familiar with the Scriptures. The *Word on Fire Bible*, featuring the Gospels only, is well-designed and includes commentary from Bishop Robert Barron as well as Church Fathers and recent saints and Catholic authors.



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

We are honored that you would like to choose Blessed Trinity Catholic Church for the baptism of your child! We ask that you please call our Pastor, Fr. Wayne Genereux, at the Parish Office for information regarding the pre-baptism class before scheduling a baptism.

Office Hours

Monday—Friday 9-12 and 1-4
Closed for Lunch Noon to 1 pm



Mass Intentions

Saturday, May 13, Feast of Our Lady of Fatima

8:00 a.m. William Isaac (Dec)

Saturday, May 13, Vigil for Sixth Sunday of Easter

4:00 p.m. Bill Hueston (Dec)

Sunday, May 14, Sixth Sunday of Easter

8:00 a.m. John Gray (Dec)

9:30 a.m. Mass for Parishioners

11:30 a.m. Gerald Hayman (Dec)

Monday, May 15, Memorial of St. Isidore the Farmer

8:00 a.m. Roger Dutilly & Family (Liv)

Tuesday, May 16, Easter Weekday

8:00 a.m. Anon 65th Wedding Anniversary

Wednesday, May 17, Easter Weekday

8:00 a.m. Mass for Vocations

Thursday, May 18, Saint John I, Pope and Martyr

8:00 a.m. Roger Dutilly & Family (Liv)

Friday, May 19, Easter Weekday

8:00 a.m. Susan A. Mays (Liv)

Saturday, May 20, Saint Bernardine of Siena, Priest, Religious

8:00 a.m. Steve Mercer (Dec)

Saturday, May 20, Vigil for the Ascension of the Lord

4:00 p.m. James Schlander (Dec)

Sunday, May 21, The Ascension of the Lord

8:00 a.m. Art Hanley (Dec)

9:30 a.m. Mass for Parishioners

11:30 a.m. John Romani, Jr. (Dec)

Finding New “Life in the Spirit”



It is God's desire that we live in the fullness of the Holy Spirit!

If you feel that you have not been growing in the Life of the Spirit, could it be that the Gifts of the Holy Spirit received at Baptism and strengthened at Confirmation have been neglected or are lying dormant in you and need to be re-awakened?

You will have the opportunity to receive a fresh outpouring of the Holy Spirit, experience an intensified awareness of the Presence and power of the Holy Spirit and find “New Life” in the Spirit when you join us...

- On Saturday, May 20 from 9:00 am to 3:00 pm in the Parish Center
- Bring “Brown Bag” Lunch. Drinks will be provided. **and**
- On Saturday, May 27 from 9:00 am to 12:00 pm in the Parish Center

Call the Parish Office @ 867-3663 to **SIGN IN** or for more information.

All are welcome!

Journeying Through Grief



"Grief is not a sign of weakness. It is a tribute to the loved one who died, and a healthy response to our heart ache."

If you would like to be part of a Grief-Support "group" or you would prefer "one on one" support, please call Rachel between

1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. at the parish office, 727-867-3663



RECOGNIZE GOD IN YOUR ORDINARY MOMENTS

My children could never succeed without their mother and me. That isn't me thinking too much of ourselves, it is just a fact. No one can find success in life in total isolation. I could never have become who I am today without my parents, various teachers and mentors, and my wife. Truth be told, I probably owe a lot of who I am to my children as well.

I can only imagine the fear and concern of the first disciples when it was apparent that Jesus was not going to be with them much longer. Some probably thought since Jesus had risen from the dead, he might just live with them in the same way forever. But Jesus tried to calm their fears by assuring them, "I will not leave you orphans." He said he would continue to come to them and that he would send the Spirit to be with them at all times. They would not have to continue what he had started and preach the good news to the ends of the earth on their own.

We may sometimes feel that we are alone. We may at times try to do too much or show others that we are independent and strong. However, without the help of others, without the help of God, true success will always elude us. Our actions and words can become empty. The gifts we have received can either be cultivated in secret and in the shadows, or we can welcome the help that God provides in his Spirit, his community, and the sacraments he gave us. By working together the world will truly know the power of the risen Lord.

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Priestly Ordination
Deacon Christian Galvan
 May 20, 2023 | 11:00 a.m.
 Cathedral of St. Jude the Apostle, St. Petersburg

Bishop Parkes Invites You!

With praise and gratitude to almighty God, Bishop Gregory Parkes invites you to attend the ordination of Deacon Christian Galvan on Saturday, May 20, 2023 at 11:00 a.m. at the Cathedral of St. Jude the Apostle in St. Petersburg. This will be a beautiful opportunity for our entire Diocese to gather and celebrate this most joyous occasion!! The ordination of a priest is one of the most beautiful liturgies in the Catholic faith. If you have never been to an ordination – this is your year! We encourage you to bring yourself and your family to this Mass. Also, please fervently pray for young men and women to answer the call to priesthood and religious life.

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.

05/14 • Rev. John McEvoy
 05/15 • Louis Candelaria Seminarian
 05/16 • Rev. Richard Jankowski
 05/17 • For Vocations to Priesthood & Religious Life
 05/18 • Rev. Joseph Paek
 05/19 • Rev. Alexander Padilla
 05/20 • Ordination to Priesthood of Christian Galvan

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.

Vocations

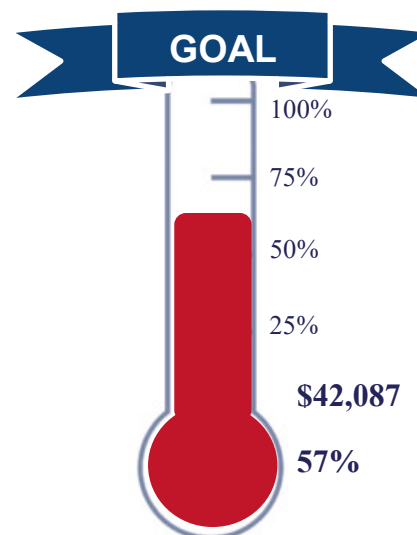
Are you called to serve the family of the Lord and share the Father's love as a priest, deacon, sister or brother?

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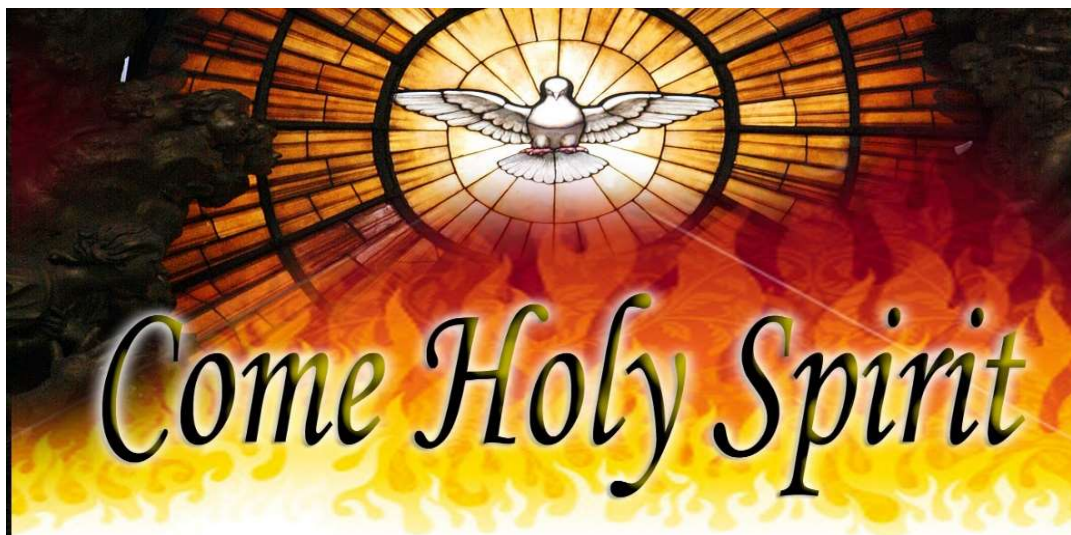
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Missionaries of Africa Community Retirement Home (9 men) in St. Petersburg has an immediate opening for a cook, to provide meals for lunch and supper on Saturday and Sunday. If you, or someone you know may be interested in this hourly position, please send an e-mail to star30@verizon.net.

Contact Denise at 813-215-9535 with any questions you may have regarding this position.



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about the gifts and charisms of the Holy Spirit and will
conclude with the “Baptism of the Holy Spirit.”*

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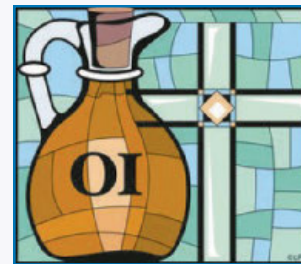
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Walsh, Thomas
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Anointing of the Sick

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.



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