

The three Minor Rogations, held on the three days immediately preceding Ascension Thursday, were introduced in 450 A.D. by Bishop St. Mamertus in his diocese of Vienne in Gaul (France). They were confirmed by the Fifth Council of Orleans in 511 and approved by Pope Leo III (795-816). Since ancient times, each Minor Rogation Day was celebrated at a particular church in Rome (called station church): Monday at St. Mary Major; Tuesday at St. John of Lateran; and Wednesday at St. Peter. Before Mass at these locations, prayers of the procession were said i.e., the Litany of All Saints and Rogation prayers.

This week, Fr Hathaway will offer the procession & Rogation Mass at SFdS on Monday at 9 am, Tuesday at 6:30 am & Wednesday at 9 am. On Tuesday, Fr Favole will offer the Procession at a parishioner home & the Rogation Mass on Tuesday at 12 noon at SFdS and the procession at a parishioner home.

If you can not come to church to say these prayers, please say them at home with your family. (See page 645 in the Roman Catholic Daily Missal; or the internet.) These are wonderful prayers of petition much needed in our day.

Please hear a lamentation of Dom Prosper Gueranger, OSB, regarding the Rogation devotions from his book The Liturgical Year... a book set of 15 volumes which I recommend to you all.

He writes,

“We take this opportunity of protesting against the negligence of Christians on this subject. Even persons who have the reputation of being spiritual think nothing of being absent from the Litanies said on St. Mark’s and the Rogation Days. One would have thought that when the Holy See took from these days the obligation of abstinence (he writes from the mid 1800’s) the faithful would be so much the more earnest to join in the duty still left - the duty of prayer. The people’s presence at the Litanies is taken for granted: and it is simply absurd that a religious rite of public reparation should be one from which almost all should keep away...”

“This is one of the many instances which might be brought forward of the strange delusions into which private and isolated devotion is apt to degenerate. When St. Charles Borromeo first took possession of his See of Milan, he found this negligence among his people, and that they left the clergy to go through the Litanies of April 25 by themselves. He assisted at them himself and walked barefooted in the procession. The people soon followed the sainted pastor’s example.”

While we will not process barefoot, we can, at least, pray the Litany of All Saints with a contrite heart... to appease the anger of God, which we too much deserve; to ask for divine protection against visible and invisible foes, which we dearly need; and to ask God for His blessings whereby we may advance our peace and our desire for heaven, which we should want very much.

To end, I encourage us all to say this Litany on the three days preceding Ascension Thursday. Our Lord will soon leave us... liturgically speaking. These are most excellent days in which to ask Him for some parting gifts. This Litany is a grocery list of most necessary things... for our own salvation, for our families’ salvation, for the good of the Church and, indeed, for the good of all the world. And, certainly, the Good Shepherd will not be deaf to our pleas before He bids us adieu.



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5th Sunday after Easter

May 10, 2026, A.D.

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Baptism: Contact the parish three months before a birth.
Marriage: Contact the parish six months before a wedding.
Inquiring about the Catholic Faith? Call the office.

Daily Mass Times

Mon. & Wed.: 6:30 am & 9 am.
Tues. & Thurs.: 6:30 am & 12 noon.
Fri.: 6:30 am & 7 pm (followed by Holy Hour).
Sat.: 7 am & 9 am.

Sunday Mass Times

7 am low Mass
9 am low Mass
10:30 am high Mass
1 pm low Mass

Confessions are heard in the confessional box ½ hour before each Mass.

Church Hours

Mon.-Thurs.: 6 am - 7 pm
Fri.: 6 am - 9 pm
Sat.: 6:30 am - 7 pm
Sun.: 7 am - 7 pm

Office Hours

Monday - Friday:
8:15 am – 4:15 pm.
Closed on Holy Days

Liturgical Calendar for the Upcoming Week

DATE	FEAST	CLASS/COLOR	COMMEMORATION
Sun 05-10	5th Sunday after Easter	2/W	
Mon 05-11	Ss Phillip & James, <i>Apostles</i> (or Rogation)	2/R/V	
Tues 05-12	Ss Nereus et alia, <i>Martyrs</i> (or Rogation)	3/R/V	
Wed 05-13	Vigil of Ascension (or Rogation)	2/W/V	St Robert Bellarmine
Thu 05-14	Ascension of the Lord	1/W	
Fri 05-15	St John Baptist de la Salle, <i>Confessor</i>	3/W	
Sat 05-16	St Ubad, Bishop	3/W	
Sun 05-17	Sunday after Ascension	2/W	



You will never have another one!

Just because she is your mom and she's going to love you forever - no matter what - you can't treat her just any old way & think it doesn't matter. Don't treat the person who loves you the most, the worst. Don't take her for granted. She may not let you see it, but your shortness, impatience, and harsh words make her steal away to a quiet place and cry. Her heart hurts to understand why you seem so angry with her. She will not always agree with you, but she will always love you. And it doesn't matter how old you are, or how old she is... treasure your mom. You will never have another one. Happy Mother's Day, mothers!

2026 AAA status at SFdS as of April 29, 2026: \$58,975.50 owed; \$8,653.08 pledged; \$48,601.77 paid (82.41% of goal); from 77 donors (19.25% of parish).
Thank you for your support!

Mass Intentions for the Upcoming Week

Sun 05-10	(7 am) <i>Pro-populo</i> (frh)	
	(8 am) Michael & Isabella Stapleton (frh)	rb K Stapleton
	(10:30 am) All SFdS Mothers (frf)	rb J Sanchez
	(1 pm) FssP & Preservation of the TLM (frf)	
Mon 05-11	(6:30 am) April Joonstar +	rb M Diaz
	(9 am) Elizabeth A Hernandez	rb J Sanchez
Tues 05-12	(6:30 am) LaQuan & James	rb Anonymous
	(12 pm) Alberto Cantero	rb M C Correa
Wed 05-13	(6:30 am) Judith T Stillwell +	rb M R Stillwell
	(9 am) Roger P Egan III +	rb C Elliot
Thu 05-14	(6:30 am) H Mevers Jr	rb C Conger
	(12 pm) St Gerard Ministry	rb same
Fri 05-15	(6:30 am) Tommy Kinsella	rb Hoff family
	(7 pm) Graebner family	rb S Calta
Sat 05-16	(7 am) Marjorie Riebel	rb S & C Calta
	(9 am) Confraternity of Christian Mothers	rb same
Sun 05-17	(7 am) <i>Pro-populo</i> (frh)	
	(9 am) Harry Zheng (frh)	rb H Zheng
	(10:30 am) Maria Acosts & Yeshua Sanchez (frf)	rb J Sanchez
	(1 pm) Scott Roberts + (frf)	rb K Fender

If you want to participate in the co-op, please return the Family Agreement no later than **May 15, 2026**. Class offerings will be fixed beginning 5/16/26, based on who has returned the Agreement. Class changes or space for families who wish to join cannot be guaranteed after 5/15/26. The fees are due **June 1, 2027**. See the Agreement p. 10 for more information.

The legion of Mary performs spiritual works of mercy. It consists of active members who meet weekly and auxiliary members who pray daily. If you'd like any information on the organization, please drop by their meeting which is held most Sunday's at 2:20 pm in the library.

SFdS is formalizing a key policy. If you have a key, please sign a key use policy at the office.

Please send in AAA donations through the self-addressed envelope.

Holy Scripture on mothers:

Jesus said to the disciple: "Behold thy mother." *Jn. 19:27*

Honor thy father & thy mother... *Ex. 20:12*

Cursed of God that angers his mother... *Eccu. 3:18*

Thou shall honor thy mother all the days of thy life... *Tob. 4:3*

Forget not the groanings of thy mother... *Eccu. 7:25*

Despise not thy mother when she is old... *Prov. 23:22*

Maxim of St Francis de Sales

A heart which esteems and grandly loves Jesus crucified, loves His death, His sufferings, His insults, His poverty, His hunger, His thirst; and when Jesus grants this heart a small share in them, it is a jubilant with gladness & lovingly embraces them.

Happy Mother's Day!

Today, after the 10:30 am Mass, SFdS will honor the Blessed Virgin with a procession and May Crowning.

This week (see back page), Monday, staff meeting 1 pm; Wednesday, Finance Council (6 pm); Saturday, Confraternity of Christian Mothers (10:30 am).

Last week's collection: cash \$ 7,162.93; online \$9,007.00 total: \$16,169.93.

Attendance: 8 am-205; 10:30 am-320; 1 pm-175; 700 total souls.