

MAY 2026

@ St Francis de Sales Catholic Church, Mableton, GA

| Sunday | Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday | Saturday |
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| <p>26 3rd Sunday after Easter 7 am Mass (frh) 9 am Mass (frh) 9:15-10:10 am Catechism 10:30 am sung Mass (frf) 1 pm Mass (frf)</p> | <p>27 St Peter Canisius, <i>Doctor</i> 6:30 am Mass (frh) 9 am Mass (frf) 1 pm staff meeting</p> | <p>28 St Paul of the Cross, <i>Confessor</i> 6:30 am Mass (frh) 12 noon Mass (frh)</p> | <p>29 St Peter, <i>Martyr</i> 6:30 am Mass (frh) 9 am Mass (frf)</p> | <p>30 St Catherine of Siena, <i>Virgin</i> 6:30 am Mass (frf) 12 noon Mass (frh) 5:30-8 pm Adoration 6-7 pm Confessions</p> | <p>May 1 (frf away to 5/4) St Joseph the Workman, Spouse of the BVM, Confessor 6:30 am Mass (frf) 7 pm sung Mass, no Holy Hour (frh)</p> | <p>2 Immaculate Heart of Mary No 7 am Mass 9 am Mass & devotions (frh)</p> |
| <p>3 4th Sunday after Easter No 7 am Mass 9 am Mass (frh) 10:30 am sung Mass (frh) 1 pm Mass (frf)</p> | <p>4 frf returns St Monica, <i>Widow</i> No 6:30 am Mass 9 am Mass (frh)</p> | <p>5 St Pius V, <i>Pope & Confessor</i> 6:30 am Mass (frf) 12 noon Mass (frh)</p> | <p>6 St John Before the Latin Gate 6:30 am Mass (frf) 9 am Mass (frh)</p> | <p>7 St Stanislaus, <i>Bishop & Martyr</i> 6:30 am Mass (frf) 12 noon Mass (frh)</p> | <p>8 O. L., Mediatrix of All Graces 6:30 am Mass (frf) 7 pm Mass & Holy Hour (frh)</p> | <p>9 St Gregory Nazianzen, <i>Bishop & Doctor</i> 7 am Mass (frf) 9 am Mass (frh)</p> |
| <p>10 <i>Mother's Day</i> 5th Sunday after Easter 7 am Mass (frf) 9 am Mass (frf) No Catechism 10:30 am sung Mass & May Crowning (frh) 1 pm Mass (frh)</p> | <p>11 St Phillip & James, <i>Apostles</i> or Rogation Mass 6:30 am Mass (frf) 9 am Mass (frh) 1 pm staff meeting</p> | <p>12 Ss Nereus et alia or Rogation Mass 6:30 am Mass (frh) 12 noon Mass (frf)</p> | <p>13 Vigil of the Ascension or Rogation Mass 6:30 am Mass (frf) 9 am Mass (frh) 6 pm Finance Council</p> | <p>14 Ascension of the Lord 6:30 Mass (frh) 12 noon Mass (frf) 1 pm Catholic Mutual (hic) 7:30 pm sung Mass (frh)</p> | <p>15 St John Baptist de la Salle, <i>Confessor</i> 6:30 am Mass (frh) 7 pm Mass & Holy Hour (frf)</p> | <p>16 St Ubald, <i>Bishop</i> 7 am Mass (frh) 9 am sung Mass (frf) 10:30 am Confraternity of Christian Mothers (frf)</p> |
| <p>17 Sunday after the Ascension 7 am Mass (frh) 9 am Mass (frh) 9:15-10:10 am Catechism 10:30 am sung Mass (frf) 1 pm Mass (frf)</p> | <p>18 St Venantius, <i>Martyr</i> 6:30 am Mass (frf) 9 am Mass (frh) 1 pm staff meeting</p> | <p>19 St Peter Celstine, <i>Pope & Confessor</i> 6:30 am Mass (frf) 12 noon Mass (frh)</p> | <p>20 St Bernardine of Siena, <i>Confessor</i> 6:30 am Mass (frh) No 9 am Mass</p> | <p>21 Feria after Ascension 6:30 am Mass (frf) No 12 noon Mass 2 pm Wedding (frf)</p> | <p>22 Feria after Ascension 6:30 am Mass (frf) 4:30-6:45 pm FNE 7 pm Mass & Holy Hour (frh)</p> | <p>23 Confirmation Day Vigil Mass of Pentecost 7 am Mass (frf) 9 am Mass (frh) 6 pm Confirmation 7 pm Reception</p> |
| <p>24 / 31 Pentecost Sunday / Trinity Sunday 7 am Mass (frf) / (frh) 9 am Mass (frf) / (frh) 9:15-10:10 am Catechism / Last Catechism Class 10:30 am sung Mass (frh) / (frf) 1 pm Mass (frh) / (frf)</p> | <p>25 Pentecost Monday 6:30 am Mass (frh) 9 am Mass (frf) 1 pm staff meeting</p> | <p>26 Pentecost Tuesday 6:30 am Mass (frh) 12 noon Mass (frf)</p> | <p>27 Pentecost Wednesday 6:30 am Mass (frh) 9 am Mass (frf)</p> | <p>28 frf departs Pentecost Thursday 6:30 am Mass (frh) 12 noon Mass (frf)</p> | <p>29 Pentecost Friday No 6:30 am Mass 7 pm Mass & Holy Hour (frh)</p> | <p>30 frf returns Pentecost Saturday No 7am Mass 9 am sung Mass (frh) 2 pm Special Baccalaureate Mass (frh)</p> |

On St Joseph, a second father

As we say of the Blessed Virgin that she is the most blessed of all women for God singled her out to be His mother, so we may say, besides Jesus himself, Joseph is the most blessed of all men for God chose him to be the foster father of the second Person of the Holy Trinity.

Why was St. Joseph espoused to Mary and thereby became the foster father of the Savior? Although God could have done otherwise, He does not work miracles without necessity. Rather, in His ordinary providence, God works through people.

St. Jerome gives three reasons why God chose blessed Joseph to be the spouse of Mary and His foster father: 1) so that our Savior's genealogy would be known as coming from a line of kings; for while both Joseph and Mary were of the kingly line of David only the male was considered to confer this distinction; 2) to preserve Mary's reputation (and life) for her pregnancy not by him was a crime punishable by stoning; 3) to guard & provide for the holy family which, as we know, suffered many hardships.

St. Ignatius adds a fourth reason, saying God pre-ordained that Joseph be the spouse of Mary so that the devil would be uncertain concerning the truth about our blessed Lord... was He the awaited Messiah or not?

In thinking of St. Joseph, foster father of our divine Savior, we must not succumb to that Protestant mistake of reducing God's free elections to mere whims. The Protestants say of Mary, "She was just a woman. God could have picked any woman to be His mother. Mary is not that special." The fact, however, remains that God did not pick just any woman; rather, from all women, God chose Mary to conceive Him in her womb & give Him birth; God elected to receive from Mary His human DNA and to be fed alone at her breast; finally, beneath the Cross, God manifested His will that all disciples of Jesus receive Mary as a second mother; and it is this same Mary who now accepts repentant sinners as adopted children. In the same way we must see the election of St. Joseph. While God could have picked any man to be His foster father He picked Joseph; who cuddled, fed, and clothed the Divine Infant; who trained the Son of God in carpentry; who was, in all ways, a father to Jesus. This same Joseph will also accept us as adopted sons if we ask this of him.

We will not go wrong to place ourselves in Joseph's care. The holy scripture calls him "a just man." This just man never speaks in all the scriptures. The lesson? Just men are known by their deeds, more than words.

If we examine the deeds of Joseph, we find a soul bellowing of virtue. Surprisingly mild in reacting to Mary's pregnancy; exceedingly humble chosen to be a father to God; wonderfully chaste while married to the most beautiful of virgins; edifyingly obedient in his prompt rising & flight into Egypt; heroically patient in suffering without complaint the trials as head of the holy family.

If we wish to have Joseph as our friend & second father, we too must love virtue. Disobedience pleases only the devil, the author of disobedience which cost him, as well as Adam and Eve, paradise; lying pleases only the devil, the father of lies. If we wish to be a son of Joseph, we must strive to be obedient & honest. If we ask him, Joseph will be a father to us and build in us a tower of virtue.

This was the experience of St. Teresa of Avila, who chose St. Joseph as the patron of her order.

She writes, "I chose glorious St. Joseph for my patron, and I commend all things to his intercession. I do not remember ever to have asked of God anything by him which I did not obtain. I never knew anyone who, by invoking him, did not advance exceedingly in virtue; for he assists in a wonderful manner all who address themselves to him. *Ite ad Joseph!*" (Go to Joseph!)