

Month of May, month of Mary! The heart of every Christian turns spontaneously toward his heavenly Mother, with a desire to live in closer intimacy with her and to strengthen the sweet ties which bind him to her. It is a great comfort on our spiritual way, which is often fatiguing and bristling with difficulties, to meet the gentle presence of a mother. One is so at ease near one's mother. With her, everything becomes easier; the weary, discouraged heart, disturbed by storms, finds new hope and strength, and continues the journey with fresh courage.

"If the winds of temptation arise," sings St Bernard, "if you run into the reefs of trial, call upon Mary. In danger, sorrow, or perplexity, think of Mary, call upon Mary." There are times when the hard road frightens us, miserable as we are; and then, more than ever, we need her help, the help of our Mother. The Blessed Virgin Mary has, before us, trodden the straight and narrow path which leads to sanctity; before us she has carried the cross, before us she has known the ascents of the spirit through suffering.

Sometimes, perhaps, we do not dare to look at Jesus the God-Man, Who because of His divinity seems too far above us; but near Him is Mary, His Mother and our Mother, a privileged creature surely, yet a creature like ourselves, and therefore a model more accessible for our weakness.

Mary comes to meet us during this month, to take us by the hand, to initiate us into the secret of her interior life, which must become the model and norm of our own.



This beautiful mosaic in St Mary Major illustrates the dignity God has bestowed on the Blessed Virgin: Mary is seated on the throne which Jesus shares with her; He has placed her at His right hand; Jesus Himself places the royal crown upon her head.

*Hail, Holy Queen!
Mother of mercy,
our life, our sweetness,
and our hope eternal!
To thee we cry, poor sons of Eve:
to thee we come and mourn
in this vale of tears.
Turn then,
most gracious Advocate,
thine eyes of mercy toward us,
and show unto us
the blessed Fruit of thy womb, Jesus!
O clement,
O loving,
O sweet Virgin:
Sweet Virgin Mary!*

Sacred Heart of Jesus Traditional Catholic Church

1245 AR-5, Mountain View, Arkansas 72560

Offering exclusively the Traditional Roman Catholic Mass and Sacraments.

Fifth Sunday after Easter



"All the faithful should be aware that to participate in the Mass is their chief duty and supreme dignity." Pope Pius XII

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MASS SCHEDULE

Month of the Blessed Virgin Mary!

Sunday, May 10

8:00 AM
10:00 AM
4:00 PM in Roland

5th Sunday after Easter /
St Antoninus BC; Ss Gordian & Epimachus, Mm
Pro Populo
Private Intention
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Monday, May 11

8:00 AM

Ss Philip & James, App / Rogation Monday
Private Intention

Tuesday, May 12

8:00 AM

Rogation Tuesday / Ss Nereus & Comp, Bl Imelda, V
Private Intention

Wednesday, May 13

8:00 AM
6:00 PM

St Robert Belarmino, BCD / Vigil of Ascension
/ Our Lady of the Blessed Sacrament
Private Intention
Rosary, OMPH devotions, Prayer for Priests
~ for our priests and for many fervent vocations!

Thursday, May 14

9:00 AM

Ascension Thursday / St Boniface, M
Private Intention

Friday, May 15

8:00 AM

St John Baptist de la Salle, C / St Dymphna, VM
Private Intention

Saturday, May 16

8:00 AM

BVM Saturday / St Ubaldus, BC; St John Nepo., M
Private Intention

Sunday, May 17

8:00 AM
10:00 AM
4:00 PM in Roland

5th Sunday after Easter /
St Antoninus BC; Ss Gordian & Epimachus, Mm
Pro Populo
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If you would like to have a Mass offered for a specific intention, the intention may be submitted to the Priest. If it is for a person, please specify whether the person is living or deceased, and Catholic or non-Catholic. The customary stipend for offering the Mass is \$25.00.



ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Happy Mothers' Day to all the ladies!
- A Rogation procession will precede Masses on Monday-Wednesday this week.
- NOTE Ascension Thursday Mass will be offered at 9 AM.
- Next Sunday, May 17: No potluck after the 10:00 Mass; the School Program and Graduation ceremonies will take place at 11:30 at the Club Possum Event Center, 106 E Washington St. All are welcome to attend!
- Sunday, May 31: Rosary procession and May crowning following the 10:00 Mass.
- Closing hymn: 'Tis the Month of our Mother. Page 103, #60, verses 1 & 3

Every day of the year, an event, a devotion, a shrine of Our Blessed Mother is commemorated. During Mary's month, some of these will be highlighted.

In the area of Rome called Trastevere lies a gem of a church with a unique story. It is named Santa Maria della Scala, "Our Lady of the Stair." In former times a home stood in this spot, with an external staircase that housed an image of the Virgin Mary. A moving event attracted popular devotion to this picture.

A poor woman, who had a sick and deformed child, came every day to pray for its cure before this picture. As all her prayers remained ineffectual, desperate with grief but full of tender emotion, she cried out: "O Mother of God, were you to ask me any favor I could give, I would grant it you at once." Another version of the story has her exclaiming, "If I were the Mother of God and you asked me for this favor, I would grant it to you at once!" Either way, the burst of maternal sentiment touched Our Lady's heart: the child was instantly cured.

A church was built on the site to house the picture, with funds given by the good folk who had witnessed the confident, bold prayer of the mother. Unfortunately, the original picture has disappeared in the course of years ...

The church is under the care of the Carmelite order; thus, it highlights saints of the order and of course, Our Lady of Mount Carmel. The foot of this lovely statue is worn smooth from the kisses of pilgrims over the centuries.



Pray for the living: Jayne Shedenhelm, Daniel Kramer, Mark Narlesky, Tony Gable, Jones family, Amaranta Torres Rodriguez, Cecilia Rodriguez and baby, Melvin Geckle, Joe Dias, Manuel Cordova, Mickey Ellis, Shelby Littlejohn, those affected by Hurricane Helene, Don & Babette Lobban, Gil Credeur, Diane & John Pawlowski, Luis Martinez, Kristine Neal

Pray for the faithful departed: Manuel Cordova (Fr Ephrem's father), Audrey Hockel, Sr Mary Claretia, Fr Leo Carley, Linda Io, Milt Nelson, Ted Jones, Nancy Ciccone, Gerald Crochet, "Ernest," Eddie Solomon, Mary Tarnowski, Guillaume Bega, Joseph Vogel, Patsy Nash, Josie Mascarenas, Fr James Thielen, Doranne McMahon, Alexa Martin, Carlos Zepeda Sr, Kathy Winter

Monthly Collection

February 2026: \$6,343.75

March 2026: \$7,873.97

April 2026: \$4,699.17

"For from the rising of the sun even to the going down, my name is great among the Gentiles, and in every place there is sacrifice, and there is offered to my name a clean oblation: for my name is great among the Gentiles, saith the Lord of hosts." *Malachi 1:11*