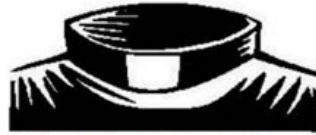
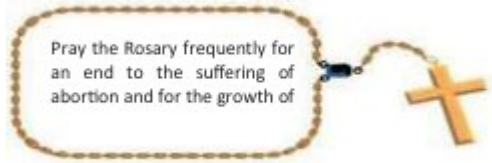


PRAYER FOR VOCATIONS

God, our Father, in Your love and providence You call each of us to a holy life. We pray for young people in the Archdiocese of San Francisco. Open their hearts and minds to know the vocation You have planned for them for all eternity. If they are being invited to follow You as a Priest, Brother or Sister, give them a generous heart to respond to your challenging call and the strength to follow wherever You lead them. May families desire to please You by encouraging and supporting vocations within their homes. We ask this through Jesus Christ, our Good Shepherd. Amen.



Pray for Vocations



Pray the Rosary frequently for an end to the suffering of abortion and for the growth of

Sheen Corner

Fulton Sheen became famous through his use of radio and television to spread the Gospel, but he began his ministry as a priest of the Diocese of Peoria. Pope Leo has scheduled his beatification (the step before sainthood) for September 24, 2026.

Bishop Sheen emphasized the importance of spiritual Fruitfulness in his reflections for the Fifth Sunday of Easter. He said...,"the secret of spiritual fruitfulness is union with God, union that is realized above all in the Eucharist."

Weekly Collections

"The one who has faith in me will do the works I do, and far greater than these," Jesus tells his disciples. That's quite an assignment for us as Christian stewards!

Sunday	4-26-26
Envelopes	\$ 360.00
Loose	\$ 265.00
Electronic	\$ 25.00



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May 3rd, 2026

5th Sunday of Easter

"The stone which the builders rejected has become the cornerstone."

1 PETER 2:7

Every person has been given gifts from the Holy Spirit. These are called "charisms" and they are used to build God's kingdom of earth. While many people are able to recognize their natural talents and abilities, they may be unsure of their charisms. If you know someone who is struggling for a direction in life, give them a little encouragement. Help them discern their charisms and how God is calling them to use them. Remember - no gift is too small or insignificant in God's salvation plan.



Readings for the week of May 3, 2026

Sunday: Acts 6:1-7/Ps 33:1-2, 4-5, 18-19/1 Pt 2:4-9/Jn 14:1-12

Monday: Acts 14:5-18/ Ps 115:1-2, 3-4, 15-16/Jn 14:21-26

Tuesday: Acts 14:19-28/ Ps 145:10-11, 12-13ab, 21/Jn 14:27-31a

Wednesday: Acts 15:1-6/ Ps 122:1-2, 3-4ab, 4cd-5/Jn 15:1-8

Thursday: Acts 15:7-21/ Ps 96:1-2a, 2b-3, 10/Jn 15:9-11

Friday: Acts 15:22-31/ Ps 57:8-9, 10 and 12/Jn 15:12-17

Saturday: Acts 16:1-10/ Ps 100:1b-2, 3, 5/Jn 15:18-21

Next Sunday: Acts 8:5-8, 14-17/Ps 66:1-3, 4-5, 6-7, 16 and 20/1 Pt 3:15-18/Jn 14:15-21

Observances for the week of May 3, 2026

Sunday: 5th Sunday of Easter

Monday:

Tuesday: Cinco de Mayo

Wednesday:

Thursday: National Day of Prayer

Friday:

On May 24th Fr. Deogratias will be doing his Mission Appeal for the Diocese of Jinja. If you would like to donate to his mission because you are unable to attend that day, please mark it on your donation.

We will have Donuts and Coffee Following Mass on May 24th

MASS INTENTIONS

Sun. May 3rd— 7:30am

Confessions 7:00am — 7:25am

Mass People of the Parish

Sun. May 10th— 7:30am

Confessions 7:00am — 7:25am

Mass Msgr. John C Collopy **Offered by** Katherine Doubet

The Beatification of Fulton J. Sheen Stay connected to the journey towards Beatification and receive the latest news at celebratesheen.com

As spring unfolds in beauty and renewal, the Church invites the faithful into a deeply personal and spiritual tradition: honoring the Blessed Virgin Mary throughout the month of May. For centuries, Catholics around the world have set aside these days to deepen their love for the Mother of God, seeking her intercession and reflecting on her unique role in salvation history.

The roots of this devotion stretch back to the early Church, but it flourished most prominently in medieval Europe, where May—rich with blooming flowers and new life—became a natural symbol of Mary’s purity, grace, and spiritual motherhood. Just as the earth comes alive in spring, so too are the faithful called to renew their devotion and imitate Mary’s “yes” to God.

Mary’s significance in the life of the Church cannot be overstated. As the Mother of Jesus Christ, she is the one who bore the Savior into the world. Yet her role extends far beyond that moment in Bethlehem. At the foot of the Cross, Christ entrusted her to the beloved disciple—and, through him, to all of us. In this way, Mary becomes our spiritual mother, guiding us closer to her Son.

Throughout May, many Catholic families and parishes participate in cherished traditions. Altars dedicated to Mary are adorned with fresh flowers, symbolizing her beauty and virtue. Children often take part in May crownings, placing a wreath of blossoms upon a statue of the Virgin, a simple yet powerful act of love and honor. The daily praying of the Rosary also takes on renewed importance, as the faithful meditate on the life of Christ through Mary’s eyes.

These practices are not merely sentimental. They are invitations into a deeper relationship with God. Mary always leads us to Jesus. Her humility, obedience, and unwavering faith stand as a model for every Christian striving to follow the Lord more closely. In a world often marked by noise and distraction, Mary’s quiet trust in God offers a path of peace.

This month is also an opportunity to reflect on Mary’s relevance today. She is a mother who understands suffering, having witnessed her Son’s Passion. She is a woman of courage, who trusted God even when the path was unclear. And she is a powerful intercessor, who continues to bring our prayers before her Son.

In honoring Mary, we do not take anything away from Christ. Rather, we follow her example, allowing her to point us more fully toward Him. As countless saints have testified, a true devotion to Mary always leads to a deeper love for Jesus.

As May begins, the Church gently calls us to slow down, to pray, and to draw near to our Blessed Mother. Whether through a daily Rosary, a quiet moment before a Marian image, or a simple prayer whispered in faith, this month offers a chance to grow spiritually and to rediscover the beauty of a life entrusted to God.

In the words echoed through generations of the faithful: Holy Mary, Mother of God, pray for us.