

### Marian Month Of May

In 1815, Pope Pius VII encouraged May devotions by granting an indulgence to those who honored Mary with special prayers during May. In 1859, Pope Pius IX made the indulgence plenary. Then, in 1945, Pope Pius XII made the observance of devotion to Mary in May official. There are several Marian feast days in May, contributing to the month-long celebration in honor of our Blessed Mother.

Among the Marian feasts in May are:

- May 13 – Our Lady of Fatima
- May 24 – Mary, Help of Christians
- May 31 – The Visitation of the Blessed Virgin Mary

In 2018, Pope Francis added to the liturgical calendar a new feast in honor of Mary as Mother of the Church, which possibly will fall in May, depending on the date of Easter. The Memorial of Holy Mary, Mother of the Church was ordered by Pope Francis to be observed on the Monday after Pentecost. The title of Mary as Mother of the Church was established by the Second Vatican Council in documents concerning the Church and first used in the devotional life of the Church in the mid-1960s.

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

### Sheen Corner

Bishop Sheen emphasized the importance of Love and Sacrifice in his reflections for the 6th Sunday of Easter. He quotes John 15:13 -“This is the greatest love a man can show, that he should lay down his life for his friends.” The crucifix is a symbol of how love and sacrifice are connected in God’s Plan of Redemption.

### Weekly Collections

Those who obey the commandments, Jesus says in today’s Gospel, are the ones who really love Him. Does my stewardship reveal my love for Jesus?

<b>Sunday</b>	<b>5-3-26</b>
Envelopes	\$ 220.00
Loose	\$ 167.00
Electronic	\$ 250.00



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### May 10th, 2026 6th Sunday of Easter

*“For it is better to suffer for doing good, if that be God’s will, than for doing evil.” 1 PETER 3:17*

The old line says “if you want to make God laugh, tell him your plans.” Many of us are diligent in our planning and making sure things are progressing smoothly. Then disaster strikes, we don’t get the result we anticipated or an unforeseen problem arises. Many times we may respond negatively and ask, “Why me? I did everything right!” Here’s the thing – adversity humbles us and reminds us of our dependence on God and not on our own self-reliance. Rest assured, God has a better plan in store for you. .



### MASS INTENTIONS

Sun, May 10th— 7:30am

**Confessions** 7:00am — 7:25am

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

Sun, May 17th— 7:30am

**Confessions** 7:00am — 7:25am

**Mass** Bobby & Edna Strom **Offered by** St James Parish

**Readings for the week of May 10, 2026**

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

Monday: Acts 16:11-15/Ps 149:1b-2, 3-4, 5-6a and 9b/Jn 15:26-16:4a

Tuesday: Acts 16:22-34/Ps 138: 1-2ab, 2cde-3, 7c-8/Jn 16:5-11

Wednesday: Acts 17:15, 22-18:1/Ps 148: 1-2, 11-12, 13, 14/Jn 16:12-15

Thursday: Acts 1:15-17, 20-26/Ps 113: 1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 7-8/Jn 15:9-17

Friday: Acts 18:9-18/Ps 47:2-3, 4-5, 6-7/Jn 16:20-23

Saturday: Acts 18:23-28/Ps 47: 2-3, 8-9, 10/Jn 16:23b-28

Next Sunday: Acts 1:1-11/Ps 47: 2-3, 6-7, 8-9/Eph 1:17-23/Mt 28:16-20

**Observances for the week of May 10, 2026**

Sunday: 6th Sunday of Easter; Mother's Day

Monday:

Tuesday: Sts. Nereus and Achilleus, Martyrs; St. Pancras, Martyr

Wednesday: Our Lady of Fatima

Thursday: The Ascension of the Lord St. Matthias, Apostle

Friday: St. Isidore

Saturday: Armed Forces Day

Next Sunday: The Ascension of the Lord; 7th Sunday of Easter;

**Sheen Beatification Bus trip to St Louis, with St Anthony Bartonville.**

St. Anthony's has secured (and now filled) one 56-passenger bus for a round-trip to St. Louis for the Archbishop Fulton J. Sheen Beatification Ceremony on September 24, 2026.

We are considering securing a second bus but need FIRM commitment from at least 40 more folks before doing so. There is a Bus Waiting List. Please do not sign up unless you are seriously considering traveling on this pilgrimage. Once we have the necessary signatures, we will contact individuals in the order they sign-up.

Upon confirming your reservation, a full, non-refundable payment will be required. Please note the price for the second bus is to be determined.

**Questions are welcome, just call John at the office at 309-697-0645 to be put on the list.**

The Beatification of Fulton J. Sheen Stay connected to the journey towards Beatification and receive the latest news at [celebratesheen.com](http://celebratesheen.com)

**MISSION APPEAL,**

**DIOCESE OF JINJA, UGANDA**

The evangelizing Sisters are a religious congregation that has its charism rooted in evangelization through schools. The particular community we're seeking help for, is a community of retired nuns that have served so well. They do gardening, poultry and piggery rearing for the community day today running. However, they are experiencing some acute problems in the community that calls for our support:

- The piped water from town many times runs dry and can take a week before running in the pipes again.
- They experience frequent power outages due to poor electrical installation and government power grid unreliability.
- The drainage system is blocked.
- The old paint has peeled off making the house look horrible.

The appeal therefore is to help them;

1. Dig an underground water reservoir of 50,000 gallons.
2. Install solar panels to combat power outages.
3. To re-do the drainage system and electrical wiring.
4. To get a new general face lift with new paint.

**GOD BLESS EVERY HAND THAT GENEROUSLY CONTRIBUTES TOWARDS THIS NEED.**

Checks to be written to St. James Catholic Church.



To all mothers, blessings on this day and every day!