

Daily Rosary prayer initiative requested by the Holy Father:



Pope Francis is requesting that during this month of May, particularly dedicated to Our Lady, the entire Church invoke the intercession of the Blessed Virgin Mary for the end of the pandemic. During each day of May, all the Shrines around the world, through the prayer of the Rosary, will intercede for an end to the pandemic. Each parish family is encouraged to join the Pope in praying the Rosary each day in May.



Sunday Reflection: May 16th

Jesus commissions His disciples to carry the Gospel message of salvation to the ends of the earth, to baptize believers as a condition of salvation, and to work miracles in His name. Then, they witnessed Jesus ascending to Heaven to take His place at the right hand of God the Father. Jesus continues to be with all baptized Christians who are members of His Body, the Church, and are promised a share in His glory. He lives in us through the power of the Holy Spirit, and we continue to fulfill the mission He gave the Apostles and disciples to carry His Gospel of salvation to the ends of the earth.

Praying the promises of God reminds us of the hope we have in Jesus Christ. During pandemic times, keeping our hearts and minds focused on the truth of God's word eases our anxiety and fear. Our God is purposeful, setting us in our families, communities, even in our generations. We are not meant to do life alone. Private prayer is important, but so too is prayer together as a family. God promises, where two or more are gathered, He is with us. When we seek Him with all of our hearts, we will find Him.

Note from Father Shea:

The lockdown is extended to June; and we will continue to have the church closed.

New Life Group Meeting (Zoom)

Tuesday, May 18, 7:30 PM - 9:00 PM.

This week's topic: **GOD IS IN THE 'MESSINESS'**

Presenter: Rev Fr. Shawn Hughes.

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Word Communications Day - May 16

On 23 January 2021, the liturgical memorial of Saint Francis de Sales, patron saint of writers and journalists, the Holy See released the Holy Father's Message for the 55th World Communications Day. The message is entitled "Come and See" (*Jn 1:46*). Communicating by Encountering People Where and as They Are. In his Message, Pope Francis emphasizes the importance of authentic human communication: "In order to tell the truth of life that becomes history (cf. *Message for the 54th World Communications Day, 24 January 2020*), it is necessary to move beyond the complacent attitude that we 'already know' certain things. Instead, we need to go and see them for ourselves, to spend time with people, to listen to their stories and to confront reality, which always in some way surprises us. [...] This year, then, I would like to devote this Message to the invitation to 'come and see', which can serve as an inspiration for all communication that strives to be clear and honest, in the press, on the internet, in the Church's daily preaching and in political or social communication. 'Come and see!' This has always been the way that the Christian faith has been communicated, from the time of those first encounters on the banks of the River Jordan and on the Sea of Galilee."