

# SAINT CHRISTOPHER CATHOLIC CHURCH

**May 29, 2022**

## St. Christopher Church

*Fr. David Harris, Pastor*  
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## Saint Christopher Academy

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## Worship Schedule

Daily Mass 7:30 AM Mon-Thurs  
Saturday Vigil 4:00 PM  
Sunday Mass 8:00 & 10:00 AM  
Vietnamese Mass 3:00 PM Sunday

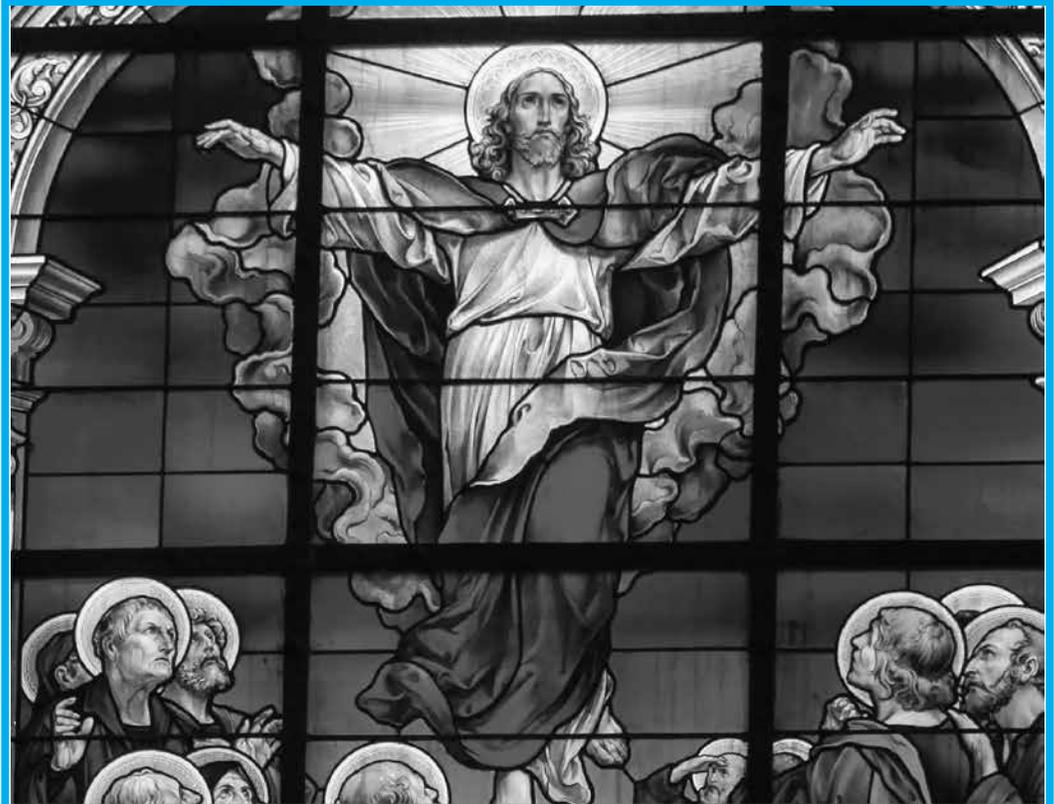
Confessions After Daily Mass,  
approx. 8:00 AM  
3:00-3:30 PM Saturday

Rosary 7:00 PM Tuesday  
Eucharistic Adoration

Wednesday  
8:00 - 9:00 AM  
Rosary at beginning

1st Friday of the Month  
1:00-3:00 PM  
September - June

**Welcome New Parishioners! If you would like to register or you have changed your address, please fill out the form on page 5.**



AS HE BLESSED THEM  
HE PARTED FROM THEM  
AND WAS TAKEN UP TO HEAVEN.

LUKE 24:51

## SEVENTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

### Our Parish Prayer

Heavenly Father, we pray for all of the people and programs of St. Christopher Parish. Unite us as a community of believers and grant us the wisdom, grace, and strength to do your will. We ask this through Christ Our Lord. AMEN.

### Our Mission

We are a Roman Catholic parish whose members live and proclaim the saving message of Jesus Christ.

## Mass Intentions

### Saturday, May 28

4:00 PM Dick Blais  
by Dan & Sue Tracy

Leona Marie Vacca  
by Michael Vacca

### Sunday, May 29

8:00 AM Dick Blais  
by Michael and Theresa  
Viggiano

10:00 AM The people of the parish

3:00 PM Vietnamese Mass

### Monday, May 30

7:30 AM Frances T. Ferullo  
by Nancy Pelletier

### Tuesday, May 31

7:30 AM In Memory of Bernadette &  
Bill Diffley  
by Marie Coleman

### Wednesday, June 1

7:30 AM Henry Lamont  
by Elizabeth Cote

### Thursday, June 2

7:30 AM All Souls Day Intentions  
by Parishioners

### Friday, June 3

NO Mass on Friday

### Saturday, June 4

8:00 AM Sean Costello  
by Larry and Kitty Provost

4:00 PM Dick Blais  
by Louise Guertin

Joanne O'Brien  
by her Family

### Sunday, June 5

8:00 AM People of the parish

10:00 AM Matthew Trombly  
by Phil and Denise Trombly

3:00 PM Vietnamese Mass

### The Sanctuary Lamp Burns This Week:

The Sanctuary Lamp burns this week in memory of Leona Marie Vacca by Michael Vacca

### Altar Bread and Wine:

The Altar Bread, which will become the Body of Our Lord Jesus Christ at all Masses during May will be offered for Leona Marie Vacca by Michael Vacca. It will be offered in June In Thanksgiving for Fr. David Harris by grateful parishioners.



## Giving God Our Best

After attending public schools as a child I remember the dramatic change when I started as a freshman in Catholic high school - a new city, new classmates, and challenging new standards. On top of that I had to transition from wearing t-shirts and sneakers to dress shirts, slacks, and neckties everyday! While putting on a tie each morning was sort of a pain and we grumbled often, I learned that the way I dressed affected the way I approached my daily goals and how I engaged with others. I felt and behaved differently. Our outward appearance has an impact on our inward disposition.

It wasn't that long ago when wool suits for men and dresses and hats for women were the norm at Mass (and that was without air conditioning!). While I don't propose the return of that standard, I think the special care people took with their Mass attire reflected their reverence for the miracle of the Eucharist. The way we dress and present ourselves at Mass affects on our own soul and the souls of others – it points to the importance of our beliefs. I imagine it also affects our Heavenly Father who delights when His cherished children seek to offer Him their best.

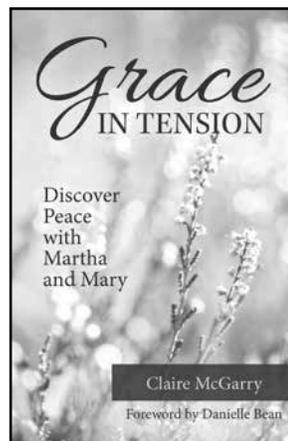
With the warmer weather here for the next few months, the tendency to dress casually and immodestly for Sunday Mass increases exponentially. There is no dress code for attending Mass and I don't judge people based on what they wear. Yet we should still strive to dress appropriately and modestly for the sacred space we enter and the solemn mysteries we celebrate. To help us honor God by how we dress at Mass, we could ask ourselves:

***Does the way I present myself look like I am going somewhere special and important?***

***Does God deserve the same respect that I offer to others by the way I would dress for a special dinner, my job, or even a golf outing?***

***Is my attire modest? Might it draw the attention of other worshippers away from the Lord and towards me?***

Preparing ourselves both inwardly and outwardly for Mass often demands a little effort, time, and sacrifice. But when we remember what God has done for us and continues to do



## Craving More Peace and Less Stress this season?

Join us on Monday, June 27th at 7:00 PM in the Church Hall for a Night of Reflection on Claire McGarry's book *Grace in Tension: Discover Peace with Martha and Mary*. Outlining the G-I-F-T acronym, Claire will walk us through the steps for how we transform our tension into grace at the feet of Jesus, the place where all wonderful transformations take place.

This is a free event with no need to RSVP. Claire will be available to sign and sell copies of her book immediately after the presentation.

If you can't make it but would still like to purchase a book, email Claire at [graceintensionbookorder@gmail.com](mailto:graceintensionbookorder@gmail.com) for a signed copy, or find it on Amazon.

## New Hampshire Catholic Appeal

We are grateful to all of our parishioners who have made a gift to the New Hampshire Catholic Appeal. As of today, we have raised \$21,400 towards our parish goal of \$37,937. 100% of the funds raised above this Appeal goal are returned to our parish this year. If you have not made your gift yet, please bring your gift envelope to Mass next weekend or you can make your gift online at [www.catholicnh.org/nhca](http://www.catholicnh.org/nhca). Extra gift envelopes are available in the pews. We need the support of all our parish families in order to reach our parish goal. Thank you for your support of these important needs and ministries of the Church.

## Recognizing Excellence Awards Gala

Join the Catholic Schools Office at the Recognizing Excellence Awards Gala on June 16th when we will officially honor our School Leader of the Year, Clergy Member of the Year, Community Partner of the Year and most especially our Teacher of the Year. *Saint Christopher Academy is blessed to have five teacher nominees this year, including Deb Matson-Champagne, Sandra Brazier, Scott Maxwell, LoRetta Lowry, and Lana Tyrrell.* You can register for the Gala at [2022-gala.eventbrite.com](https://2022-gala.eventbrite.com).

## Congratulations Fr. David!

Congratulations to Fr. David as he celebrates his 5th anniversary of ordination to the priesthood on June 3rd! Fr. David was ordained by Bishop Peter Libasci on June 3, 2017 at St. Joseph Cathedral in Manchester. Please take a moment to thank Fr. David for accepting his call to the priesthood and for his service to the church and parishioners at St. Christopher!

### First Saturday Mass in Honor of the Blessed Virgin Mary



Saturday,  
June 4  
8:00 AM



### First Friday Eucharistic Adoration

June 3  
1:00-3:00 PM

## We're Here for YOU at St. Christopher Parish!

### Rectory Hours:

Monday - Thursday 9:00-3:00  
Friday 9:00-12:00

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Bulletin submissions are due one week before publication.

## Support the parish through Faith Direct!

Use the QR code below to quickly and easily access Faith Direct! You can enroll in Faith Direct, make a one-time gift or log in to your current Faith Direct account!



After many years of prayer and preparation, Deacon Peter Nguyen ("Seminarist Peter") will finally be celebrating his ordination to the priesthood on June 4th!

The ordination Mass is open to the public and you are invited to attend. If you have never been to an ordination before, it is an incredibly beautiful and moving experience!

## Deacon Peter's Ordination to the Holy Priesthood

**Saturday, June 4th at 10:00 AM**

St. Joseph's Cathedral  
145 Lowell Street, Manchester

Live streaming at <https://www.stjosephcathedralnh.org>

Please pray for Deacon Peter as he prepares for the beginning of his priestly ministry to the faithful of our diocese!





**May 22, 2022 Offertory**

Offertory Envelopes	\$4,002.00
Loose Offertory	\$428.00
Faith Direct	\$2,613.50
Easter Total	\$7,043.50
Ascension Thursday	385.00
Total-to-date:	\$380.00
Catholic Relief Services	\$25.00
Total-to-date:	\$1,954.00

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for supporting  
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**Saint Christopher  
ACADEMY**

Saint Christopher Academy is a pre-kindergarten through grade 8 Catholic school located on two nearby locations. At SCA, students are immersed in an authentically Catholic, academically excellent education within the embrace of a safe, joy-filled community.

Visit us online at  
[SaintChrisAcademy.org](http://SaintChrisAcademy.org)

**Now accepting  
applications for  
2022-2023!**

**Msgr. Kelley Celebrates  
50th Jubilee of Priesthood**

On May 20, former St. Chris pastor Monsignor Richard Kelley celebrated his 50th Golden Jubilee of priesthood! Now retired and residing at St. Patrick Parish in Pelham, Fr. Kelley was honored at a mass and reception at St. Patrick's last weekend. St. Chris parishioners are welcome to send him a card or note of congratulations and thanksgiving at:

Rev. Msgr. Richard Kelley  
St. Patrick Parish  
12 Main St.  
Pelham, NH 03076

**Vacation Bible School  
Volunteers needed!**



**Vacation Bible School Volunteers needed!  
Join the FUN! Share your faith at VBS!  
We need to add you to our crew and get  
this trip rolling!**

**Theme:** Monumental 2022!  
**When:** July 25-July 29, 2022.  
**Time:** 8:30 -11:30 AM  
**For:** kids entering grades K to Grade 5

Come join us for a rockin' good time amid the colorful canyons of the Southwest!... where we explore God's awesome strength along the sunbaked trails! Bible stories each day, Saint of the Day, singing, dancing, music, crafts, snacks and outdoor games galore as we hear and learn how to form a rock solid faith in God for the journeys ahead! We will need lots of volunteers to make this event happen- please email [cmercurio@stchrisparishnh.org](mailto:cmercurio@stchrisparishnh.org) if you are age 18+ and want to help us make an amazing trek! All adult volunteers must undergo a background check and complete child safety training classes as mandated by the Diocese of Manchester. Youth volunteer slots will be filled as soon as we have our 18+ crew assembled! It's going to be a MONUMENTAL time!

**Fiat And Quo Vadis Days  
Vocation Camps**

Do you know where your life is going? The Lord Jesus has a great plan for your life! High school age young men and women (ages 14-18) are invited to attend our upcoming vocation camps to look at the Lord's call in your life while having lots of fun. Fiat Days for young women is held July 25-28 and Quo Vadis Days for young men is held August 8-12. These are overnight camps held at Magdalen College in Warner, NH and are led by priests, sisters, and seminarians from the diocese. The camps include a full schedule of hiking, swimming, canoeing, sports and games, daily Mass and prayer, and opportunities to grow in friendship with the Lord and with each other. The cost is only \$50 and financial aid is available. For more information and to register please visit [liveinblackandwhite.com](http://liveinblackandwhite.com) or contact Becky Vinson in the Vocations Office at 603-663-0153 or [rvinson@rcbm.org](mailto:rvinson@rcbm.org).

**Catholic Communication  
Campaign**

The Catholic Communications Campaign is this weekend, May 28 and 29. This collection supports diocesan and national efforts to ensure a Catholic presence in the media as well as Catholic communications programs such as PARABLE Magazine and our diocesan website.

**Corpus Christi Corner**

Corpus Christi Food Pantry was able to provide Easter food baskets for over a hundred families. St Joseph Parish donated Easter baskets for all the children in the families that we served. Thanks to the continued generosity of St. Christopher's Parish, we were able to fill the dinner baskets. Last month's list of suggested items included the food we needed for the Easter dinners.

During the month of April, 222.2 pounds of food was collected from St. Chris, with a value of \$382.20. Suggested food for the month of May include: Cocoa mix, refried beans, canned pasta, syrup, brownie mix, Graham crackers, tomato soup, canned beets and chicken noodle soup. There are baskets located at each of the church entrances for your donations. Thank you!

## Sacrament classes for FIRST COMMUNION and CONFIRMATION! Fall 2022!

If you have a student interested in preparing for Reconciliation, Confirmation, or First Communion, classes begin in September. Register now to hold your slot! *Families with an older student seeking Confirmation should contact the parish- cmercurio@stchrisparishnh.org*

**GRADE 2 Students! RECONCILIATION begins Fall 2022--** Baptized students in Grade 2 and up from our parish who are seeking **Reconciliation** should register for this class. Students and a parent attend 8 Sunday evening classes and prepare to receive this wonderful sacrament. **Students must also be registered for either our Family Faith program or enrolled at a Catholic school for their ongoing faith formation.** Visit [stchrisparishnh.org](http://stchrisparishnh.org) for registration information. Questions? Email: [cmercurio@stchrisparishnh.org](mailto:cmercurio@stchrisparishnh.org)

**GRADE 3 Students- CONFIRMATION begins Fall 2022 --** Students in grade 3 who received their Reconciliation last Fall may register for this **CONFIRMATION** class. This class meets on 8 Sunday mornings. Families attend the 10:00 AM Mass and then proceed downstairs for class from 11:00-12:00 noon. Class time is subject to change. Students and a parent participate together as they learn and prepare to receive both Confirmation and Eucharist in Spring 2022. Students registering for this class also register for First Eucharist, which runs from January to May 2022. **Students must also be registered for either our Family Faith program or be enrolled at a Catholic school for their ongoing faith formation.** Sacrament prep forms can be found at our parish website ([stchrisparishnh.org](http://stchrisparishnh.org)) to print and return. Questions? Contact [cmercurio@stchrisparishnh.org](mailto:cmercurio@stchrisparishnh.org)

**GRADE 3 Students- First Communion begins Spring 2023 --**Students in grade 3 who have received Reconciliation and have attended Confirmation prep classes last Fall may register for this **First Eucharist** class. This class meets on 8 Sunday evenings from 4:30-5:30 PM. Student and a parent participate together as they learn and prepare to receive both Confirmation and Eucharist in Spring 2022. **Students must also be registered for either our Family Faith program or enrolled at a Catholic school for their ongoing faith formation.** Sacrament prep forms can be found at our parish website ([stchrisparishnh.org](http://stchrisparishnh.org)) to print and return. Questions? Email [cmercurio@stchrisparishnh.org](mailto:cmercurio@stchrisparishnh.org)

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### Christ In Us Family Faith Program

#### Grades K-Grade 8

Our Family Faith program will begin September 18th at 8:30 AM. We hope to see you there!

**NEW this Fall!- Our program is expanding to include Grades 7 and 8!** Our parish students in public school grades K to grade 8 AND their families will gather once a month in the Church hall for a light breakfast and family based activity! Students will then participate in a grade level lesson in a classroom setting while their parents participate in a program just for them. We can all use a recharge in our faith journey! Students will continue with self paced lessons at home each week and submit completed work online.

Registration forms can be found on our parish website at [stchrisparishnh.org](http://stchrisparishnh.org)  
Questions? Email Christine Mercurio at [cmercurio@stchrisparishnh.org](mailto:cmercurio@stchrisparishnh.org).



*Lord, hold our troops in your loving hands.  
Protect them as they protect us.  
Bless them and their families,  
For the selfless acts they perform,  
For us in our time of need.  
And give us peace.  
We ask this in the name of Jesus, Our Lord  
and Savior. Amen.*

Please pray for the following service people from our parish:

Children of William & Yvette Berthelotte:  
LTC Brian Berthelotte (Army);  
LtCol Mark Berthelotte (USAF);  
LCDR Brad Berthelotte (Navy)

Grandson of William & Yvette Berthelotte:  
Sgt. Matthew Berthelotte (USMC)

Son of John & Alana Kocsis:  
SSG. John Kocsis III (Army)

Son of Joseph & Sue Strob:  
Maj. Rob Strob

Son of David & Patricia Taylor:  
SFC James Taylor (Army)

Grandson of Lorraine St. Pierre  
PFC Alexander St. Pierre (Army)

Sons of Laurie Kopka and  
Grandsons of Madeleine Kopka:  
AT2 Michael Allard (Navy)  
AME2 Joseph Allard (Navy)

Daughter of John Soltis:  
Lt.Col. Kristen Soltis (USAF)

Granddaughter of Dan & Sue Tracy:  
Cpt. Brittany DesLauriers (Army)

Grandson of Betty Batey:  
Major Nick Batey USAF

Nephew of Karen Narkis:  
AMT3 David P. Narkis (Coast Guard)

*To add to our military prayer list,  
email [bulletin@stchrisparishnh.org](mailto:bulletin@stchrisparishnh.org) or  
call the Rectory at 882-0632.*

**St. Christopher Parish  
Community Outreach**

**Parish Prayer Line**

*Overwhelmed by life, by care?  
May we help with our prayer?*

St. Christopher's Prayer Line --  
24/7 from us to Heaven!

**Go online to**

[www.stchrisparishnh.org](http://www.stchrisparishnh.org)

**Send email to**

prayerhotline@  
stchrisparishnh.org

**Prayer Shawls**

Our prayer shawl ministry, Creating for our Community, gathers once a month to knit, crochet, and pray as they create beautiful prayer shawls. If you know of someone who could benefit from the gift of a Prayer Shawl, whether they are having difficult time, or simply need the comfort of Prayer wrapped around their shoulders, please contact the rectory at 882-0632.

**Outreach Ministry**

If you are homebound and cannot attend Mass and would like to receive communion, please call the Rectory 882-0632.

**Home Visitation Ministry**

The Home Visitation ministry offers in-home visits for Christian fellowship, conversation, and prayer for parishioners who are unable to attend parish Masses and gatherings due to age or infirmity. We offer a comfortable way to experience Jesus' caring presence.

Please note that this ministry does not provide services such as errands, rides, and housework.

Contact Janet Murphy at 603-204-8382 to arrange a visit.

**St. Andrew Dinner**

St. Andrew was the first of the Apostles to hear Jesus' call to follow Him. If you are a young man considering a vocation to the priesthood or who would simply like some help hearing the Lord's call in your life, join us for a St. Andrew Dinner at St. Patrick Parish in Newport, NH on June 12. Visit [www.liveinblackandwhite.com](http://www.liveinblackandwhite.com) for more information.

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**Vita et Caritas Award**

The Diocese of Manchester is currently seeking nominations for the Vita et Caritas Award (For Life and Love Award), given to a NH volunteer of a non-profit organization who makes significant contributions that help transform the lives of women, children and families. The non-profit organization will also receive a \$2,500 grant from the Bishop's Charitable Assistance Fund. An application form and information is available [www.catholicnh.org](http://www.catholicnh.org). Nominations may be submitted electronically and are due by June 3, 2022.

**Week-Long Book Sale  
at Saint Kathryn's**

Saint Kathryn Religious Goods will host a week-long preowned book sale from June 6 - 11 during our regular store hours of 9:00 AM - noon, Monday through Thursday and Saturday. There are thousands of titles to choose from, most of them only \$1.00-\$2.00. There is ample parking. Please come early for the best selection! 4 Dracut Road, Hudson. Questions? Please contact the store at 603-595-4463.

**For Vocations**

"You will be My witnesses to the ends of the earth." If you think the Lord may be inviting you to carry on His mission as a priest, deacon or in the consecrated life, contact the Vocation Office at [mmason@rcbm.org](mailto:mmason@rcbm.org).

**Saint Christopher Academy  
Accepting Applications  
for Fall 2022**

Families looking for an outstanding prekindergarten through grade 8 Catholic education are invited to apply to Saint Christopher Academy for the Fall of 2022. At Saint Chris, we value academic excellence and spiritual development within a caring, joy-filled community. Our dual Nashua campuses serve grades pre-k to grade 5 at our lower campus and grades 6 to 8 at our nearby upper campus. To learn more, visit [SaintChrisAcademy.org](http://SaintChrisAcademy.org) or contact Enrollment Coordinator Lorraine Bedard at 603-882-7442, ext. 310

**Welcome! Please use this form to register!**

*St. Christopher Parish welcomes all visitors to our Spiritual Home! If you are interested in joining the parish, please complete the form below and either drop it in the Offertory Basket or mail it to the Rectory. One of our Parish staff members will be in touch. Registration forms are also available online at [www.StChrisParishNH.org](http://www.StChrisParishNH.org).*

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Email \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_



## Family Connection to this Week's Gospel

### Gospel Reading: Luke 24:46-53

*Jesus is taken to heaven and the disciples remain in Jerusalem awaiting his sending of the Spirit.*

Any family that has tried to sit down to a family dinner or packed the car for a trip has heard children argue at least once about who should sit where. To sit next to someone, especially if that person is important, is to have a place of honor. Jesus has this place of honor, seated now at the right hand of the Father (as we say in the Nicene Creed and the Apostles' Creed), but there's more to this metaphor than where Jesus sits in relation to God. To be in the place of honor is also to be in a place of power. Knowing people in powerful places can be very helpful. Children remind us of this each time we are called upon to referee a conflict. Jesus, honored now at God's right hand, is a powerful ally for us.

As you gather as a family, recall a time when there was a discussion, or perhaps even an argument, about where people were going to sit. Talk about why it might be important to a person to sit in a particular place. Mention that in this Sunday's Gospel we learn about Jesus' place in heaven. Read together Luke 24:46-53. Talk about how in the Creed we describe Jesus' place in heaven as "seated at the right hand of the Father." Discuss what we might learn about the relationship between God and Jesus from today's Gospel and from the Creed and what we can learn about Jesus' relationship to us. Observe that one of the things we learn is that Jesus continues to help us from this place of honor in heaven. Pray together the Apostles' Creed.

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## Visitation of the Virgin Mary

(May 31)

This is a fairly late feast, going back only to the 13th or 14th century. It was established widely throughout the Church to pray for unity. The present date of celebration was set in 1969, in order to follow the Annunciation of the Lord and precede the Nativity of Saint John the Baptist.

Like most feasts of Mary, it is closely connected with Jesus and his saving work. The more visible actors in the visitation drama (see Luke 1:39-45) are Mary and Elizabeth. However, Jesus and John the Baptist steal the scene in a hidden way. Jesus makes John leap with joy—the joy of messianic salvation. Elizabeth, in turn, is filled with the Holy Spirit and addresses words of praise to Mary—words that echo down through the ages.

It is helpful to recall that we do not have a journalist's account of this meeting. Rather Luke, speaking for the Church, gives a prayerful poet's rendition of the scene. Elizabeth's praise of Mary as "the mother of my Lord" can be viewed as the earliest Church's devotion to Mary. As with all authentic devotion to Mary, Elizabeth's (the Church's) words first praise God for what God has done to Mary. Only secondly does she praise Mary for trusting God's words.

Then comes the Magnificat (Luke 1:46-55). Here, Mary herself—like the Church—traces all her greatness to God.

### Reflection

One of the invocations in Mary's litany is "Ark of the Covenant." Like the Ark of the Covenant of old, Mary brings God's presence into the lives of other people. As David danced before the Ark, John the Baptist leaps for joy. As the Ark helped to unite the 12 tribes of Israel by being placed in David's capital, so Mary has the power to unite all Christians in her son. At times, devotion to Mary may have occasioned some divisiveness, but we can hope that authentic devotion will lead all to Christ and therefore, to one another.

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## Prayer to Saint Michael

*St. Michael, the Archangel, defend us in battle. Be our defense against the wickedness and snares of the devil. May God rebuke him, we humbly pray; and do thou, O Prince of the heavenly hosts, by the power of God, cast into hell, Satan and all the other evil spirits who prowl about the world seeking the ruin of souls. Amen.*

## Prayer for Vocations

*O Holy Spirit, Spirit of wisdom and divine love, impart Your knowledge, understanding, and counsel to youth that they may know the vocation wherein they can best serve God. Give them courage and strength to follow God's holy will. Guide their uncertain steps, strengthen their resolutions, shield their chastity, fashion their minds, conquer their hearts, and lead them to the vineyards where they will labor in God's holy service. Amen.*

## Prayer for Priests

*Gracious and loving God, we thank you for the gift of our priests. Through them, we experience your presence in the sacraments. Help our priests be strong in their vocation. Set their souls on fire for your people. Grant them the wisdom, understanding, and strength they need to follow in the footsteps of Jesus. Inspire them with the vision of your Kingdom. Give them the words they need to spread the Gospel. Allow them to experience joy in their ministry. Help them to become instruments of your Divine grace. We ask this through Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns as our Eternal Priest. Amen.*

In the Words of  
*Pope Francis*

*"My peace I give you" (Jn 14:27). Jesus knows that on our own we are not able to cultivate peace, that we need help, a gift, the Holy Spirit. It is He who disarms the heart and fills it with serenity."*

**Pope Francis I @ Pontifex**  
**May 22, 2022**

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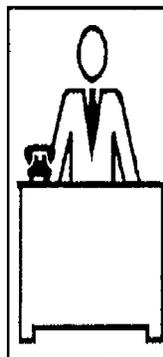
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