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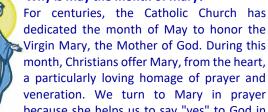
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#### Feast of the Ascension of the Lord May 18<sup>th</sup>

40 days after his resurrection, after the Lord appeared to his disciples, he was taken up into heaven. This event marks the transition between the glory of the risen Christ and that of the exalted Christ at the right hand of the Father.



#### Why is May the month of Mary?



dedicated the month of May to honor the Virgin Mary, the Mother of God. During this month, Christians offer Mary, from the heart, a particularly loving homage of prayer and veneration. We turn to Mary in prayer because she helps us to say "yes" to God in our daily lives.

#### Living Stations of the Cross

Good Friday, 4/7/2023, Sacred Heart/St. Dominic Church, Portland





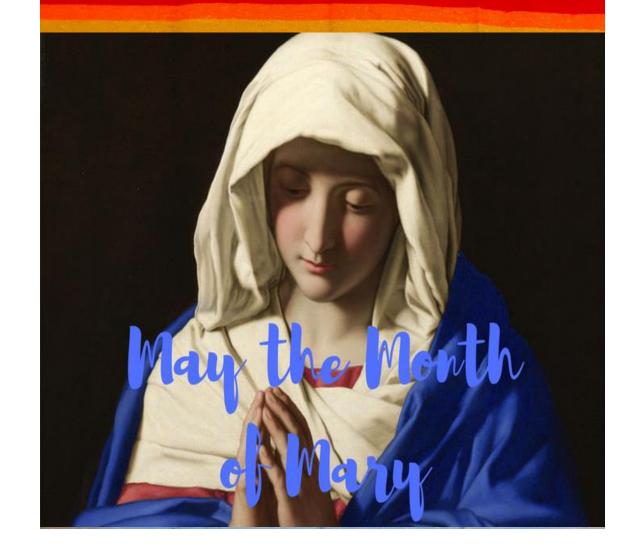




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May 2023





**Eucharistic Adoration** First Saturday of the month. from 12:00m to 6:00pm Sacred Heart/St. Dominic Chapel, Portland.

#### **Our Lady of Fatima** May 13<sup>th</sup>

It is the story of the apparitions of Our Lady to three little shepherds, on May 13, 1917 in Portugal, in the area of Cova da Iría. The Virgin asked the three children, Lucia, Jacinta and Francisco, to return on the 13th of each month. The last



apparition of the Virgin took place on October 13, 1917, where the so-called "miracle of the sun" took place, which was witnessed by thousands of people.

#### Augusta

Every Saturday, 5:30 pm. St. Monica Chapel - 5 Kendall St. Brewer

Spanish Masses

# Every Sunday, 1:00 pm. St. Teresa Church - 425 South Main St.

#### Cherryfield

1st Sunday of the month, 1:00 pm. St. Michael Church - 51 Elm St

#### Lewiston

Every Saturday, 6:00 pm. – (Live-Stream) Chapel Riviere – Holy Cross Church 1080 Lisbon St.

#### Pittsfield

1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Friday of the month, 12:00 m. St. Agnes Church - 238 Detroit Street Portland

Every Sunday, 1:00 pm. Sacred Heart Church - 65 Mellen Street

#### Sanford

2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of the month, 5:00 pm, Holy Family Church - 66 North Ave.

#### Skowhegan

Sundays to be noted, 9:30 am **Conference Room** Kyes Motel - 137 W Front St.

# Retiro de Pascua Al Encuentro con Cristo Resucitado

Sábado 13 de Mayo 2023 9a.m.-4p.m.



P. Alejandro López Cardinale desde la Arquidiócesis de Boston

Salón de Catedral Inmaculada Concepción 307 Congress St, Portland, ME, 04101

Tendremos alabanzas, predicación, Santa Misa, Ofrenda \$ 5.00

confesiones, adoración Eucarística y mucho mas! Sorteo de Regalo entre las personas que lleguen antes de las 9:15 a.m.

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# **Our Blessed Virgin Mary**

To bring about the reconciliation of men, God prepared a woman, filling her with special graces to be the Mother of God. He freed her from original sin and from all sin, from the first moment of her existence and was always most holy. That Woman, Mary, would be the Mother of God and therefore our authentic Mother.

One day God sent the Archangel Gabriel to the city of Nazareth, the Virgin Mary, who was betrothed to St. Joseph. He greeted her calling her "full of grace", and explained the Plan of God: She would be the Mother of the Savior by the work of the Holy Spirit, because for God nothing is impossible.

The Virgin Mary immediately accepted God's plan, saying: "Behold, the handmaid of the Lord, let it be done to me

according to your word" (Lk 1:38). At that very moment, the second Person of the Holy Trinity became Man, without ceasing to be God.

### Who is the Blessed Virgin Mary?

The Blessed Virgin Mary is the New Eve, the perfect Woman, full of grace and virtues, conceived without original sin, who is the Mother of God and our mother, and who is in heaven in body and soul; and who accompanies us permanently in our efforts to be Christians with great solicitude and maternal love.

## Why do we say that the Virgin Mary is truly the Mother of God?

We say that the Virgin Mary is truly the Mother of God because she is the mother of the eternal Son of God made man, who is God himself.

# Why do we say that the Virgin Mary is our mother?

We say that the Virgin Mary is our mother because, by her obedience, she became the new Eve, mother of the living; moreover, because she is the Mother of Jesus Christ, with whom we are united by grace, forming a single Mystical Body.

# What are the unique privileges that God granted to the Virgin Mary?

The singular privileges that God granted to the Virgin Mary are: her Immaculate Conception, her perpetual Virginity, her divine Motherhood and her Assumption body and soul into heaven. What place does the Blessed Virgin Mary occupy in the Plan of Reconciliation?

The Blessed Virgin Mary occupies in the redemption the place of Cooperator of the Redemption, because she collaborated with her faith and her free obedience to the reconciliation of men. By explicit desire of the Lord Jesus, who pointed her out to us as Mother (see Jn 19:27), Mary is truly the Mother of all Christians, who carry out their earthly pilgrimage under the tender maternal care and company of Mary.

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