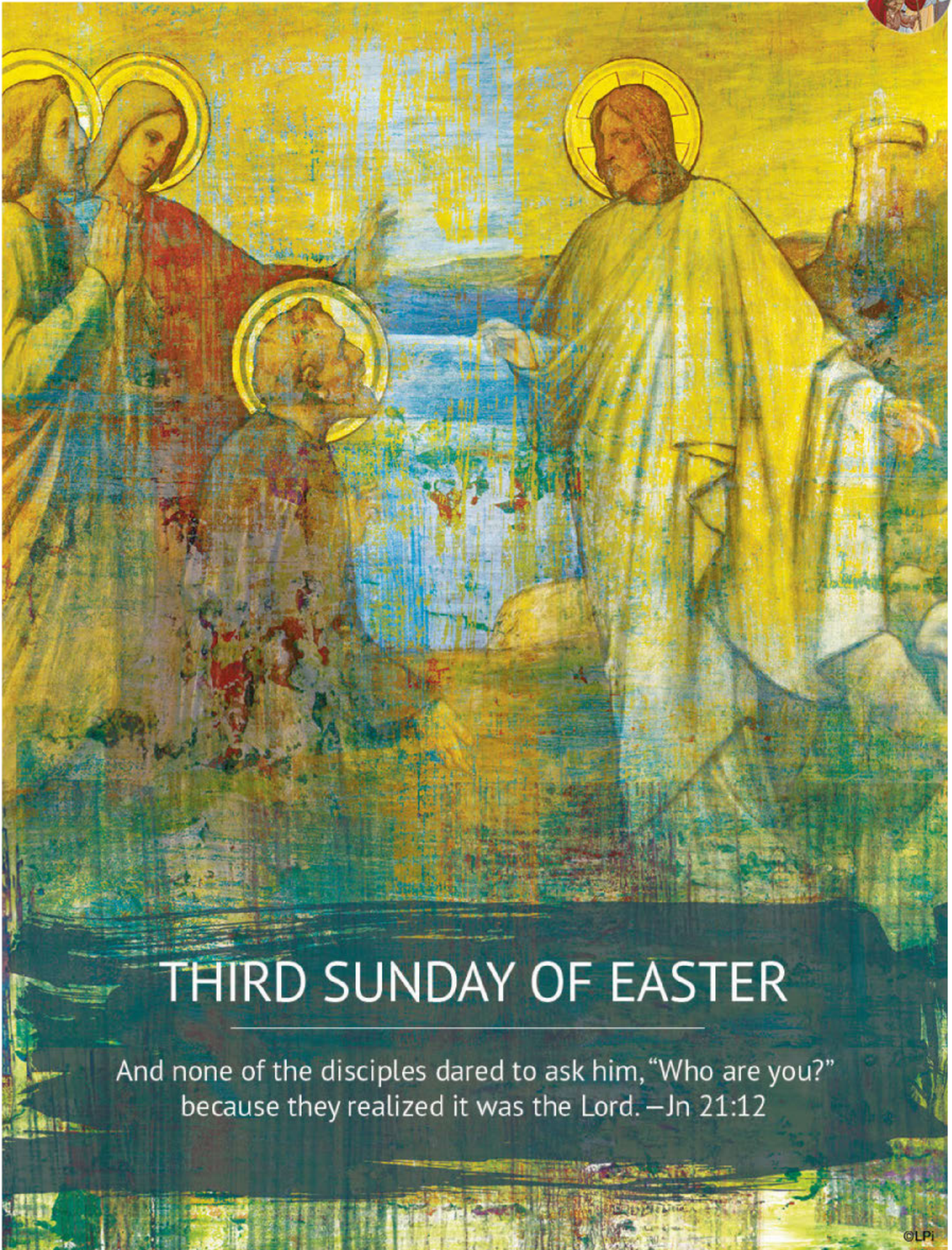


ST JOSEPH ON THE RIO GRANDE



THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER

And none of the disciples dared to ask him, "Who are you?"
because they realized it was the Lord. —Jn 21:12

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WEEKLY PRAYER

READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF MAY 1, 2022

- Sunday:** Acts 5:27-32, 40b-41/Ps 30:2, 4, 5-6, 11-12, 13 [2a]/Rv 5:11-14/
Jn 21:1-19 or 21:1-14
- Monday:** Acts 6:8-15/Ps 119:23-24, 26-27, 29-30/Jn 6:22-29
- Tuesday:** 1 Cor 15:1-8/Ps 19:2-3, 4-5/Jn 14:6-14
- Wednesday:** Acts 8:1b-8/Ps 66:1-3a, 4-5, 6-7a/Jn 6:35-40
- Thursday:** Acts 8:26-40/Ps 66:8-9, 16-17, 20/Jn 6:44-51
- Friday:** Acts 9:1-20/Ps 117:1bc, 2/Jn 6:52-59
- Saturday:** Acts 9:31-42/Ps 116:12-13, 14-15, 16-17/Jn 6:60-69
- Next Sunday:** Acts 13:14, 43-52/Ps 100:1-2, 3, 5 [3c]/Rv 7:9, 14b-17/Jn 10:27-30

OBSERVANCES FOR THE WEEK OF MAY 1, 2022

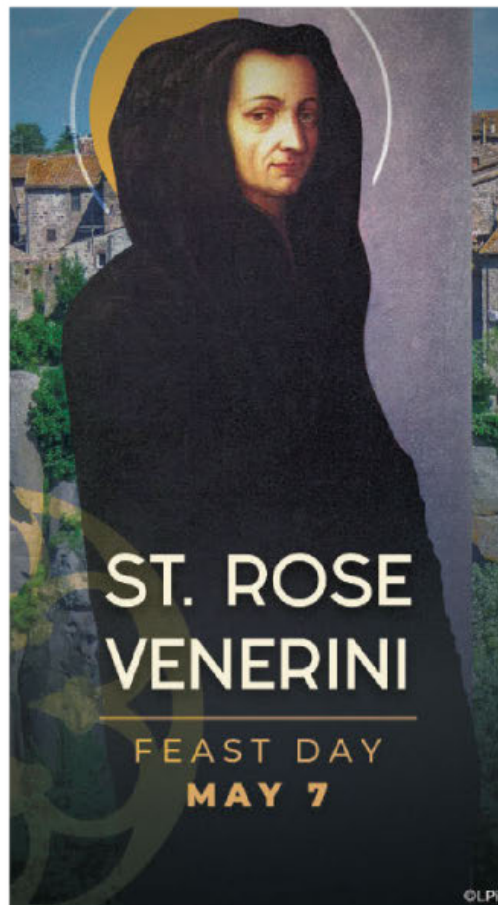
- Sunday:** 3rd Sunday of Easter; St. Joseph the Worker
- Monday:** St. Athanasius, Bishop and Doctor of the Church
- Tuesday:** Sts. Philip and James, Apostles
- Thursday:** National Day of Prayer
- Next Sunday:** 4th Sunday of Easter; World Day of Prayer for Vocations;
Mother's Day

LIVE THE LITURGY Inspiration for the week



**MAY 1, FEAST DAY OF
St Joseph the Worker**

What prevents us from seeing the Lord? We are not used to seeing Jesus in the ordinary, everyday events of our lives. We expect some kind of startling, extraordinary revelation to occur that definitely and unmistakably sends a signal that God wants our attention. We don't expect a visit from Jesus while we are having breakfast, doing the dishes, running after the kids, negotiating a deal at work, or taking a shower! Sometimes when God simply stands on the shore of our lives casually looking for us, we don't recognize him. Did we ever stop and think that God is really and truly interested in the routine, run of the mill events of our lives? So, "what did you do today?" God may ask. Maybe we don't think that God is concerned about such things, or we are so consumed with life's demands that we give it little if any thought. Perhaps we are determined to achieve our own success, desire to control things ourselves or not really sure what God cares about. God is there. One day, out of the blue, God will get our attention and ask, "Do you love me?"



SAINT OF THE WEEK

The story of St. Rose of Venerini (February 9, 1656 – May 7, 1728) is one of having faith in God and his calling in your life. Born in Italy in 1656, she was the daughter of a doctor. Following the death of her fiancé, she entered a convent in the hopes of becoming a nun, but soon returned home to care for her mother after the death of her father. In an effort to keep up her spiritual side, St. Rose invited women of the neighborhood to recite the rosary in her home, and together they formed a sodality.

Unsure of where her life was headed, she sought the spiritual guidance of a Jesuit priest. After much contemplation, she admitted to feeling called to be a teacher in the world, rather than a nun in a convent. Eventually, she moved ahead and opened a free school for girls in 1685. Eventually, she was invited to oversee the training of teachers and the administration of schools in the Diocese of Montefiascone, which then led to being called upon to organize schools in many parts of Italy, including Rome.

St. Rose died in Rome in 1728 amid a number of miracles that many credit to her. The group of women she first prayed with in her home eventually became known as the Venerini Sisters, found in the United States and working among Italian immigrants. St. Rose was beatified in 1952 and canonized in 2006.

MASS INTENTIONS

Monday May 2nd, 2022

9:00 am

No intentions

Tuesday May 3rd, 2022

9:00 am

✠ Rafael M. Armijo Jr.

Wednesday May 4th, 2022

9:00 am

No intentions

Thursday May 5th, 2022

9:00 am

✠ Martin, Rafaelita, and
Rudolfo Anaya

Friday May 6th, 2022

9:00 am

No intentions

Saturday May 7th, 2022

5:00 pm

For the People

Sunday May 8th, 2022

8:00 am

✠ Sosimo and Ruth Cordova
Padilla

✠ Tommy Orosco

✠ Adelina Carabajal

10:00 am

Catholic Daughters of the
Americas

✠ Marie and Eufelia Vigil

✠ Arabella Lujan

12:00 pm

✠ Dora Maestas (3rd
anniversary)

✠ Beatrice Sanchez

✠ Bertha Torres

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WORSHIP & MEDITATION



GOSPEL MEDITATION

Encourage Deeper Understanding of Scripture

Could it be that God's image has become so soiled and distorted that it is hard for us to see it? Our self-serving agendas have done a great job twisting God's image into what profits us. We want our agenda to be God's agenda and use prayer as the convincing leverage we need. Worse still, our success and egocentric agenda often erases God's image completely, replacing it with our own. St. Oscar Romero instructs us that the Son of Man "dies on the cross to cleanse God's image, which is soiled in today's humanity, a humanity so enslaved, so selfish, so sinful." Striving to preserve control of our destinies at all costs, we fail to see the risen suffering servant, the Christ, standing right beside us. Jesus, who suffered and died on a cross and was raised from the dead, corrects our soiled image of God. He shows us God as God is, not who we want to make God to be. God is the God of the poor, the weak, and the marginalized. He is the God who tenderly caresses us when we are suffering and hurting, assuring us that all will be safe and well. He is the God of equity, peace, justice, and compassion who wants happiness for each of His children, desiring their wellbeing and success. God goes where men and women are afraid to go, sitting with the lost, the broken, and the sorrowing. St. Oscar Romero challenges us to illuminate with "Christ's light ... even the most hideous caverns of the human person: torture, jail, plunder, want, chronic illness. The oppressed must be saved." The resurrection calls us to be God's microphone, a messenger, and a prophet (St. Oscar Romero).

Using eyes that see beyond the limited constructs and desires of our world, we can see the true and real Jesus standing before us, calling us to transformation and change. Asking us more than once, "do you love me?" We are beckoned to give an answer. Answering in the affirmative, it is now our task to feed the sheep and the lambs who belong to God. In short, equipped with the power of the resurrection and a corrected image of God our task is to make things better, brighter, holier, more life-giving, and just for all of God's children. Considering our choices, our interactions, our philosophies, and aspirations, how can we do this?

LITURGICAL LIFE

RESPONDING *to the Call*

EVERYDAY STEWARDSHIP

Recognize God In Your Ordinary Moments

Gifts in Disguise

Have you ever opened a gift and wondered what the giver was thinking?

I won't call out any of my family or friends here, but suffice to say, I think we have all been the confused recipient of a sweater that wasn't our size or a gift card to a store where we don't shop. But we smiled all the same and said how much it meant to us, because we know that when it comes to gifts, it's all about the gesture.

Suffering is a lot like that — the gift you never asked for, and don't really want to receive. Sometimes we look at suffering and, like the apostles who see Jesus as a stranger on the shore, we don't recognize it for what it can be. We don't appreciate the catalyst suffering can be for change, for growth, for grace.

What was the gift that you received in disguise? Was it a relationship that confounded and frustrated you? Was it a job that tested your spirit? An obstacle that stopped you dead in your tracks? A rejection that threatened to break your spirit?

If I go back and look at the worst gifts I've ever gotten, chances are that I didn't like them because I didn't know what to do with them — they were more fitted for someone else's interests, someone else's life. It's the same with suffering. We're tempted to cast suffering aside when it comes our way because it doesn't fit the person we are. Suffering is made to fit the person God knows we have the ability, with His grace, to become.

Hang onto that suffering. Unlike the misshapen sweater, it really will come in handy.

— Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS

WHY DO WE DO THAT?

Are Catholics allowed to donate their organs?

Yes, Catholics are allowed to donate their organs. The Catechism of the Catholic Church praises this practice when it notes, "Organ donation after death is a noble and meritorious act and is to be encouraged as an expression of generous solidarity." (no. 2296).

The Church has a series of guidelines for healthcare providers called the Ethical and Religious Directives for Catholic Health Services. This document helps us see organ donation as an act of charity. Still, it also reminds us that we have to be sure that donations of organs by living donors do not "sacrifice or seriously impair any essential bodily function and the anticipated benefit to the recipient is proportionate to the harm to the donor." (no. 30). Trained medical professionals can help to make this assessment. In the case of organ donation at the end of life, we must be sure that the donor's intentions or their proxy and the dignity of the human body are continually respected. We can look to Pope Saint John Paul II and his encyclical *Evangelium Vitae*. He noted that "an organ donation is a beautiful act of expressing the culture of life when performed in an ethically acceptable manner, to offer a chance of health or even of life itself to the sick who sometimes have no other hope." (no. 86).

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10:00 am
12:00 noon
Weekdays
9:00 am

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Saturday
2:30 pm - 4:00 pm MDT (Summer Schedule)
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LITURGICAL LIFE

Prayer List

Carmela Benavidez, Jerry Chavez, Chris Conklin, Keri Moore, Noah and Jarred Peña, Rick Gonzales, Francine Romero, Margaret Klein, Phyllis Tabet, Muldrake Family, Mike Humpheries, Pat Sanchez, Sofia Armijo, Pearl Chavez, Josephine Arn, Danny and Hilda Abeyta, Valeria Ontiveros and family, Dale Weaver, Tina Archuleta, Kristi Peña, Anthony DeLeon, Michael Jones, J.D. and Hope Chavez, Steve Hay, Raymond Romero, Risa Caldwell, Fr. William McNichols, Deacon George Miller, Deacon Bert Dohle, Monsignor Flach, Pope Francis, Fr. Onwumelu, Archbishop Wester, Lorenza Flores, Monsignor Luna, all newly ordained Deacons, Pricy Saiz, Rosie Saiz, Natalia Duran, and Charlotte Apodaca.

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QUESTIONS OF THE WEEK

Reflect and Respond to Scripture

First Reading

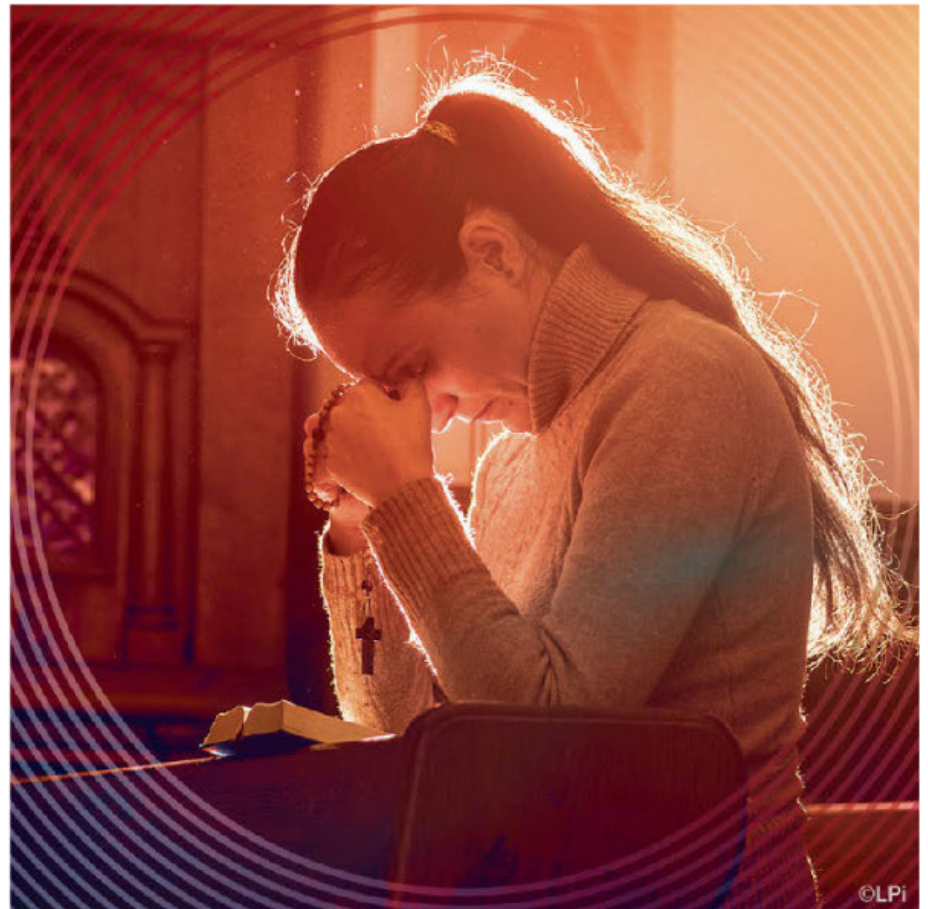
The apostles faced trial and even persecution from the religious leaders of Jerusalem (the Sanhedrin) for bearing witness to Jesus' resurrection. Why do you think some people are threatened by the good news of Jesus risen from the dead?

Second Reading

John sees a vision of heaven in which all of the created order is worshipping Jesus as the slain and risen "Lamb." What images of heaven bring you comfort?

Gospel Reading

The resurrected Jesus appeared to seven of his disciples while they were fishing on the Sea of Tiberias. In doing so, Jesus comes to strengthen Peter for his upcoming leadership role. What gives you strength in your faith journey?



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KIDS CORNER

READ THE GOSPEL AND COMPLETE A PUZZLE!

Find and circle these words from today's Gospel:

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BOAT

JUMPED
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BREAD

CHARCOAL
APPEARED
RAISED

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SHARING THE GOSPEL

After Jesus rose from the dead, he must have looked very different. Jesus helped his apostles catch a lot of fish, just as he had done before. Jesus invited his friends to eat with him, and he still broke his bread to share it in the same way he always had. The disciples still recognized Jesus by the things he did.

PRAYER

Dear God, help me to always recognize Jesus.

MISSION FOR THE WEEK

Invite a friend over to eat dinner with your family, so you can share food just like Jesus did.



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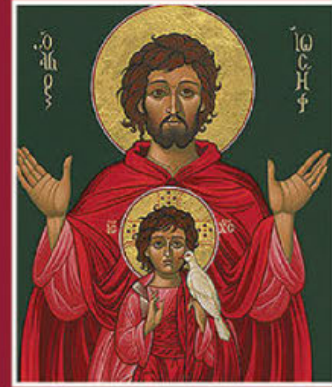
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It's fast approaching! Call 505.244.2154. Youth Faith Formation enrollment begins on **May 16th**.



“It is better to be a child of God than king of the whole world.” — St. Aloysius Gonzaga, feast day June 21

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Dear St. Joseph, I entrust myself today to your loving care.

Be my protector and guide on this earthly pilgrimage.

Intercede for me that, like you, I may be truly devoted to Jesus and Mary.

Amen.

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