

CELEBRATING WITH JESUS THIS SUMMER!

Here are some ways your families can celebrate your faith over the next three months. Have a very blessed summer and enjoy God’s many gifts while you take a little time to relax and recharge.

May

The month of May is dedicated to the Blessed Mother.

1. Try planting a Mary Garden. This can be as simple as a marigold (Mary’s Gold) in a planter. Add a small statue of Our Lady to make it a little more special.



2. “An easy way to celebrate any of the Blessed Virgin Mary’s feast days is by incorporating the colors that symbolize her into our meals for that day. The color white symbolizes Mary’s purity and blue is the traditional color of her mantle and/or sash.” (From Catholic Cuisine)



3. May 15th is the feast day of Saint Isidore the Farmer—bring some of your seeds or starter plants to church and have Father Walter or Deacon Gary bless them.

4. May 29th is Ascension Sunday

Gospel reading for this feast day in 2022 can be found at Luke 24:46-53

“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](#). (From Loyola Press Sunday Connections <https://www.loyolapress.com/catholic-resources/liturgical-year/sunday-connection/ascension-of-the-lord-cycle-c/>)

June

The month of June is dedicated to the Sacred Heart of Jesus

1. June 5 is Pentecost Sunday
 - Another name for this feast is “*Whitsunday*” and keeping with this name there is a tradition to serve white foods on this day. A super easy and tasty way to celebrate this feast would be to serve powdered sugar doughnuts for breakfast.
 - Another fun way to celebrate the coming of the Holy Spirit on Pentecost would be to serve a 7 Layer Dip in honor of the seven gifts of the Holy Spirit. (Beans, salsa, sour cream, guacamole, cheese, green onions, and olives.)
2. June 12 is Trinity Sunday
Have a sweet treat of Neapolitan ice cream for dessert today.
The three flavors in one represent the three natures of our one God.
3. June 19 is the Feast of Corpus Christi
 - Make sure to attend Mass and receive Jesus’ Precious Body and Blood this weekend.
 - A coloring page for children can be found at <https://www.saintannahelper.com/holy-communion-coloring.html>



July

The month of July is dedicated to the Precious Blood of Jesus

For the adults—Summer Sangria in this Month of the Most Precious Blood

Go to <https://catholiccuisine.blogspot.com/2018/07/summer-sangria-in-this-month-of-most.html> for more information and for a recipe for this summer drink.

1. July 1st is the feast day of Saint Junipero Serra Junipero Serra was from Spain and was a missionary in Mexico and California. To learn more about this saint go to <https://www.loyolapress.com/catholic-resources/saints/saints-stories-for-all-ages/blessed-junipero-serra/>
 - For more ideas for young and old alike go to <https://www.catholicculture.org/commentary/feasting-for-junipero-serra/>
2. July 14th is the feast day of Saint Kateri Tekakwitha

- Kateri Tekakwitha is called the Lily of the Mohawks. Her name Tekakwitha means “putting things in order.” She put her life in order in a short time.
- To learn more about Saint Kateri go to <https://www.loyolapress.com/catholic-resources/saints/saints-stories-for-all-ages/saint-kateri-tekakwitha/>
- In honor of Saint Kateri’s Native American heritage incorporate corn bread into one of your meals today.

August

August is dedicated to the Immaculate Heart of Mary

The month of August is dedicated to the Immaculate Heart of Mary. The Immaculate Heart is often venerated together with the Sacred Heart of Jesus. Just as the Sacred Heart represents Christ's love for mankind, the Immaculate Heart represents the Blessed Virgin's desire to lead all people to Christ.



O Sacred Heart, How Sweet Thou Art



Feasting for the Assumption

For many great ideas for celebrating the Feast of the Assumption of Our Lady on August 15th can be found by going to

- <https://catholiccuisine.blogspot.com/2008/08/feasting-for-assumption.html>
- <https://catholiccuisine.blogspot.com/2009/08/blueberry-strawberry-cobbler-in-honor.html>

Coloring pages for this feast can be found at

- <https://coloringhome.com/coloring-page/1465514?album=virgin-mary-coloring-page>
- <https://coloringhome.com/coloring-page/1705764?album=virgin-mary-coloring-page>
- <https://coloringhome.com/coloring-page/1705775?album=virgin-mary-coloring-page>