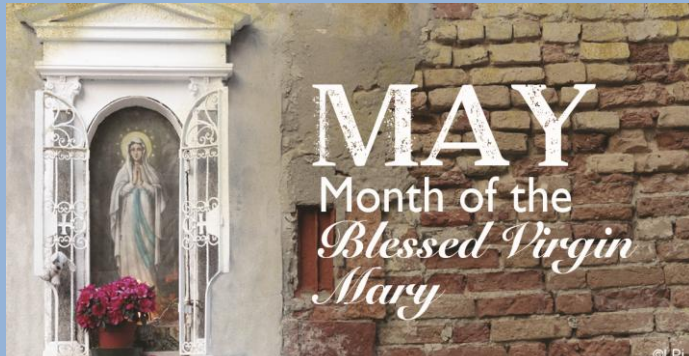


ST. ANDREW THE APOSTLE RELIGIOUS EDUCATION MAY 2021



RELIGIOUS EDUCATION
Final Class for All RE
Students is Monday, May 17

MASS AT 5:45 PM
Followed By An
AWARDS CEREMONY

**Families should gather in
the church and sit as a
family.**

IMPORTANT DATES

Sat., May 1, 11 am
First Holy Communion Mass
Students arrive 10:30 am

Mon/Tue, May 3/4
RE Classes #25
Grades K-7 Final Review
Grade 8 Final Exam

Mon/Tue, May 10/11
RE Classes #26
Grades K-7 Final

Sun., May 16, 1:30-4 pm
APOLOGETICS

Mon., May 17 – Last RE Class
**5:45 pm RE Mass followed by
Awards Ceremony**

Tue., May 25, 10:30 -12 noon
**Book Club – Holiness for
Everyone – St. Josemaria
Escriva**

Tue., May 25, 6:45 pm
**Confirmation Rehearsal
Followed by Confessions**

Wed., May 26, 7 pm
Confirmation Mass
Students arrive 6:30 pm

Mon., May 31
Memorial Day Holiday
RE Offices Closed
--- *Memorial Day
commemorates all the men and
women who have died while
serving in the military.*

MAY THE MONTH OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

For centuries, the Catholic Church has set aside the entire month of May to honor Mary, Mother of God. Not just a day *in* May but the entire month. It is common to recite the Rosary daily during May. Below are several ways you can honor Mary in your home.

Make a May Altar for Mary

You will find everything you need to know about how to set up a May altar for Mary with lots of ideas of what to put on the table! [May Altar Link](#)

Hold a May Crowning

You can have a May crowning at home. Information on how to hold a May crowning with kids can be found at this [Link](#).

Plant a Mary Garden (Clean up the one you have)

Having a Mary garden is not only a great way to honor Mary, but it can also provide a quiet and reflective place for your family to go to her in prayer. [Mary Garden Link](#)

Mary Crafts and Activities

If you like to celebrate Mary with fun kid crafts, visit this [Link](#) with more than 20 Mary crafts for kids. Or visit [The Catholic Kid.com](#) for coloring pages and a video on how to pray the Rosary.

The meaning is far more important than the action. Do it because Mary is Mother – your mother, my mother, everyone’s mother – and because she cares for all of us day-in-and-day-out without fail, interceding for us in even the tiniest matters. For that, she deserves an entire month in her honor. Mary, Mother of God ~ pray for us.

Final Exams will be held May 3 & 4 for students in 8th Grade preparing for Confirmation and May 10 & 11 for students in Grades K-7. Study guides for the exams are available on the St. Andrew website, Religious Education/Handbooks/Basic Catholic Questions (BCQ) [Link Here](#)

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Religious Education 2021-2022 Registration Now Open

Classes will be held in-person on
Monday, 5:30-7 pm and Tuesday, 5-6:30 pm

Volunteers Needed for the 2021-2022 School Year Catechists, Assistant Catechists, Hall and Parking Monitors

[RE Registration Form 2021-2022](#) [RE Volunteer Intent Form 2021-2022](#)

Please prayerfully consider if you are being called to teach the faith to the young people of our parish. We have several positions to fill.
Contact Patty Laing, plaing@st-andrew.org or 703-817-1773

All new volunteers must be compliant with the Office of Protection for Children and Young People. Attendance in a "Virtus: Protecting God's Children" seminar and an electronic background check are required for all volunteers 18+ years old.

"Know that the greatest service that man can offer to God is to help convert souls." ~ St. Rose of Lima



FEAST OF SAINT JOSEPH THE WORKER

In 1955 Pope Pius XII instituted the Feast of St. Joseph the Worker to be celebrated on May 1st.

As the Vicar of Christ, we wish to reaffirm highly, on this day of May 1 ... the dignity of work, and [to] inspire social life and laws, based on a fair share of rights and duties ... [We have determined to] establish the liturgical feast of St. Joseph the Worker, assigning it precisely on the 1st of May ... because the humble craftsman of Nazareth not only embodies the dignity of the arm of the worker ... he is also always the guardian of you and your families.

MAY SAINTS

- 1 Joseph the Worker
- 2 Athanasius
- 3 Philip and James
- 6 National Day of Prayer
- 10 Damien of Molokai
- 12 Nereus and Achilleus and Pancras
- 13 Our Lady of Fatima
- 14 Matthias
- 15 Isidore the Farmer
- 16 The Ascension /transferred Simon Stock and Margaret of Cortona
- 18 John I
- 20 Bernadine of Siena
- 21 Christopher Magallanes and Companions
- 22 Rita of Cascia
- 23 Pentecost and John Baptiste de Rossi
- 24 Blessed Virgin Mary, Mother of the Church
- 25 Bede, Madeline Sophie Barat, Mary Magdalen de Pazzi and Gregory VII
- 26 Philip Neri
- 27 Augustine of Canterbury
- 29 Pope Paul VI
- 30 The Most Holy Trinity

Prayer to Saint Joseph for Success in Work

Glorious St. Joseph, model for all those who are devoted to labor, obtain for me the grace to work conscientiously, putting the call of duty above my many sins; to work with thankfulness and joy, considering it an honor to employ and develop, by means of labor, the gifts received from God; to work with order, peace, prudence, and patience, never surrendering to weariness or difficulties; to work, above all, with purity of intention and with detachment from self, having always death before my eyes and the account which I must render of time lost, of talents wasted, of good omitted, of vain complacency in success so fatal to the work of God. All for Jesus, all for Mary, all after thy example, O Patriarch Joseph, such shall be my motto in life and death. Amen.

**PLEASE REGISTER FOR 2021-2022 RELIGIOUS EDUCATION CLASSES BEFORE AUGUST 15, 2021.
VOLUNTEERS ARE STILL NEEDED. CONTACT THE RE OFFICE FOR DETAILS.**

**RE Office Hours Monday 9:30 am - 7:30 pm; Tuesday- Thursday 9:30-5 pm
Friday the Religious Education Office is closed.**