MAY 3, 2026 FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

Sunday Bulletin

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FAITH FIRST

In the Catholic tradition, the month of May has been consecrated as a special period of devotion to the Virgin Mary, Mother of God. It is a time when the faithful gather to honor and venerate the Blessed Mother through prayer, processions and other expressions of filial love. Mary the mother of Jesus, occupies a central place in the Catholic faith as an example of faith, humility and obedience. Getting to know her through prayer allows us to deepen our relationship with her and better understand her role in the history of salvation. She was given a vocation to fulfill and due to the fulfillment of that task, she has been given a special place of honor in Heaven. And, as many saints have attested, her requests are never refused. She is a gift given to us by her son Jesus: *"Woman, behold your son!"* then he said to his disciple, *"Behold your mother!"* (John 19:25-27). Pope, Saint John Paul II, one of the most devoted to Mary, expressed: *"The Mother of God is also our mother, and the intimate relationship of each of us with her is the essence of our relationship with the Son and with the Holy Trinity".*

Why is the month of May Dedicated to the Virgin Mary? The early Church celebrated a major Marian feast day in the middle of May, most likely in response to the pagan festivals of fertility designated for this month. Over time, May was held by the faithful to belong to Our Lady. But the formal dedication of May to Mary came about in the eighteenth century. One of the most cherished traditions during this month is the May Crowning ceremony. This event recognizes the Blessed Virgin Mary as the Queen of Heaven and Earth. In many Catholic communities, parishioners gather to adorn statues of Mary with floral wreaths, offering prayers and hymns as a gesture of love and respect. The May Crowning is also a personal expression of love for Mary as the Queen of our hearts.

DEAR PARISH

Mark Twain once said: "*The only thing we have to fear is our own fear.*" It has been said that there are at least 365 references *"to not being afraid"* in the scriptures. In this Sunday's Gospel the risen Jesus tells us not to let our hearts be troubled. But how do we do that? The Gospel tells us that it is by believing in God. An interesting exercise is to catalogue how many times each day we are apprehensive or fearful. The list can be long and daunting at times. Fear can hold us prisoners, while hope can set us free. It is too easy to become a prisoner to our day-to-day fears, big and small. Fear shuts us down, makes us doubt both God and ourselves. Toward the ending of this Sunday's Gospel, St John quotes Jesus saying: *"Whoever believes in me will perform the same works as I do … even greater works than these ..."* The Church and its members are called on to continue Jesus' mission without fear. We can and are called to do more than Jesus not in terms of more spectacular signs but because, Jesus in his humanity, was limited to a very small section of space and time, reaching only a relatively small number of people. Today, we have more means to leading the people we come across along the Way of Jesus, *The Way of Truth and Life*. As in Jesus' day, the masses are calling out to be fed and we, Jesus' companions, have been called to continue to bring the Bread of Life to the world.

Question for Group Discussion: Jesus promises that those who believe in Him will do the works He does and even greater ones. What "works" of love, service, or justice is God calling you to right now? **Challenge for week:** Bring joy to someone's day by visiting a lonely neighbor, calling a friend, or sharing a meal with someone in need.

MASS INTENTIONS

A Mass intention is the specific purpose for which a priest offers the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass. While every Mass is an infinite act of worship offered to God, the Church allows us to unite particular intentions to each celebration—offering the spiritual benefits of the Mass for a person or need.

Monday, May 4, 2026, 8 a.m. Mass
(+) Beatrice Quinn
Wednesday, May 6, 2026, 8 a.m. Mass
(+) Bernadette Zimbra
Thursday, May 7, 2026, 8 a.m. Mass
(+) Phillip Schmidt
Friday, May 8, 2026, 8 a.m. Mass
(+) John Glorioso, Jr.
Saturday, May 9, 2026, 8 a.m. Mass
(+) Ruth Alves

(+) Deceased, (H) Healing, (B) Birthday, (A) Anniversary, (T) Thanksgiving, (S) Special Intention . Visit the parish office to request.

NEXT SUNDAY READINGS

1st Reading: Acts 8:5-8, 14-17
2nd Reading: 1 Peter 3:15-18
Gospel: John 14:15-21

REPOSE OF SOUL

+ **Shelia Silva, Wednesday, May 6, 10:45 a.m. Eulogy, 11 a.m. Funeral Mass and 2 p.m. Burial at Hawaiian Memorial Cemetery Park**

UPCOMING EVENTS

- **Sat and Sun, May 2 and 3, Hospitality Weekend with refreshments on the Fellowship Lanai after all Masses**
- **Sun, May 3, 7 a.m.—1:30 p.m. Blood Bank of Hawaii Bloodmobile**
- **Mon, May 4, 9 a.m. Adult Bible Study**
- **Mon, May 4, 7 p.m. OCIA**
- **Mon, May 4, 7 p.m. Infant Baptism Classes for parents and godparents**
- **Tue, May 5, 7 p.m. Adult Bible Study**
- **Thu, May 7, 9 a.m. Sodality Rosary Making**
- **Fri, May 8, 9 a.m. Seniors Bingo. Bring a wrapped gift and food to share.**

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Read the full bulletin with the music leaflet and additional announcements in myParish App and on the parish website.

School News

Our PTSH (Parent, Teacher, Student Hui) is sponsoring a Teacher Appreciation Week from May 4—8. The group is celebrating our "far out" teachers with a 60's theme, of ***Peace, Love and SJV***, since it's the school's 60th Anniversary. Students will honor their teacher by participating in various activities during the week. They may also nominate their teacher who inspires them with a 30-second video or letter to the PTSH. The winning teacher selected will receive a $500 gift card.

The school joyfully celebrated May Day on Friday, May 1st with Hawaiian song and dance. The event took place in the beautifully decorated parish hall, as each class performed their unique hula and the Royal Court was absolutely stunning. Thanks to our Kumu Hula Jack McKeague, our faculty, staff and volunteers who spent hours instructing each class and preparing for this special day. Mahalo to everyone who donated plants and flowers to decorate the parish hall. It was a wonderful and joyful celebration.

Aloha From Mrs. DeMello

With a heart full of gratitude and a touch of melancholy, I am writing to share some news: I will be retiring from my position as Principal of St. John Vianney School, with my last day being June 30, 2026.

This decision marks the beginning of a new chapter for me, as I look forward to focusing on my family and enjoying retirement.

My time here has been one of the greatest joys of my professional life. It has been an absolute privilege to serve as your Principal for thirteen years. I have loved watching our students learn and grow, and I will deeply miss the daily interactions with our incredible families, dedicated faculty, and supportive staff.

I am also incredibly proud that my career has included over three decades of service to the Hawai'i Catholic Schools system. It is a legacy I hold dear, and I will forever cherish the relationships and memories made throughout the Diocese.

I want to extend my sincere thanks to Father Vincent Vu for his unwavering support and guidance during my tenure. His commitment to our mission has been a true inspiration.

I am committed to ensuring a smooth transition for the school in the coming months and will be working closely with Fr. Vincent.

While it is bittersweet to say aloha, please know that St. John Vianney School will always hold a very special place in my heart.

Mahalo nui loa for these wonderful years.

With deep appreciation and aloha,

Caryn DeMello, Principal

Blood Bank of Hawaii today from 7 a.m.—1:30 p.m.

The Bloodmobile is here this weekend to collect donations by appointment. Walk-ins welcome. Give the gift of life!

Hospitality Weekend with refreshments on the Fellowship Lanai after all Masses brought to you by our parish's Service Commission.

SCHOOL MAY DAY COURT

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Infant Baptism Prep – Register Today

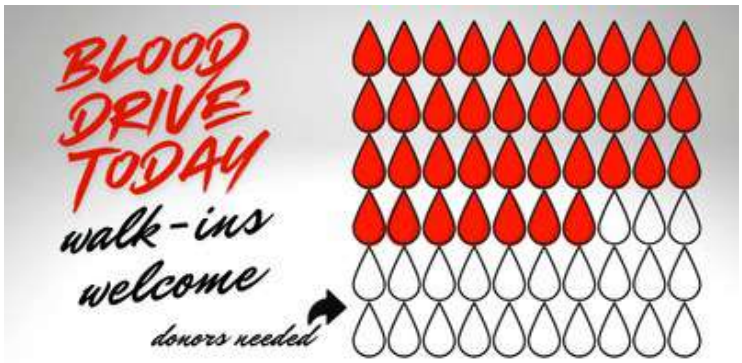
"By water and the Holy Spirit, your child is to receive the gift of new life from God." Parents and Godparents are encouraged to attend our required Baptismal preparation class to explore the beauty of the Rite and the lifelong commitment of guiding a child in the Catholic faith. The next sessions will be held on Mondays, May 4 and 18 at 7 p.m. Please ensure all required documentation is submitted to the Parish Office prior to the class. Let us help you prepare for this most important step in your child's spiritual journey.

Society of St. Vincent de Paul

In the Gospel today, Jesus says "…whoever believes in me will do the works that I do, and will do greater ones than these, because I am going to the Father. Through your almsgiving you are performing a good work; far greater than you think. The gifts placed in the St. Vincent de Paul envelops for the poor bring Christ's love and compassion to the poor.

True North Vacation Bible School

Guide kids on the ultimate Alaskan adventure where northern lights glow over majestic mountains, racing rivers, and glistening glaciers. As kids trek the tundra, they'll explore how easy it is to lose sight of what's true in our wild world today. Pointing them toward Jesus, True North VBS shows them that he is a faithful friend we can always trust. He's our True North! Register today from our parish website. Early registration discount extended.

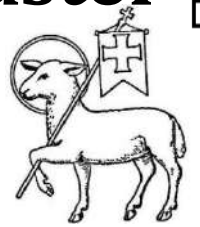


OFFERTORY—Our first fruits in thanksgiving to God for all our blessings

GIVE ONLINE

Week of Apr 11-17, 2026	Envelopes/Loose	Online Giving	Total	Goal	% of Goal
Sunday Offertory	$5156	$3,901	$9057	$9,460	96%
Repair and Maintenance	$510	$469	$979	$2,135	46%

5th Sunday of Easter



ENTRANCE PROCESSIONAL: JESUS CHRIST, YESTERDAY, TODAY & FOREVER

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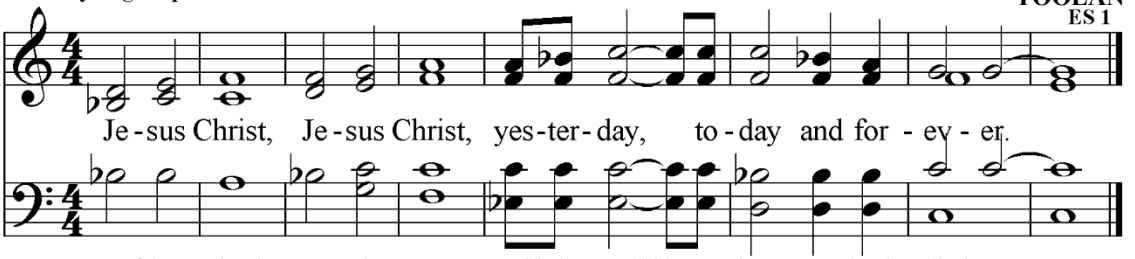

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SPRINKLING RITE: EASTER CANTICLE: WORTHY IS THE LAMB

With noble joyfulness

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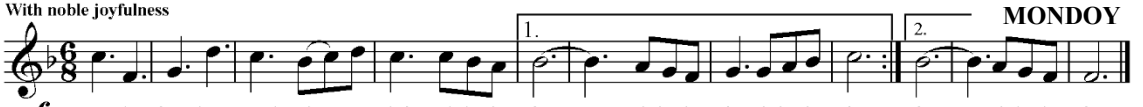

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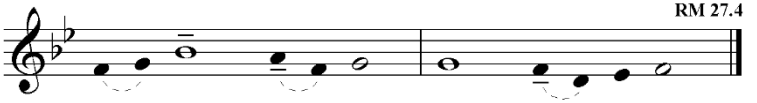
1. Power and riches, wisdom and strength; honor and glory and blessing to the Lamb: Alleluia…
2. The blood of the Lamb has purchased a people and made us a kingdom and priests for our God. Alleluia…

GLORY TO GOD

RM 27.4



Glory to God in the highest, | and on earth peace to people of good will.
We praise you, we bless you, we adore you, we glorify you,
| we give you thanks for your great glory,
Lord God, heavenly King, O God, almighty Father. | Lord Jesus Christ, Only Begotten Son,
Lord God, Lamb of God, | Son of the Father,
you take away the sins of the world, | have mercy on us;
you take away the sins of the world, | receive our prayer;
you are seated at the right hand of the Father, | have mercy on us.
For you alone are the Holy One, you alone are the Lord,
| you alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ,
with the Holy Spirit, | in the glory of God the Father. Amen. *based on Congregational Mass, John Lee, 1970*

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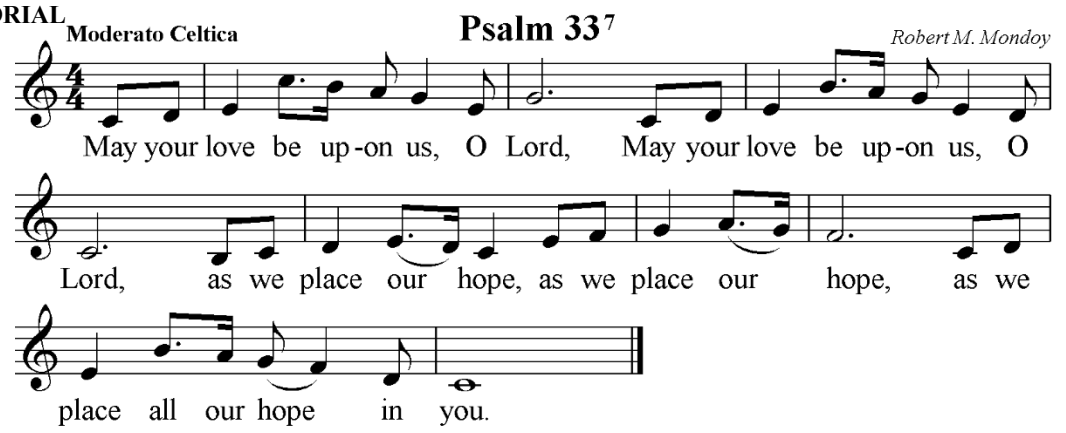

1. *Shout joy to the Lord, lovers of justice, how right to give praise!*
   Praise God on the harp, with ten-stringed lyre; with all you are do sing to the Lord.
2. *For the word of the Lord is true: what God says, God does.*
   This lover of truth and justice fills the earth, oh fills the earth with love.
3. *God does keeps a loving eye on all they who believe in him,*
   he keeps close watch in time of famine, times of trouble, rescuing them from death.

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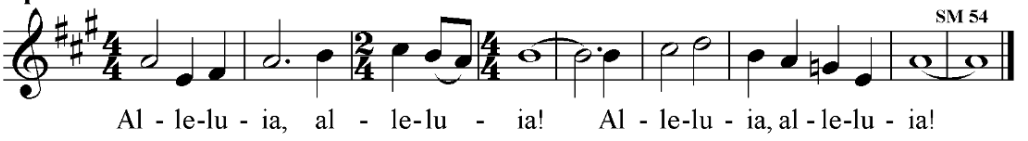
Paschal Mystery Mass

Gospel Acclamation



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PREPARATION OF THE GIFTS

138. DWELLING PLACE

1. I fall on my knees to the Father of Jesus,
the Lord who has shown us the glory of God.

2. May Christ in his love give us strength for our living,
the strength of the Spirit, the glory of God. *[Refrain]*

Refrain: **May Christ find a dwelling place of faith in our hearts.**
May our lives be rooted in love, rooted in love.

3. May grace and peace be yours in God our Father,
and in the Son. *[Refrain]*

4. I fall on my knees to the Father of Jesus,
the Lord who has shown us the glory of God. *[Refrain]*

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EUCHARISTIC PRAYER

"Paschal Mystery Mass"

Preface Dialogue RM 117

The Lord be with you. And with your spir - it.

Lift up your hearts. We lift them up to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord, our God. It is right and just.

Holy RM 217

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho-ly Lord God of hosts. Heav-en and earth are full of your glo-ry. Ho-san-na in the high-est, ho-san-na in the high-est. Bless-ed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

Ho-san-na in the high-est, ho-san-na in the high-est,

ho - san-na, ho - san - na in the high - est.

Memorial Acclamation RM 317b

The mys-t'ry of faith. When we eat this bread, and drink this cup, we pro-claim your death, O Lord, un-til you come a - gain.

Amen RM 417

A - men, a - men, a - men.

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"Paschal Mystery Mass"

The Lord's Prayer RM 517

Our Fa - ther, who art in heav- en, hal-lowed be thy name; thy king-dom come; thy will be done on earth as it is in heav - en. Give us this day our dai-ly bread; and for-give us our tres-pass - es as we for - give those who tres-pass a-gainst us; and lead us not in-to temp - ta - tion, but de-liv - er us from e - vil.

Final Doxology RM 517d

For the king - dom, the pow - er, and the glo - ry are yours, now and for-ev - er.

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Lamb of God RM 617

Lamb of God, Lamb of God, you take a-way the sins of the world

Final have mer-cy on us, have mer-cy on us.

Lamb of God, Lamb of God, you take a-way the sins of the world,

grant us peace, grant us peace.

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COMMUNION PROCESSION **209. WE HAVE BEEN TOLD**

Refrain: **We have been told, we've seen his face**
and heard his voice alive in our hearts;
"Live in my love with all your heart,
as the Father has loved me, so I have loved you.

1. "I am the vine, you are the branches,
and all who live in me will bear great fruit."

2. "You are my friends, if you keep my commands,
no longer slaves, I call you friends."

3. "No greater love is there than this:
to lay down one's life for a friend."

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LEAVETAKING **239. I WILL SING OF THE LORD**

Refrain: **I will sing of the Lord, I will sing of his salvation,**
I will praise the love he shows us day by day.

1. Jesus listened to the Father, Jesus listened to his word.
Jesus died upon the tree for our salvation.

2. So the Father in his love raised the Lord above all death,
And he gave him a name above all other names.

3. Therefore I will proclaim it, therefore I can only shout:
"Jesus is the king of glory, alleluia."

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Sunday May 3, 2026

7:00am to 1:30pm

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Blood Bank of Hawaii

To schedule an appointment, talk to your Lifesaver Club coordinator, visit bbh.org or call (808) 848-4770.

St. John Vianney Parish
Presents

THE YEAR OF APOLOGETICS

How to Explain and Defend our Catholic faith

The True Meaning of Making the Sign of the Cross

It s a simple yet deeply meaningful gesture
that carries profound spiritual significance
(See back side)

"*Let us make the sign of the cross with reverence,*
for it is a sacred act."
(St. Benedict)

APOLOGETICS

DEFENDING OUR CATHOLIC FAITH

The True Meaning of Making the Sign of the Cross

- Catholics are not the only Christians who make the Sign of the Cross. Members of the Eastern Orthodox, Anglicans and some Lutherans make the sign of the cross as well. If you see someone in the US making the Sign they are probably Catholic.
- The Sign of the Cross has its roots in Apostolic times. St. Basil in the 4th century said " the Apostles taught us to sign ourselves with the Sign of the Cross."
- The early Christians probably learned it when the celebrant at Baptism marked and claimed them for Christ. St Paul reminds us that we have been stamped with the seal of the Holy Spirit at Baptism.
- Early Christians also marked their forehead, mouth and breast with a small cross as we do today when the Gospel is to be read.
- By the ninth century, Eastern Christians began signing themselves with the large cross. At some later point the Church in the west began to do the same, as we do today.
- During the Protestant Reformation, some Christians stopped using it because they said it was superstitious.
- Today we begin all prayers with the Sign of the Cross which is in itself a prayer accompanied with a gesture where we touch our forehead, breast, left shoulder and right shoulder.
- It is a mini-creed proclaiming that we belong to Christ and we are His disciples, as well as proclaiming our faith. It also means our acceptance of suffering as a part of the suffering of Jesus. (Luke 9:23-24).
- When we cross ourselves we often say in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. We can also say Oh God come to my assistance, Our help is in the name of the Lord, or in the name of the Holy Trinity.
- It is a powerful prayer and we can use it to come against sin or evil. (1 Cor 2:8).
- It is a privilege to mark ourselves with the Sign of the Cross , so let us treat it with the reverence due a prayer which it is..

Our Parish Faith Formation Committee encourages
all parishioners to learn more
about this specific topic during the month of May.

ST. JOHN VIANNEY PARISH

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Trusting Jesus in a Wild World

JUNE 15 - 19. 2026

1 - 4PM

REGISTRATION REQUIRED

250 Hours of Adoration

United States Conference of Catholic Bishops

250 Hours of Adoration during the 250th Anniversary of America

As the United States of America commemorates the 250th anniversary of the signing of the Declaration of Independence in 2026, the U.S. bishops will consecrate the country to the Sacred Heart of Jesus. All Catholics are encouraged to join the bishops in praying for the unity and healing of our country.

One opportunity for parishes and individuals to participate is by contributing to a collective **250 Hours of Adoration and 250 Works of Mercy**. This resource provides examples for 250 Hours of Adoration, and guidance for 250 Hours of Mercy is on the reverse side of this resource.

In his encyclical, *Dilexit nos*, Pope Francis instructs us to "nourish our lives with the strength of the Eucharist" in Holy Communion and Adoration, so that we might understand Christ's love for all more deeply and live out this love ourselves. Our contemplation of the Sacred Heart leads us deeper into the mystery of our salvation and deeper into our love for Christ found in the faces of our sisters and brothers—especially those most in need.

How to Participate

Parishes can participate in 250 hours of adoration together by offering a Holy Hour on a weekly or monthly basis leading up to the July 4 anniversary. Parishes and communities can decide how best to set up their holy hours, continue current practices, or invite new people to join. While 250 hours seems like a lot, each person present constitutes an hour prayed. Parishes and communities can also consider how to incorporate both the 250 Works of Mercy alongside the 250 Hours of Adoration. Afterwards, report your community's participation here.

Resources for Holy Hour include:

- Holy Hour for Life
- Holy Hour for Peace
- Holy Hour for Life, Marriage, and Religious Liberty
- Holy Hour for Vocations
- Holy Hour Against Racism
- Sacred Heart Holy Hour

Consider hosting a holy hour or series of holy hours at your parish using the templates provided above. You may have other ways to invite members of your community to spend some time in prayer for our country with Jesus truly present in the Blessed Sacrament. To prepare for the Consecration of the United States to the Sacred Heart, parishes can also incorporate the Litany of the Sacred Heart of Jesus into their Holy Hour.

Additional resources to support prayer for healing and unity during the 250th Anniversary include podcasts, prayers, and reflections at usccb.org/weholdthesetruths.

250 Works of Mercy

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Catholic Review/ Archdiocese of Baltimore

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The seven Corporal Works of Mercy come to us directly from the Scriptures in the Gospel of Matthew. Rooted in our lives of faith, the actions that Jesus calls us to in feeding the hungry, giving drink to the thirsty, sheltering the homeless, visiting the sick and imprisoned, burying the dead, and giving alms are central elements of our Catholic identity. Pope Leo XIV instructs in Dilexi te, "As we contemplate Christ's love, 'we too are inspired to be more attentive to the sufferings and needs of others, and confirmed in our efforts to share in his work of liberation as instruments for the spread of his love'" (no. 2).

How to Participate

Individuals and groups can participate in 250 Works of Mercy by engaging in the existing activities and efforts of their parishes, getting involved in new ways, and by participating with local and national organizations on a weekly or monthly basis leading up to the July 4th anniversary. Our works of mercy draw from the deep well of our faith and prayer, constantly reminding us that in tending to our brothers and sisters, we tend to Christ himself. Afterwards, report your community's participation here.

These works of mercy could take a variety of shapes, such as:

- Assisting women who face a crisis pregnancy
- Donating to food pantries and clothing closets
- Participating in a community beautification program
- Raising money for an overseas development project
- Sponsoring a refugee family
- Tutoring children
- Volunteering at homeless shelters

The Catholic Witness / Diocese of Harrisburg

Organizations to get involved with in your local community include:

- Local Catholic Charities agencies
- CRS chapters and clubs
- The Society of St. Vincent de Paul

Find prayers to incorporate before or after the works of mercy at usccb.org/weholdthesetruths.

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with aloha,

SJV PTSH

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