

Celebrate!

May

May 1 — St. Joseph the Worker

As a carpenter in the first century, Joseph knew what it meant to work hard. Ask your parents about their jobs, today.

May 3 — Sts. Philip and James the Lesser, apostles

Philip and James are remembered on the same feast day because their relics were brought to Rome together. We know nothing about James but his name. Philip is quoted in the Gospels a few times. Read John 14:8 for one of his important pronouncements.

May 13 — Our Lady of Fátima

When appearing to three children in the Portugal town of Fátima, Mary promoted the Rosary as an important devotion. Do you have a rosary?

May 15 — National Chocolate Chip Day

Bake, eat and, most importantly, share some chocolate chip cookies today.

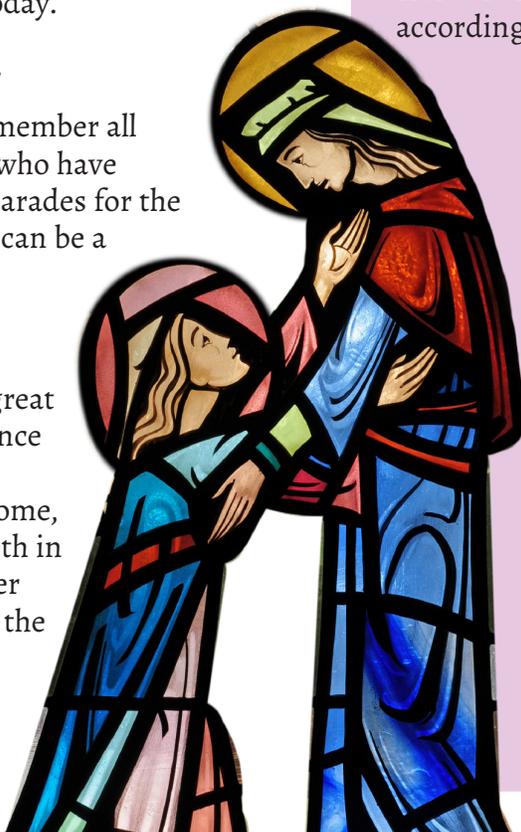
May 27 — Memorial Day

On Memorial Day we remember all armed forces personnel who have died. Many towns hold parades for the occasion. Attending one can be a fun family outing.

May 31 — The Visitation

Today's feast day sets a great example for the importance of hospitality. Elizabeth welcomed Mary to her home, and Mary helped Elizabeth in the last few months of her cousin's pregnancy. And the unborn John the Baptist welcomed the unborn Jesus (see Lk 1:41).

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Mother's Day Prayer

On this Mother's Day, we thank you, dear Lord, for the mothers in our lives.

We are grateful for and treasure all of the women in our lives that love us and care for us.

Not only do we remember our mothers, but our grandmothers, godmothers, aunts and sisters and friends.

In the name of your Holy Mother Mary, we pray. Amen.

Understanding Mary

Here are four important teachings about Mary, according to our Catholic faith:

- She was conceived without sin in her mother's womb, also known as the Immaculate Conception.
- She was a virgin before, during and after the birth of Jesus, which is known as her perpetual virginity.
- She is the mother of God. Yes, she's Jesus' mom. But she's also God's mother. (Because Jesus is fully God.) Sometimes, you'll hear her referred to as Theotokos, Greek for "God-bearer."
- She was assumed body and soul into heaven when her life was finished.