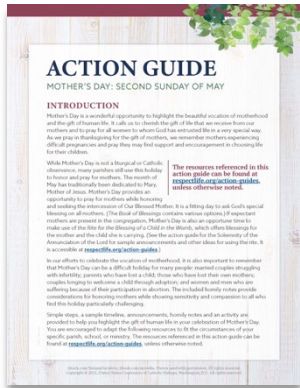


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FEATURED THIS MONTH...

May 11, 2025: Mother's Day



Mother's Day is a wonderful opportunity to highlight the beautiful vocation of motherhood and the gift of life.

Our [Mother's Day action guide](#) features homily considerations, intercessions, activity ideas that can be used in the parish or at home, and more, to assist with honoring and praying for mothers in your parish community.

A [webinar recording](#) of USCCB staff walking through the materials, as well as [the presentation slides](#) from that webinar, are available.

**You're welcome to use one component of the action guide or the whole thing—whatever's helpful!*

May 31, 2025: Feast of the Visitation of the Blessed Virgin Mary



On May 31st, the Church celebrates the Feast of the Visitation of the Blessed Virgin Mary. This feast commemorates the Blessed Mother's visit to her cousin Elizabeth and the encounter of Jesus and St. John the Baptist while in the wombs of their mothers.

Invite your parishioners to pray [A Novena for Life](#) in honor of this special feast day.

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Sample Announcement:

Pray a Novena for Life in honor of the Feast of the Visitation. Sign up at [respectlife.org/visitation!](#)

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Intercessions for Life

May 4th

For all Christians:
May our example give witness to
the precious gift of human life and
our responsibility to protect it until its natural end;
let us pray to the Lord:

May 11th

May our parish community come together
to become a place of welcome and assistance
for all mothers in need;
let us pray to the Lord:

May 18th

May the Holy Spirit strengthen God's people
to embrace and protect
the precious gift of human life;
let us pray to the Lord:

May 25th

May we more deeply respect
the gift of each person,
who is created and called to holiness
by the gracious action of the Trinity;
let us pray to the Lord:

Third Sunday of Easter

Fourth Sunday of Easter

*(Mother's Day is not a liturgical feast but
is often recognized at Mass.)*

Fifth Sunday of Easter

Sixth Sunday of Easter

Bulletin Quotes

May 4th

“The Lord says to us, ‘Do not fear: I am with you’ (Isaiah 41:10). He speaks these words not as one who merely observes our pain, but as one who experienced immense suffering. And the very wounds that bear witness to his suffering indicate the essence of our identity and worth: we are loved by God. Reflecting on the healed wounds of the Risen Christ, we see that even our most difficult trials can be the place where God manifests his victory. He makes all things beautiful. He makes all things new.”



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USCCB Secretariat of Pro-Life Activities, “Be Not Afraid”
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May 11th

“Radical solidarity compels us to come alongside vulnerable mothers in profound friendship, compassion, and support for both them and their preborn children. It requires us to address the fundamental challenges that lead an expectant mother to believe she is unable to welcome the child God has entrusted to her. We must do all we can to provide mothers, children, and families with the support they need to flourish. This cannot be accomplished by laws or policy alone, but requires the continual transformation of our own hearts, recognizing in every person the face of Christ, and placing their needs before our own.”



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USCCB Secretariat of Pro-Life Activities, “Radical Solidarity”

May 18th

“Without a foundational, practical formation, it is difficult for our consciences to guide us well in concrete situations. As Catholics, we have the immense gift of the teaching authority of the Catholic Church and can turn to it for help forming our consciences. For example, learning about Christian moral principles, reading the *Catechism of the Catholic Church*, or researching what the Church says about a challenging teaching will help us grow in knowledge of the truth.”



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USCCB Secretariat of Pro-Life Activities, “Understanding Conscience”

May 25th

“Even the weakest and most vulnerable, the sick, the old, the unborn and the poor, are masterpieces of God’s creation, made in his own image, destined to live forever, and deserving of the utmost reverence and respect.”



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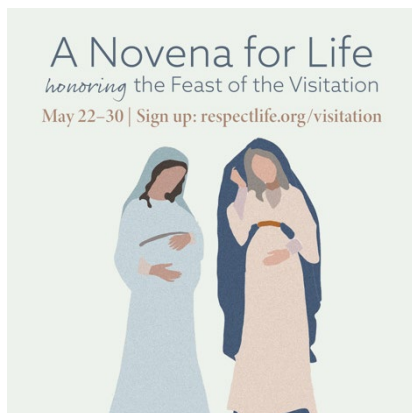


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Spiritual Bouquet Activity Instructions: Select “Activity (with at-home option)” from the list of documents on [this page](#).

Sunday, May 18th, 2025

(The novena begins Thursday, May 22, and the Feast of the Visitation of the Blessed Virgin Mary is Saturday, May 31.)



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