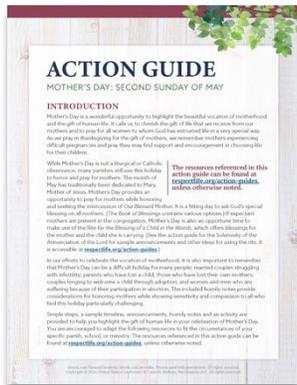


# WORD OF LIFE: MAY 2026

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## FEATURED THIS MONTH...

### May 10, 2026: Mother's Day



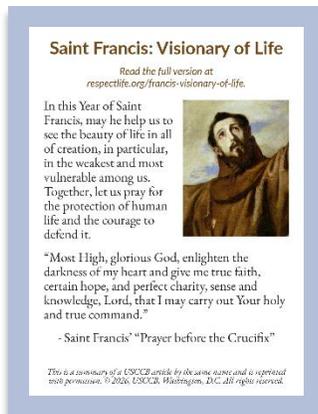
Mother's Day is a wonderful opportunity to highlight the beautiful vocation of motherhood and the gift of life.

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!*

## Respect Life Reflection: [St. Francis, Visionary of Life](#)



In honor of the 800<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Saint Francis of Assisi's death, Pope Leo XVI has proclaimed a **Jubilee Year of Saint Francis**.

In this Year of Saint Francis, may he help us to see the beauty of life in all of creation, in particular, in the weakest and most vulnerable among us. Together, let us pray for the protection of human life and the courage to defend it.

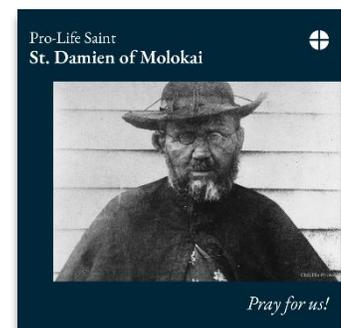
Our [downloadable resources](#) feature a full reflection on Saint Francis and shorter "bulletin boxes". To find these resources and learn more about this Visionary of Life, click [here!](#)

## SAINT OF THE MONTH

### May 10, 2026: [St. Damien of Molokai](#)

St. Damien of Molokai was a Belgian priest who was sent to Hawaii to serve in a leper colony. He chose to stay in the colony and minister to the people's physical and spiritual needs even after he contracted leprosy himself. He saw profound dignity in every human life, especially the sick and dying, and dedicated his life to serve them.

**St. Damien of Molokai, pray for us!**



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## **Intercessions for Life**

### **May 3<sup>rd</sup>**

For those suffering after abortion:  
May they know that the Lord desires to bring healing,  
and turn to Him for His mercy and peace;  
*let us pray to the Lord:*

### **May 10<sup>th</sup>**

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 17<sup>th</sup>**

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 24<sup>th</sup>**

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 31<sup>st</sup>**

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:*

### **Fifth Sunday of Easter**

### **Sixth Sunday of Easter**

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

### **The Solemnity of the Ascension of the Lord (or Seventh Sunday of Easter where applicable)**

### **Pentecost Sunday**

### **The Solemnity of the Most Holy Trinity**



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### Bulletin Art

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#### Sunday, May 10<sup>th</sup>, 2026



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

#### Sunday, May 24<sup>th</sup>, 2026



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