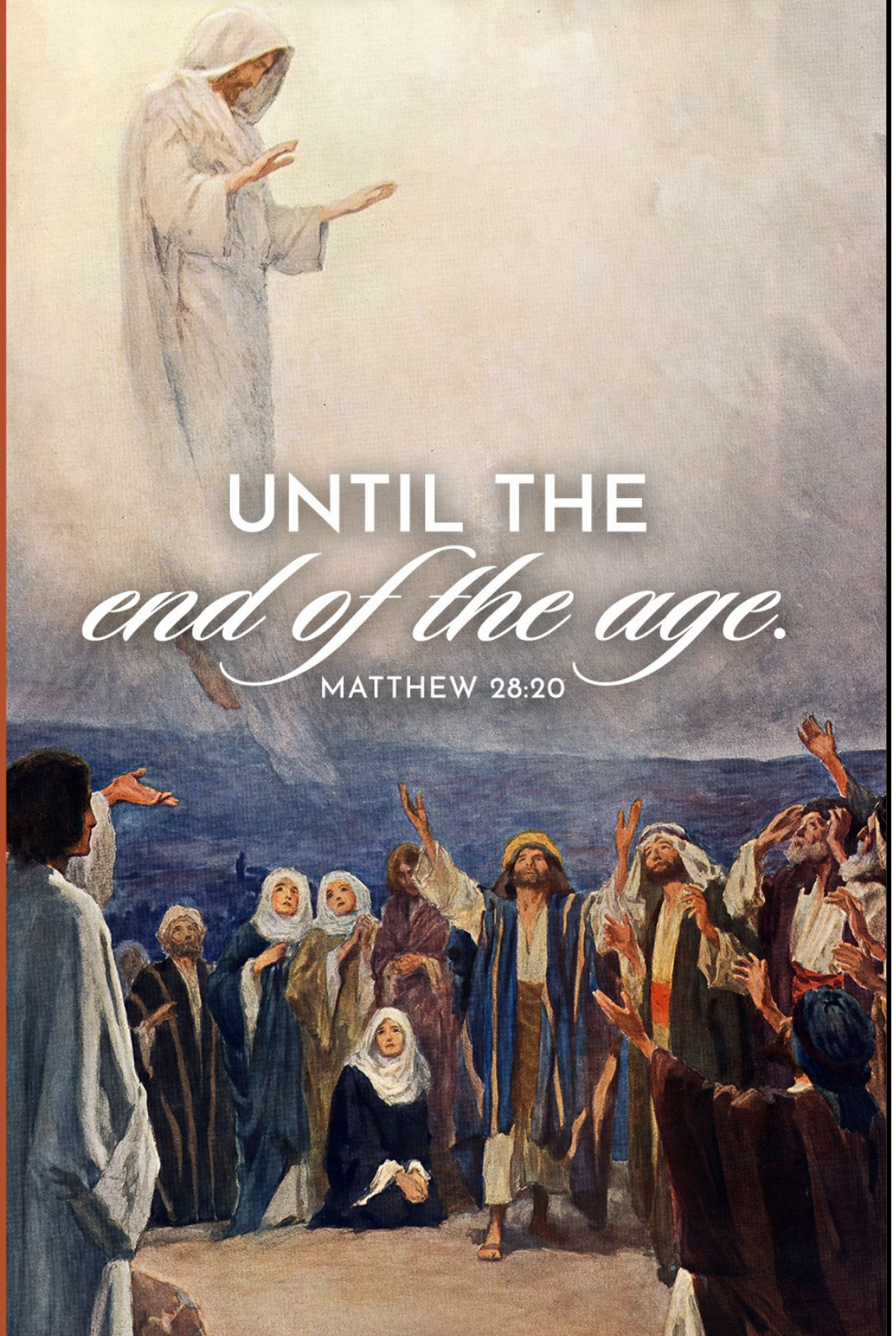




Our Lady of Guadalupe Mission  
*Misión Nuestra Señora de Guadalupe*  
172 Main St.  
Bells, TN 38006

St. Mary's Catholic Church  
*Parroquia Santa Maria*  
1665 Highway 45 Bypass  
Jackson, TN 38305

# ASCENSION OF THE LORD



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*end of the age.*  
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May 17, 2026

## May 17, 2026 – The Ascension of the Lord

### St. Mary's Catholic Church

Jackson, Tennessee

Our Lady of Guadalupe Mission

Bells, TN

**Fr. Dennis Schenkel, Pastor**  
**Fr. Gabe Bouck, Associate Pastor**  
**Fr. Rolando Perez, Associate Pastor**  
**Rev. Mr. Dale Brown, Deacon**  
**Rev. Dr. Eddy Koonce, Deacon**  
**Rev. Mr. Bill Winston, Deacon**  
**Rev. Dr. David Rosenthal, Deacon**

#### Parish Office

**Open Monday**

9:00am-4:00pm

**Open Tuesday-Friday**

9:00am-5:00pm

**Phone: 731-668-2596**

**Email: [parishinfo@stmarys.tn.org](mailto:parishinfo@stmarys.tn.org)**

#### Reconciliation

**Tuesdays:** 5:30pm-6:15pm

**Wednesdays:** 11:30am-12pm

**Saturdays:** 3:20pm-3:50pm

**Sundays:** 7:30am-7:50am, 10am-10:20am,  
& 12:15pm-12:50pm

*\*Confessions will be heard in the confessional.*

#### Baptisms

Class required for 1st time parents and are offered the 2nd Mon. of every month.

#### Weddings

Contact the parish office at least 6 months prior to wedding date.

#### Anointing of the Sick

By appointment.

In case of a serious illness or death, call the parish office.

*Our after hours answering service will get a message to a priest.*



**St. Mary's School: 731-668-2525**

#### St. Mary's website:

<https://stmarys.tn.org/>

To better serve our St. Mary's parishioners: If you are a patient, family member or loved one of a patient at Jackson-Madison General Hospital and wish to receive a visit from *St. Mary's Hospital Ministry to the Sick*, please contact the Parish Office with the patient's name & hospital room number.

### Weekend Mass Schedule



**English Mass**  
**- Saturday Vigil -**

4:00pm

**- Sunday -**

8:00am

10:30am \*

*\*Live-Streamed*

**Spanish Mass**

*Sundays at 1:00pm*

#### St. Mary's Catholic Church Daily Mass Schedule

M	7:00am
T	7:00am & 6:15pm
W	7:00am, 8:10am, & 12pm
TH	7:00am
F	7:00am & 8:10am
SA	8:00am

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Please submit **ALL** bulletin information to [parishinfo@stmarys.tn.org](mailto:parishinfo@stmarys.tn.org)

For the Latest News & Info with our Diocese, check out: [www.cdom.org](http://www.cdom.org)



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### Mass Intentions for the Week

**St. Mary's Catholic Church**

*Jackson, TN*

#### **Saturday May 16**

8:00am **Mo & Guy Perry**

4:00pm **Mass for the People of SMC & OLG**

#### **Sunday May 17**

8:00am **Pascual Santiago Hernandez** (Int. de cumpleaños)

10:30am ✠ **Jose Bautista**

1:00pm ✠ **Hector Hugo Villeda**

#### **Monday May 18**

7:00am ✠ **Almas del Purgatorio**

#### **Tuesday May 19**

7:00am ✠ **Kelly Nelson Gaffney**

6:15pm ✠ **Leon Parga**

#### **Wed. May 20**

7:00am ✠ **Deacon Jim Moss**

8:10am ✠ **Dr. Pely Sioson**

12:00pm **Maria Paula Graham**

#### **Thurs. May 21**

7:00am ✠ **Pelagia Sioson**

#### **Friday May 22**

7:00am ✠ **Helen Buchholz**

8:10am **Sister Joanna**

#### **Saturday May 23**

8:00am ✠ **Mr. Gary Davis**

4:00pm ✠ **Camille Poole Fahel**

**Our Lady of Guadalupe Mission**

*Bells, TN*

#### **Saturday May 16**

6:00pm **Francisco Miguel** (Int. de cumpleaños)

#### **Saturday May 23**

6:00pm **Alek A. Hernandez** (Int. de cumpleaños)

### PLEASE PRAY FOR THE REPOSE OF THE SOULS OF

Vicki Brown,  
mother of Deacon Dale Brown  
&  
Erin Lancaster, wife of Mark Lancaster  
&  
Dr. Bill DeSouza, former Parishioner



#### **Our sympathy and prayers...**

*For the family and friends, that they may know God's love & comfort during this time.*



**THE ADORATION CHAPEL SIGN-UP,  
CHOOSE A TIME ONLINE AT  
ST. MARY'S WEBSITE:  
<https://stmarys.tn.org/adoration/>**

Please enter the chapel by way of the chapel door which is located on the South side of the Church. If you have any questions, please contact: Sharon Loucks at [louckss@ att.net](mailto:louckss@att.net).

As would be expected, during the homily at his inaugural mass (May 18<sup>th</sup>, 2025), Pope Leo XIV chose to preach on the mission of St. Peter and his successors, the popes. The message from the Holy Father gives us a glimpse into his mind and heart regarding how he understands what God is asking him to do as the Bishop of Rome. In his homily, he stated there are two dimensions to the mission of the pope: love and unity. These two dimensions were given to Peter by Jesus himself. The Holy Father used the Gospel passage about the miraculous catch of fish during the first Easter season (John 21). In this moment, Peter leads the apostles in gathering together a large number of fish with their nets. Today, as back then, the Pope is to be a "fisher" of humanity, as was Christ. The pope says: "After the resurrection, it is up to them to carry on this mission, to cast their nets again and again, to bring the hope of the Gospel into the "waters" of the world, to sail the seas of life so that all may experience God's embrace."

Pope Leo XIV wants to unite the Church in a visible unity, which will be a light to the whole world. This is one dimension of the papacy: to unite.

And the second dimension comes into play when we ask: How can Peter carry out this task? How does the Holy Father unite the world? Pope Leo gives us an answer in that Jesus asks Peter very clearly if he has love. He says that when Jesus asks Peter, "Simon, son of John, do you love me more than these?" (Jn 21:16), he is referring to the love of the Father. It is as if Jesus said to him, "Only if you have known and experienced this love of God, which never fails, will you be able to feed my lambs. Only in the love of God the Father will you be able to love your brothers and sisters with that same 'more', that is, by offering your life for your brothers and sisters." The Pope says that Peter, and all popes, are tasked with "loving more" and giving their lives for the flock.

Thus, the ministry of Peter is to unite the Church, and to do so, it is accomplished only by a self-sacrificial love, which is the love of Jesus.

**The Parish Office will be closed each day, 11am-11:10am for a daily prayer gathering.  
You are invited to join us, if you're in the vicinity.**

*For information about Mass Intentions,  
call 731.668.2596.*

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### YOUR GIFTS TO GOD & PARISH

#### St. Mary's Catholic Church

Weekly Offertory	\$22,506.26
May Weekly Offertory Goal	\$19,000
Total Offertory to Date	unavailable
Offertory Goal to Date	\$95,000

<b>Generations of Generosity Pledges</b>	\$1,797,267.64
(Families 358) Pledges paid:	\$1,238,967.64



#### 2026 Annual Catholic Appeal

Thanks to all our parishioners who have made their gift to the Annual Catholic Appeal. If you have not yet made a gift or pledge, please fill out a commitment envelope located in the Narthex or pick one up at the Parish Office. If you received a card in the mail, please bring it to Mass or send by mail. So far St. Mary's is 95% towards our goal of \$97,080 with 20% participation. Your participation funds the work of the Church in the Diocese of Memphis.

#### Adult Sunday School

FORMATION AND FRIENDSHIP

9:30-10:15AM, Our Lady of Africa Room

FAITH SHARING & SUNDAY READINGS DISCUSSION

Also, join our Wednesday morning Scripture study group,  
10:00am, Our Lady of Africa Room.



Learn about the Catholic Faith!

Sundays, 9:10-10:20am,  
Our Lady of Lourdes Room.

May 17 TOPIC: Sacred Study—Scripture & Spiritual Reading

May 24 TOPIC: Mary, the Saints & Devotions

NOW THIS IS ETERNAL LIFE,  
THAT THEY SHOULD KNOW YOU,  
THE ONLY TRUE GOD, AND THE  
ONE WHOM YOU SENT,  
JESUS CHRIST.



### Family Faith Formation Information

St. Mary's Family Faith Formation will be opening 2026-2027 registration soon! Go to [stmarys.tn.org/fff](http://stmarys.tn.org/fff) to add your child's name to the notification waitlist.



#### KNIGHTS KORNER

Sharing the work & news of our Knights with St. Mary's parishioners.

**KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS  
ROSARY**

Every Monday at 6:00pm. in the Church.



**MEN'S PRAYER GROUP, 7:30am—8:20am, every first and third Thursday in the Knight's Hall**

Want more information? Call or text: 731-487-2008

**FOR INFO REGARDING THE KNIGHTS**, contact Grand Knight Dennis Arendt at [breeze4114@bellsouth.net](mailto:breeze4114@bellsouth.net) or **JOIN ONLINE** at [kofc.org/join](http://kofc.org/join) and enter Council 1101.

## JUST A LITTLE Reminder

#### Children's Mass Bag Ministry

Our Children's Mass Bags are lovingly prepared by volunteers for families to use at all weekend Masses. Please return all bags and contents after Mass so they can be refreshed and ready for the next family.

Several bags have recently gone missing, and we appreciate your help in caring for this ministry. These bags represent a great deal of time, love, and expense.

Thank you for returning them so all of our parish children can continue to enjoy them!

*Sympathy, Encouragement,  
Get Well, & More*

Our May Contact:

Lois Noble  
[bobnoble@eplus.com](mailto:bobnoble@eplus.com)



Card  
Ministry



#### Life in Spirit Prayer Group

Join us on the 2nd & 4th Wednesday at 6 p.m. in Our Lady of Fatima Room.

For more info, email Sharon at [sacreiter@gmail.com](mailto:sacreiter@gmail.com).

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## YOUTH MINISTRY

Meetings are every Wed.,  
6-7:30pm in the modular building.  
Come spend evenings with  
prayer, service, friends and fun.

**May 20 TOPIC— IN PERSONA  
CHRISTI** : Called to the Priesthood.  
Guest Speaker is Fr. Gabe Bouck.  
**May 27: SUMMER SEND-OFF**

Scan the QR code or visit <https://stmarys.tn.org/youth/> AND check us out on Instagram & Facebook.

St. Mary's High School Youth  
Group Registration



**Please consider  
giving a donation  
to help fund the  
kids trip to  
Stuebenville.**



**Scan QR code to give online or give  
at the Parish office or send by mail to St. Mary's  
church.**



**Are you or a loved one interested in joining  
the Catholic Church?**

Explore the Catholic Faith. Invite friends,  
family, co-workers! For information, call  
Maximilian Hart in the Parish office.

## Vacation Bible School

**IS BACK!**

We're excited to welcome  
children from our community  
to learn about Jesus and  
his Sacraments.

Kindergarten through 5th grade  
July 27–31,  
8am–12pm  
At St. Mary's School  
\$50 each (\$100 max per family)

Scan to Register



Volunteers, 6th grade  
and up, register here



Donations help cover snacks, crafts,  
and supplies for the week. Any amount  
is a blessing. Please mark your gift  
"VBS" on the envelope or memo line.

Contact [bekah.hart@pm.me](mailto:bekah.hart@pm.me) for more information

## Celebrate Life

Please pray for the women in our parish who are with child.



Dear Heavenly Father,  
we ask you to protect the little babies who are being  
knit together in their mothers' wombs. Comfort  
their mothers & fathers  
during the time they are growing &  
developing. Lord Jesus, give these smallest of  
persons the strength to come into this world, to  
fully participate in your creation.  
Send your Holy Spirit to infuse their souls with love for  
you. After long, healthy, & loving lives, bring  
them safely home to you. Amen.

### Expectant Mothers:

Ana Hefley  
Hannah Maxwell  
Rebekah Hart  
Kirsten Brandt  
Shelby Elizabeth Morgan  
Janay Ezeofor

### Congratulations to:

Sydney Moore Diana Holt  
Brandi Taylor Delia Garcia  
Emily Hazlehurst  
Audrey Davis  
Maria Guadalupe Chavez  
Louisa Vellios  
Olivia Jacobs

**Contact:** To add to this list, receive meals, or to support these moms:  
Email Gretchen at [Gretchen.Longeway@stmarys.tn.org](mailto:Gretchen.Longeway@stmarys.tn.org)

## Prayer Requests

Abellana, Felisa	Geibel, Stephanie	Osgood, Philip
Adams, Grant	Gill, John	Osses, Jose Maria
Allison, James & Judy	Gill, Rose	Overbey, Michael
Antique, Daisy	Goethals, Kyle	Penwell, Lee
Antique, Julie	Gokim, Eugene	Powers, Cindy
Antonja, Maria	Grant, Susan	Preston, Anderson
Arendt, Dennis	Grant, Phillip	Quinton, Alquin
Arendt, Brenda	Grijalva, Montano	Quinton, Jun
Babcock, Craig	Gurrola, Catalina	Quinton, Lourdes
Bargiachi, Charlie	Gurrola, Martha C.	Ragan, Phillip
Bateman, Margo	Gyenge, Lorraine	Randolph, Ed
Batesil, Mamerto	Harmon, Sherri	Regenhold, Lynn
Bautista, Laura	Harrell, Deborah	Rodriguez, Jesus Mata
Beach, Jayden	Henke, Max	Rogers, Steven
Beals, Gerry	Herndon, Eddie	Russell, David
Beare Family	Holt, Carol Kay	Sabella, Marsha
Beare, Peggy	Howell, Cash	Sala, Lou
Bell, Carmen	Hulderman, Bobbie	Sain, Anne
Benjamin, Rick	Hughes, Roger	Samonte, Alma
Blanton, Dottie	Ivory, Julier & James	Samonte, Josephine
Bonds, Carolyn	Johns, Brian	Sanchez, Fernando
Brady, Jim	Johnson, Paula	Sanders, James
Brown, Kailyn	Johnson, Theresa	Sandlin, Janice
Browning, Geneva	Jones, Betty	Schoenbacher, Martha
Bryant, Martha	Jones, Brian	Scott, Franklin
Buehler, Vince	Jones, Glen	Schutt, Gabriel
Cabo, Grace	Jones, Jonathan	Sessions, Liz Atkins
Cano, Carmen	Jones, Rhonda	Smith, Elias, Jr.
Carpenter, Brad	Kain, Otto	Smith, Gary
Chavez, Maria G.	Keyes, Ken	Smith, Mike
Chioco, Ernesto	Kirkpatrick, Kim Abell	Smith, Patricia
Chiocho, Nida	Lay, Tyler	Solberg, Charles
Clark, Juanita	Leon, Diego	Solberg, Marie
Cliff, Dorothy	Leon, Manuel	Soto Corpuz, Victor
Collins, Jared	Londino, Joe	Speechley, Jean
Cone, Marion	Luy, Suzanne Joy	Stachura, David
Coons, Adam & Family	Lycette, Missi	Storms, Mary
Crosnoe, Jimmy	Manes, Adoracion	Strazzella, Chris
Cummings, Chris	Manes, Jomar	Strazzella, Larry & Mona
Davis, Dorothy	Manes, Lolita	Sturgis, Larry
Davis, Eddie	Markowski, Diane	Styers, William
Davis, Heather	Marshall, Phyllis	Taylor, Edna
Davis, Ronald	Masters, Thomas	Thomas, Nicole
Day, Barbara	Mata, Melisa	Timby, Bryan
DeArmitt, Becky	Mayfield, Bill	Todd, Mary & Norris
Diaz, Aurelio	McCage, Amy Lynn	Tyson, Diane
Diaz, Luz Elena	McLeary, Ralph	Ubelhor, Wayne
Doumitt, Deedee	Mercado, Pacita	Vars, Elaine
Durning, Maureen	Meyer, Jill	Vucina, Maggie
Dwyer, Charles	Meyer, Michelle	Walker, Earl
Dwyer, Mark	Meyers, Karen	Walker, Robert
Dwyer, Pollyanne	Miller, Laureen Rose	Ward, Dan
Dwyer, Sally	Miller, Michael	Warmath, Marvin
Edds, Wanda	Miracle, Jordan	White, John
Edelen, Nancy J.	Mitchelson, Joe	Williams, Anna Katharine
Edwards, Carter	Moody, Lois	Williams, Lenda
Ellington, Lisa	Moore, Leah	Wilson, Joan
Ferri, Alex	Morrison, Libby	Wood, Debra
Filomeno, Jose Juan	Moss, Peggy	Wyatt, Sherri
Flores, Melissa	Neal, Mary	Young, Christian
Franks, Grayson	Nunn, Marvin	Young, Eveline
Frane, Judith	Okolo, Joseph	
Galang, Remedios		



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**CONTACT**

Jessica Berlanga  
[Jessica.Berlanga@stmarys.tn.org](mailto:Jessica.Berlanga@stmarys.tn.org)  
 731-668-2525



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### Homebound & Senior Citizens' Corner

Column Prepared by  
**Maggie-Poole Vucina**  
Phone: 731-664-8328

Call Maggie for help in locating any tradesman (carpenter, electrician, housecleaner, etc.) any home-health/medical or non-medical agency or for prayer cards: **O BLESSED MOTHER, PRAY FOR THE USA & EVENING PRAYER OF ST. AUGUSTINE.**

#### NEWS YOU CAN USE

Eating protein isn't just for athletes. Protein is vital for seniors as it plays a key role in helping the body heal from illnesses, power the immune system and establish and maintain muscle strength. More than 1 in 3 people over the age of 50 do not have enough protein in their daily diet.



How to add protein to one's diet:  
1) include a protein source in every meal,  
2) combine plant and animal proteins e.g. hummus with whole-grain pita bread, beans and rice, 3) snack on protein-rich foods like cottage cheese, edamame, boiled eggs, nut butter on fruit, or protein-fortified shakes. NOTE: Staying hydrated helps your body use the protein you eat more effectively.

#### UPCOMING FEAST DAYS AND SPECIAL DAYS:

**Mon., May 18** FEAST DAY of **St. John I**, Pope and martyr. Elected Pope in 523, he reunited the Eastern & Western churches which resulted in mistrust between the papacy and Theodoric, the ruler of Rome. Eventually, the hostility flared and the ruler imprisoned the pope where he eventually died of starvation.

**Thurs., May 21** FEAST DAY of **St. Christopher Magallanes**, A 20<sup>TH</sup> century Mexican priest who lived under an anti-Catholic government in Mexico & secretly ministered to Catholics. He & 21 priests & several laymen were martyred for the faith.

**Fri., May 22** FEAST DAY of **St. Rita of Cascia**—a 15<sup>th</sup> century Italian, forced into marriage at a young age and raised 3 children. After her husband was killed, she joined an Augustinian convent. She is patroness of many causes, among them difficult marriages & parenthood.

#### NOTABLE QUOTABLE

***"There is nothing impossible to God."***  
—St. Rita of Cascia

### WE'RE UPDATING the Parish Guidebook & Directory!



We are in the process of updating our annual Guide Book & Directory for the parish. This book will contain everything pertinent to our parish: the various ministries, organizations, committees, activities, functions & events plus a complete directory of all members. This edition is being provided and direct-mailed to each family at no cost to our church. It is subsidized by local businesses that advertise. If you are updating your information, please respond before Friday, May 29, 2026.

**To update your address, phone number or any other contact info OR if you own or manage a business and would like to find out about advertising in our book, please call the Church Office at: 731-668-2596.**

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**Baby Bottle Campaign**  
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- 3) Save babies!

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