

## Marian/Marianist Days and Feast Days

### May 2020

Date	Feast	Description
<b>12</b>	Mary, Mother of Graces and Mediatrix	This memorial reminds us of the anniversary of May 12, 1865, when Pope Pius IX approved the Society of Mary. It also calls us to give thanks for the commendation of the Society of Mary and the Daughters of Mary Immaculate by Pope Gregory XVI on April 12, 1839. <i>NACMS</i>
		Lord, our God, in your eternal wisdom and love you chose the Blessed Virgin Mary to be the mother of the author of all grace and as his companion in bringing about the mystery of our redemption. Grant that she may obtain for us graces in abundance and lead us at last to the harbor of eternal salvation.  <i>Marianist Family Prayer Book</i>
<b>13</b>	Our Lady of Fatima	Our Lady of Fatima is venerated under this title following the apparitions to three shepherd children in Portugal in 1917. The message of Fatima includes a call to conversion of heart, repentance from sin, and prayer, especially the Rosary. <i>NACMS</i>
<b>21</b>	Feast of the Ascension	This feast commemorates the commissioning of the disciples to baptize in the name of Jesus, reminding them that he is always present through his Spirit. We, too, are witnesses, and are called in the same way to preach the Good News. <i>NACMS</i>
		Mary, Mother of God, Our Mother, You were Jesus' first disciple. Help us to be faithful followers of him, too. Be our model and our guide. Help us to consider God's Will for us, as you did. May we say "Yes" to the joy of bringing Jesus into our community, "Yes" to the wisdom in following him, and even "Yes" to the sorrow of suffering and standing in solidarity at the foot of the cross. Holy Mary, Blessed Mother, pray for us.  <i>Sarah Carlton</i> <i>Marianist Family Prayer Book, 2<sup>nd</sup> ed.</i>
<b>25</b>	Mary Help of Christians Foundation of Daughters of Mary Immaculate	This memorial is a reminder to us of May 25, 1816, the day on which the Daughters of Mary Immaculate were founded, and of May 25, 1891, when Pope Pius VII granted the first spiritual privileges to the two Marianist societies. <i>NACMS</i>
		"Holy Spirit inflame our hearts as you did with Adele's heart, who at seventeen years of age, wrote: My God, I desire you with all my heart. Yes, that our heart is founded, so to speak, in the desire to possess God. (6)

	<p>To desire God with all your heart! To make the desire of God and his presence the driving force of our days, our actions, our speech, our comings and goings into the streets of the world!</p> <p>Holy Spirit, make us fervent in love, strong in charity. Feed this flame, which you set alight to burn in our hearts, and not to be consumed.”</p> <p style="text-align: right;"><i>Author: Franca Zonta, FMI</i>  <i>Excerpted from Circular No. 6, May 25, 2015</i>  <i>NACMS</i></p>	
<b>31</b>	Pentecost & Visitation	<p>“...a final note about Mary in the Cenacle. She prays for the apostolic community. She who first received the Spirit at the Annunciation knows how to prepare the disciples of Jesus to do the same and to bring Jesus into the world.”</p> <p style="text-align: right;"><i>Marianist Theme: Mary</i>  <i>Author: Martin Solma, SM</i>  <i>NACMS</i></p>
	<p style="text-align: right;"><i>Come, Holy Spirit!</i>  <i>Fill the hearts of your faithful,</i>  <i>and kindle in them the fire of your live.</i>  <i>Send forth your Spirit,</i>  <i>And you shall renew the face of the earth.</i>  <i>O God, you have taught the hearts of the faithful</i>  <i>By the light of your Holy Spirit;</i>  <i>Grant us in the same Spirit to relish what is right,</i>  <i>And evermore to rejoice in your holy comfort.</i>  <i>Through Christ our Lord. Amen.</i></p> <p style="text-align: right;"><i>Marianist Family Prayer Book</i></p>	

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10 Memorial of the Blessed Virgin Mary, Mother of the Church