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June 6 to June 12, 2022

Week 23

Monday to Sunday



June 6, 2022

Monday

First Reading
Genesis 3:9-15, 20 OR
Acts 1:12-14

"Why did you do such a thing?" The woman answered, "The serpent tricked me into it ..."

Responsorial Psalm
Psalm 87:1-2, 3 and 5, 6-7

And of Zion they shall say: "One and all were born in her."

Monday of the
Tenth Week of
Ordinary Time
Mary, Mother of the Church

Gospel Reading
John 19:25-34

**"Woman, behold,
your son." ...
"Behold, your
mother."**

Reflection Guide Question

Why is the Blessed Virgin Mary considered as the Mother of the Church?

Challenge Of The Day

Today, ask the Blessed Virgin Mary to intercede for your local Church community.

Prayer of the Week

Mother, help our faith! Open our ears to hear God's word and to recognize his voice and call. Awaken in us a desire to follow in his footsteps, to go forth from our own land and to receive his promise. Help us to be touched by his love, that we may touch him in faith. Help us to entrust ourselves fully to him and to believe in his love, especially at times of trial, beneath the shadow of the cross, when our faith is called to mature.



Sow in our faith the joy of the Risen One. Remind us that those who believe are never alone. Teach us to see all things with the eyes of Jesus, that he may be light for our path. And may this light of faith always increase in us, until the dawn of that undying day which is Christ himself, your Son, our Lord!

—*Pope Francis (2013)*



Reference: *Prayer to Mary, Mother of the Church and Mother of our Faith*—Vatican News (2013)

Word of the Week

Mother of the Church

/ 'mæTHər əv THē CHərCH /

noun

The Blessed Virgin Mary has many honorific titles in the Roman Catholic Church. One of these titles is “Mother of the Church”, or “Mater Ecclesiae” in Latin.

The title was officially given to Mary by Pope Paul VI, who said, “The Blessed Mother of God, the New Eve, Mother of the Church, continues in heaven

Mater Ecclesiae

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her maternal role with regard to Christ's members, cooperating with the birth and growth of divine life in the souls of the redeemed.”

The Memorial of Mary, Mother of the Church, was observed for the first time in 2018.

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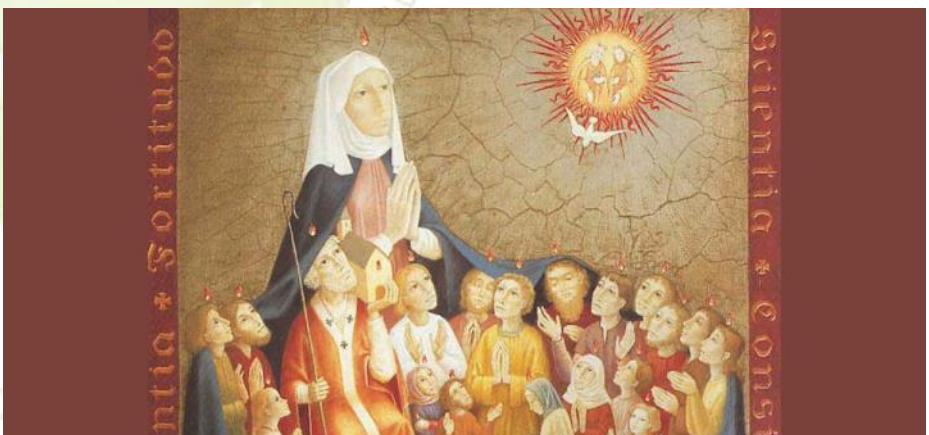


Pope Francis set the celebration of the memorial to be held during the first Monday following Pentecost, following the prior publication of the decree "Ecclesia Mater" by the Congregation for Divine Worship and the Discipline of the Sacraments.

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In his homily, Pope Francis said that “the Church is feminine”, citing the fact that the words “church” and “bride” are both grammatically feminine in the Italian Language. He also related the word “mother”, “mater” in Latin, to the word “matter”. “In His Mother, the God of heaven, the infinite God, made Himself small. He became matter, not only to be with us but also to be like us,” he said.





“This feminine dimension of the Church, which, when it is not there, the Church loses its identity and becomes a charitable organization or a football team, or whatever, but not the Church,” Pope Francis continued.

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In dedicating a day to celebrate Mary, Mother of the Church, a week after Pentecost, the birthday of the Church, Pope Francis aimed to “encourage the growth of the maternal sense of the Church in the pastors, religious and faithful, as well as a growth of genuine Marian piety”.

References: *Credo of the People of God* (1968), *Decree on the Celebration of the Blessed Virgin Mary Mother of the Church in the General Roman Calendar* (2018)

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June 7, 2022

Tuesday

First Reading
1 Kings 17:7-16

The jar of flour shall not go empty, nor the jug of oil run dry, until the day when the Lord sends rain upon the earth.

Responsorial Psalm
Psalms 4:2-3, 4-5, 7b-8

The Lord does wonders for His faithful one; the Lord will hear me when I call upon Him.

Tuesday of the Tenth Week of Ordinary Time

Gospel Reading
Matthew 5:13-16

Your light must shine before others, that they may see your good deeds and glorify your heavenly Father.

Reflection Guide Question

What are the good deeds that you do that glorify God? Do others see God in the things that you do?

Challenge Of The Day

Today, when you do good deeds, offer them to the glory of God.

June 8, 2022

Wednesday

First Reading
1 Kings 18:20-39

Answer me, that this people may know that You, Lord, are God, and that You have brought them back to their senses.

Responsorial Psalm
Psalm 16:1b-2ab, 4, 5ab and 8, 11

*Keep me safe, O God;
You are my hope.
Keep me, O God, for
in You I take refuge ...*

Wednesday of the
Tenth Week of
Ordinary Time

Gospel Reading
Mt 5:17-19

Do not think that I have come to abolish the law or the prophets. I have come not to abolish but to fulfill.

Reflection Guide Question

Why did Jesus' critics accuse Jesus of wanting to "abolish the law"? What did He mean with His reply?

Challenge Of The Day

Today, read a chapter from the Old Testament and reflect about what it means now that Jesus has come.

June 9, 2022

Thursday

First Reading
1 Kings 18:41-46

But the hand of the Lord was on Elijah, who girded up his clothing and ran before Ahab as far as the approaches to Jezreel.

Responsorial Psalm
Psalm 65:10, 11, 12-13

It is right to praise you in Zion, O God. You have visited the land and watered it; greatly have you enriched it.

Thursday of the
Tenth Week of
Ordinary Time
Saints Ephrem

Gospel Reading
Matthew 5:20-26

Unless your righteousness surpasses that of the scribes and Pharisees, you will not enter into the Kingdom of heaven ...

Reflection Guide Question

What did Jesus mean by the “righteousness” of the scribes and Pharisees? Why is this righteousness not enough?

Challenge Of The Day

Today, take an honest look at yourself and discern if your faith is shallow, just like that of the scribes and Pharisees.

June 10, 2022

Friday

First Reading
1 Kgs 19:9a, 11-16

The word of the Lord came to (Elijah): "Go outside and stand on the mountain before the Lord; the Lord will be passing by."

Responsorial Psalm
Psalm 27:7-8a, 8b-9abc, 13-14

*Hear, O Lord, the sound of my call; have pity on me, and answer me.
Of you my heart speaks;
you my glance seeks.*

Friday of the
Tenth Week of
Ordinary Time

Gospel Reading
Matthew 5:27-32

If your right eye causes you to sin, tear it out and throw it away. It is better for you to lose one of your members than to have your whole body go into Gehenna.

Reflection Guide Question

Why did Jesus use such an extreme example in the Gospel? What do you think He meant by it?

Challenge Of The Day

Today, ask God for strength to face the temptations in your life that try to lead you away from Him.

June 11, 2022

Saturday

First Reading

Acts 11:21b-26; 12:1-3

When he arrived and saw the grace of God, he rejoiced and encouraged them all to remain faithful to the Lord in firmness of heart ...

Friday of the
Tenth Week of
Ordinary Time
Saint Barnabas

Gospel Reading
Matthew 5:33-37

Do not take a false oath, but make good to the Lord all that you vow ... Let your 'Yes' mean 'Yes,' and your 'No' mean 'No.' Anything more is from the Evil One.

Responsorial Psalm

Psalm 98:1, 2-3ab, 3cd-4, 5-6

Sing to the Lord a new song, for He has done wondrous deeds.

Reflection Guide Question

When was the last time you broke a promise?

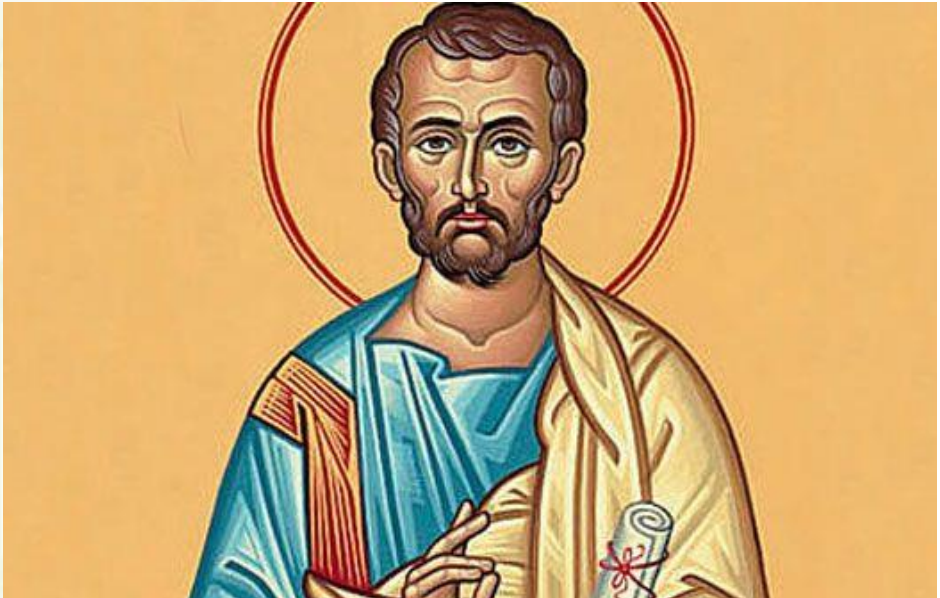
Why did you do it? Why is it important to keep one's word?

Challenge Of The Day

Today, when you make a promise, no matter how small, offer it to God and do your best to keep it.

Saint of the Week

Saint Barnabas



Saint Barnabas was a Levite citizen of Cyprus who became a member of the early Christian community in Jerusalem and even sold his property to give the profits to the community.

Saint Barnabas introduced Saint Paul to Saint Peter and the other apostles. He was also one of the founders of the early Christian church in Antioch, Greece.

Reference: Franciscan Media (2021)

June 12, 2022

Sunday

First Reading
Proverbs 8:22-31

... I was his delight day by day, playing before him all the while, playing on the surface of his earth; and I found delight in the human race.

Responsorial Psalm
Psalm 8:4-5, 6-7, 8-9

What is man that You should be mindful of him, or the son of man that You should care for him?

Second Reading
Romans 5:1-5

... Since we have been justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ...

Solemnity of
Trinity Sunday

Gospel Reading
John 16:12-15

Everything that the Father has is Mine; for this reason I told you that He will take from what is Mine and declare it to you.

Reflection Guide Question

Do you think you understand the mystery of the Holy Trinity?
Do you believe in the Holy Trinity?

Quotes of the Week

On this feast day in which we celebrate God: the mystery of the one God. This God is the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit.

Three persons, but God is one! The Father is God; the Son is God; the Spirit is God. But they are not three gods: it is one God in three Persons. It is a mystery that Jesus Christ revealed to us: the Holy Trinity.





Today we pause to celebrate this mystery, because the Persons are not adjectives of God, no. They are real, diverse, different Persons; they are not—as that philosopher used to say—‘emanations of God’, no, no! They are Persons.

There is the Father to whom I pray with the “Our Father”; there is the Son, who gave me redemption, justification; there is the Holy Spirit who abides in us and inhabits the Church.

The Father is love; the Son is love; the Holy Spirit is love. Inasmuch as He is love, God, while being one alone, is not solitude but communion, among the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit. Because love is essentially a gift of self, and in its original and infinite reality it is the Father who gives Himself by generating His Son, who in turn gives Himself to the Father, and their mutual love is the Holy Spirit, the bond of their unity. It is not easy to understand, but we can live this mystery; all of us, we can live it a great deal.

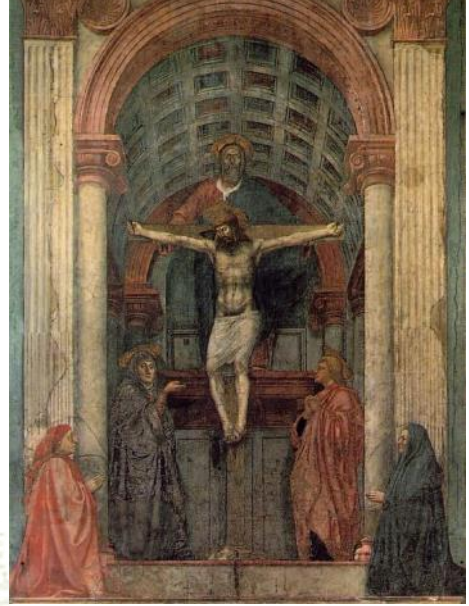
—*Pope Francis*

Reference: *Angelus—Trinity Sunday (2021)*





Christians are baptized "in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit". Before receiving the sacrament, they respond to a three-part question when asked to confess the Father, the Son and the Spirit: "I do." The faith of all Christians rests on the Trinity.



Christians are baptized in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit: not in their names, for there is only one God, the almighty Father, His only Son and the Holy Spirit: the Most Holy Trinity.

The mystery of the Most Holy Trinity is the central mystery of Christian faith and life. It is the mystery of God in Himself.

—*Catechism of the Catholic Church*

Reference: *Catechism of the Catholic Church* (1992)

Game of the Week

Atbash Cipher Puzzle



The quote below from Pope Francis has been encoded using an "Atbash" or "reverse alphabet cipher".

In this case, the first letter "A" becomes the last letter "Z", and so on, as shown on the right.

Solve the cipher to reveal the quote.



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—Pope Francis

Trinity Sunday Angelus Homily—Pope Francis (2016)

Last Week's Game

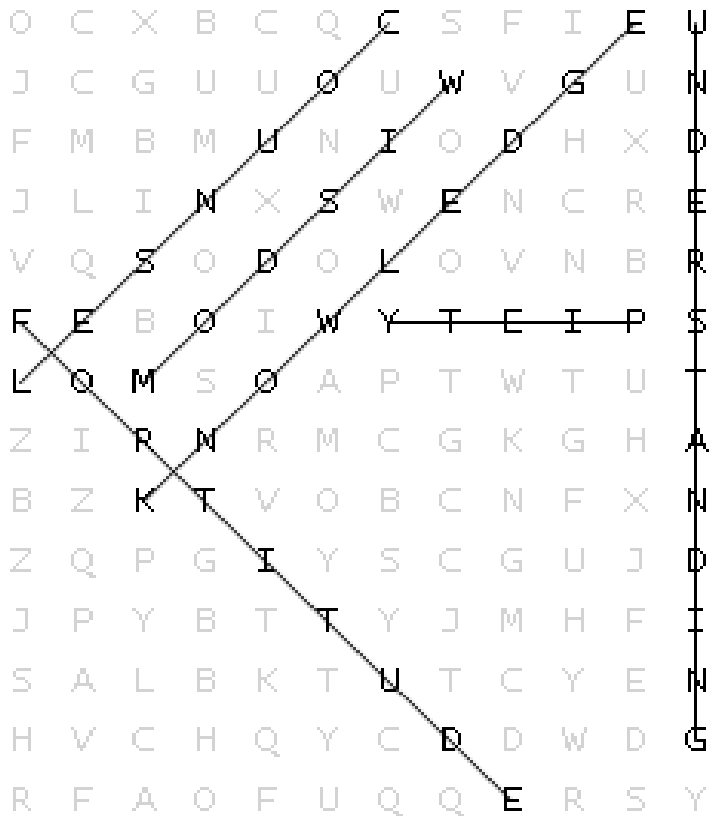
Shuffled Letters Puzzle

Isaiah 11:2-3 lists the seven gifts of the Holy Spirit.

Look for and mark these gifts in the word search puzzle on this page.

1. wisdom
2. understanding
3. counsel
4. fortitude

5. knowledge
6. piety
7. fear of the Lord



A black and white photograph of a person's hands clasped in prayer, with the text "DICES, let us pray." overlaid. The hands are the central focus, with fingers interlaced and palms pressed together. The lighting is dramatic, highlighting the texture of the skin and the creases on the fingers. The background is dark and out of focus. The text is white, with "DICES," in a bold, serif font and "let us pray." in a cursive script font.

DICES,
let us pray.