



Partners in Faith & Action

June and Summer 2017

MASS CELEBRATIONS

Friday, June 2nd – Graduation Mass, 8:45 a.m.
Full uniform.

During summer vacation, do not forget to celebrate your faith as a family at Mass.

Masses at NDV Church are Saturday at 5:15 p.m., Sunday at 7:30 a.m., 9:00 a.m., 10:30 a.m. (French Mass), 12:15 p.m., and 5:30 p.m. There are also weekday Masses at 7 a.m., and 12:10 pm. Check Mass schedules at your Church.

While you are on vacation, celebrate Mass at the local Church. There are several websites which show Catholic Churches in cities in the United States, locations, Mass times, etc. Check out www.parishesonline.com, www.masstimes.org, or www.thecatholicdirectory.com



Pentecost is June 4th, 50 days after Jesus' resurrection. It is often designated as the birthday of the Church. Check out the

following websites for more information about Pentecost and activities.

<http://www.dltk-bible.com/cv/pentecost.htm>
<http://www.catholicliving.com/easy-pentecost-craft-for-kids/>



ASSUMPTION OF MARY

August 15th is the Feast of the Assumption of Mary, a holy day of obligation. For hundreds of years the Church observed the

feast of the Assumption of Mary, but it wasn't until November 1, 1950 that Pope Pius XII proclaimed as dogma that Mary, the immaculate Mother of God, was taken body and soul (physically and spiritually) into heaven. Learn more about this feast day at

www.newadvent.org/cathen/02006b.htm
www.americancatholic.org/features/saints/saint.aspx?id=1108

SUMMER ACTIVITIES

I am sure that many plans have been made for the summer; however, here are a couple of ideas that you might consider to provide service to the community, and to share your faith with your children.

1. Your family might offer your services at the Gubbio Project, Glide or St. Anthony's, a hospital, nursing home or some other organization near you. Remember, there are people in need all year. They don't go on vacation.
2. Decorate flower pots and fill them with soil and flowers or succulents to give to others who need cheering up.
3. When looking for camps, check your Church to see if they have a Vacation Bible School.
4. Read books to your children. There are several good books for children about saints and popes. Check out the Max Lucado books for children.
5. Take some summer field trips: shrines, the California missions, attend a Latin Mass, participate in a novena, visit a saint's burial site, or visit a Cathedral.

6. More activities for families can be found at <http://www.catholicliving.net/fun-summer-activities-for-kids/>
6. Take some time to relax and reflect. Try the 3 minute retreat at www.loyolapress.com/3-minute-retreats-daily-online-prayer.htm.

ACTIVITIES ON THE INTERNET

Are you tired of your children playing video games? Check out some of these websites for activities which might be done as a family on the computer during this summer vacation.



1. www.thebricktestament.com/home.html -- Bible stories are told using legos.

2. Several publishers of Religion Curriculum materials also have web sites with various activities for children. You might check out:

- <http://pflaumweeklies.com> – check out the parents’ tab
- <http://www.faithfirst.com/family.html> -- parent resources and games and activities
- www.dltk-bible.com/ -- crafts, coloring pages, games, etc.
- http://www.catholicmom.com/catholic_kids.htm
- www.jclubcatholic.org
- <http://www.domesticchurch.com/CONTENT.DCC/pages.dir/frige.htm>
- <http://catholicblogger1.blogspot.com/> -- a listing of additional websites.
- <http://info.franciscanmedia.org/kids-and-family> - more resources
- <http://www.reallifeathome.com/monthly-activity-printables-for-catholic-families/> -- activities for each month of the year



The Saints of Summer

Many wonderful saints are commemorated this time of year. See how many you can match with clues to their identity.

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| <p>1 This preacher accompanied St. Paul on his first missionary journey.</p> <p>2 He has two feasts this summer: one for his birthday, one for his martyrdom.</p> <p>3 This saint lost his head over Henry VIII’s divorce and remarriage.</p> <p>4 This martyr cracked a joke while being roasted on a gridiron.</p> <p>5 This busy lady complained that her saintly sister left her to do all the work.</p> <p>6 We ask this saint to come around whenever something must be found.</p> <p>7 Recently canonized, he is the founder of California.</p> | <p>8 This saint is the founder of western monasticism.</p> <p>9 You walk “el Camino” to reach his shrine in Spain.</p> <p>10 This patron of grandmothers shares a feast with her holy husband.</p> <p>11 This is the first Native American saint.</p> <p>12 This saint was the first witness of the Resurrection.</p> <p>13 This convert from Judaism died at Auschwitz.</p> <p>14 Has your child left the church? This saint knows what that’s like.</p> |
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| A) St. Lawrence | F) St. Teresa Benedicta of the Cross | J) St. Anne |
| B) St. Martha | G) St. John the Baptist | K) St. Junipero Serra |
| C) St. Mary Magdalene | H) St. Thomas More | L) St. James |
| D) St. Barnabas | I) St. Kateri Tekakwitha | M) St. Benedict |
| E) St. Anthony of Padua | | N) St. Monica |

ANSWERS: 1.D, 2.G, 3.H, 4.A, 5.B, 6.E, 7.K, 8.M, 9.L, 10.J, 11.L, 12.C, 13.F, 14.N

Another summer activity you could do as a family is to learn more about these saints and others. Perhaps you and your child could put together a booklet with the Saint’s name, a little about the saint’s life, and perhaps a quote by the saint that is meaningful to you. Or identify the

patron saint of different occupations such as teachers, tailors, musicians, doctors, lawyers, etc. You can information about these saints and others at:

<http://www.americancatholic.org/Features/Saints/bydate.aspx>.

Other sites to look at are:

- <http://www.catholic.org/saints/>
- www.jclubcatholic.org
- www.americancatholic.org

LEARN MORE ABOUT THE MARISTS AND THE SISTERS OF ST. JOSEPH OF ORANGE

This summer take some time to learn more about the charisms of the Marists and the Sisters of St. Joseph of Orange which we share.

Visit the Marist website www.societyofmaryusa.org to learn about the Marists.



Several years ago excerpts from the book *A Certain Way* by Craig Larkin, S.M. were in this publication. You can find the book at www.acertainway.info. It is well worth reading.



You can learn more about the Sisters of St. Joseph of Orange at their website <http://csjorange.org/> www.csjednetwork.org will tell you more about the CSJ Educational Network.

PRAYER FOR SUMMER VACATION



Dear Lord, how we’ve waited for this vacation, and now it’s finally here. Thank You, Lord, for the opportunity to take a break from our daily routines and to replenish our minds, bodies and souls so they we may better serve You. Sometimes our expectations for vacations are unrealistic, and we find ourselves disappointed when things don’t go our way. Help us not to worry about having the ‘perfect’ vacation but to relax and enjoy every moment, whatever it may bring. We are grateful for the joys that await us—whether they be the beauty of your creation, recreation with family or friends, or peace and solitude. Watch over us and protect us as we travel, and bring us safely home again-refreshed and renewed. Amen.

(<http://www.familylifeministry.atlanta.goarch.org/vacation-travel-prayers/>)

