

# May – The Month of Our Lady

Fr. Gordon cordially invites you to deepen your spiritual life and learn more about your Catholic heritage through these different programs and devotions in honor of the Blessed Mother, Mary.



❖ **Wednesday, May 1 @ STA: Rosary Altar Society Presentation and Luncheon**

**10:00am** Rosary in the chapel followed by refreshments

**11:00am** Presentation on the **Sacred & Immaculate Hearts of Jesus & Mary** by Fr. Gordon. At Noon, Lunch will be served.

Tickets are \$12 and Reservations are due by Monday, April 29.

Checks can be dropped off at St. Thomas or St. John, or mailed to Ann Zygmuntowicz, 1707 Hitching Post Rd., East Lansing, MI 48823. Please make check out to RAS, memo: Spring Luncheon.

❖ **Friday, May 3 - 8:10am @ STA: School May Crowning Mass**

❖ **Friday, May 3 – 7:00pm @ STA: Rosary and Movie “Power in My Hands” in Fr. Mac Hall**

Come to St. Thomas on Friday, May 3, at 7pm to kick-off the Month of Our Lady by praying the Rosary in the Cana Chapel (or outdoors, weather permitting) and then gathering in Fr. Mac Hall to see the new movie, *Power in My Hands*, about the extraordinary gift of the Holy Rosary.

<http://powerinmyhandsthemovie.com/>

❖ **Saturday, May 4 – First Saturday 9:00am Mass @ STA and Brown Scapular Enrollment**

Our Lady of Fatima asked for Holy Communion of reparation for the sins of the world on the First Saturday of each month. Our Lady told Sr. Lucia—the surviving visionary of Fatima: “I promise to assist at the hour of death with the graces necessary for salvation all those who, in order to make reparation to me, on the First Saturday of five successive months, go to confession, receive Holy Communion, say five decades of the Rosary, and keep me company for a quarter of an hour, meditating on the fifteen mysteries of the Rosary.” Come join us for Saturday morning Mass at St. Thomas on May 4 at 9am. You are welcome to come early and pray the Rosary at 8:30am.

Following Mass, Fr. Gordon will offer enrollment in the Brown Scapular of Our Lady of Mount Carmel. The Brown Scapular is an ancient sign of Our Lady’s protection. The Blessed Mother told St. Simon Stock, “Whosoever dies in this garment shall not suffer eternal fire!” In an uncertain world, this devotion could save us from an unprepared death and harsh judgment. Please stay after Mass for this devotion and learn more about the brown scapular by following this link:

<http://www.sistersofcarmel.com/brown-scapular-information.php>

❖ **Saturday, May 4 - 10am @ STA in Fr. Mac Hall: Senior Ministry Committee presents Senior Saturday,**

Fr. Gordon will present the story of Christ from Holy Week until the Ascension using current photos from the Holy Land. If you’ve ever wanted to go to Israel on pilgrimage, sign-up for this virtual pilgrimage.

To register call STA at 517-351-7215 or SJSC at 517-337-9778 or go online to [elcatholics.org/breakfast](http://elcatholics.org/breakfast).

- ❖ Check the bulletin for [Rosary Altar Society \(RAS\)](#) events and other Rosary devotions:
  - **Friday, May 3:** 11:40am - Rosary at St. John (*No 12:15pm Mass because of Graduation*)
  - **Tuesday, May 14** 7:00pm - KofC Rosary in the Cana Chapel at St. Thomas
  - **Wednesday, May 15** 10:00am - RAS Monthly Rosary in the Cana Chapel at St. Thomas

❖ **FORMED.ORG – Looking to get to know the Blessed Mother better?**

Look for some of these titles using our parish subscription to Formed.org: *Fatima: A Message of Hope; Fatima Gems; Lourdes: A Story of Faith, Science, and Miracles; Juan Diego: Messenger of Guadalupe.*

If you have not used FORMED before, go to <http://www.elcatholics.formed.org> to set up your FREE account!

## MARIAN DEVOTIONS IN MAY:

❖ **Saturday, May 11 - 11:00am @ State Capitol, Lansing: Living Rosary**

You are invited to attend a Living Rosary on Saturday, May 11 at the State Capitol grounds in Lansing, sponsored by The Knights of Columbus. This is a family friendly event! All Are Welcome!

This beautiful Rosary features young children and the Knights of Columbus 4th Degree Honor Guard releasing biodegradable balloons and all our prayers up to the Heavens. A short program will precede the event. A light lunch will be available after. For more information, contact [w.currie@mikofc.org](mailto:w.currie@mikofc.org).  
*Come pray with us!*

## FOR FURTHER STUDY (Internet links for Social Media):

❖ Learn about *Our Lady of Fatima* whose feast day will be on **Monday, May 13:**

Here are a few good summary links below. And, most of all, let us renew the practice of praying the rosary daily in our homes as the Blessed Mother has repeatedly asked us to do for the conversion of the world!

- The [story of the Fatima apparition](#) (Portugal, 1916-17)
- The [3 Secrets of Fatima](#) (official account)
- [Prayers of Reparation](#) given to the Fatima visionaries
- The [Five First Saturdays Devotion](#)
- Enjoy this simple [13-part series on Fatima](#) (with downloads):