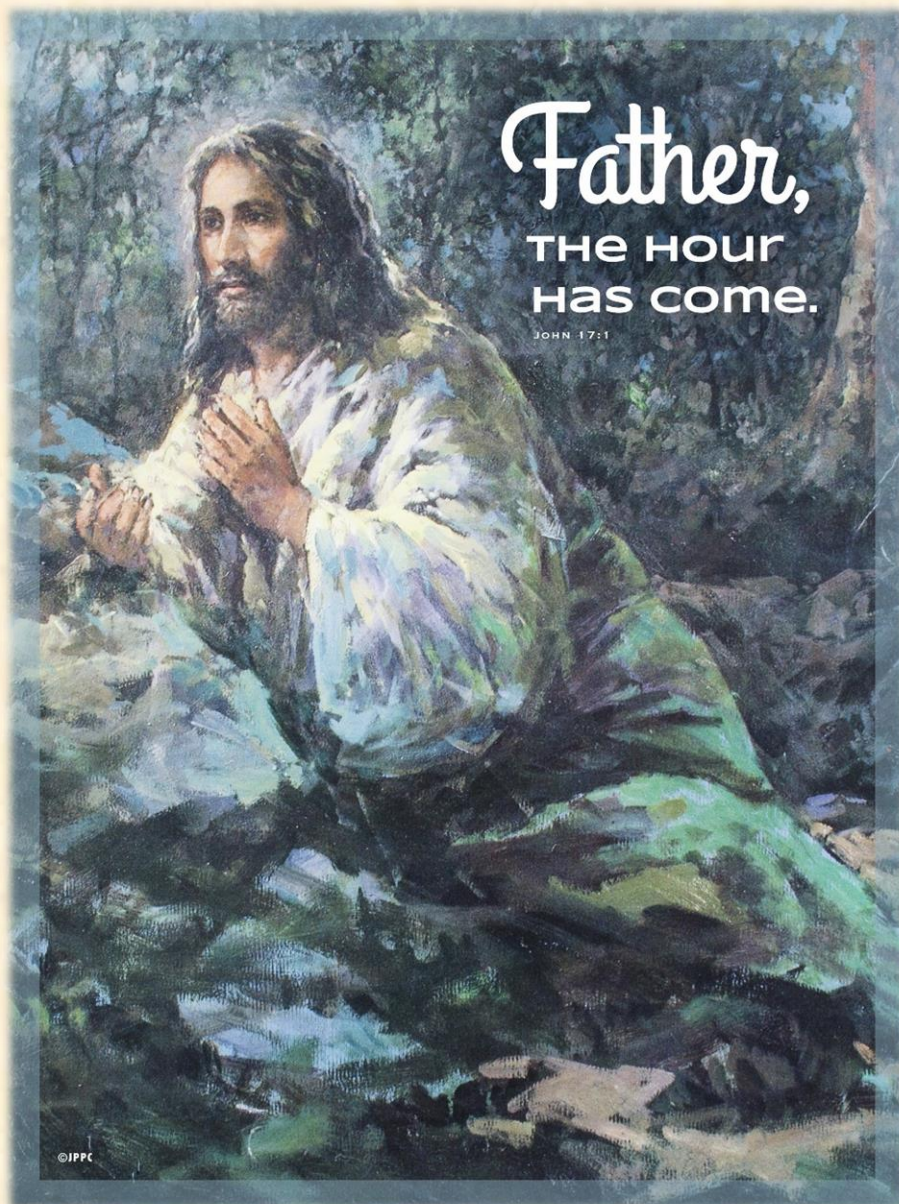


Seventh Sunday of Easter

May 21, 2023



Saint Mary 14 Park Street + Sacred Heart 58 Church Street + Saint Mark 105 Stanley Street
North Attleborough, Massachusetts

Transfiguration of the Lord Parish

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Mr. Jarrod Ward, Superintendent

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North Attleborough, Massachusetts 02760

(508) 695-1173 or email ripco@comcast.net

Sacrament of Reconciliation

Saint Mary Church • Saturday 3:00 pm

Sacrament of Baptism

Baptisms are celebrated on Sunday following the 11:00 am Mass in Sacred Heart. Baptisms are scheduled for 12:30 pm with a limit of four families at each baptism. Please contact Monica Forte in the office at stmaryna@noozi.com for more information and available dates.

Sacrament of Marriage

Marriage is usually celebrated on Saturday morning and afternoon. Please contact the Parish Office at least nine months in advance to begin preparation.

Sacrament of the Sick

Pastoral care to those in need of the sacrament of the sick is arranged through the parish office. Please call to arrange a visit.

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

Adoration is offered on the first Friday of each month in Saint Mary Church, beginning at 9:00 am and ending at 6:00 pm with Benediction.

Parish Offering

If you are attending in person, you may drop your contribution in the collection basket. You are welcome to mail your budget envelope to the parish office, at 14 Park Street, North Attleborough, MA 02760. You may also leave your envelope in the drop box located outside the parish office door, to the right on the landing. Or you can use this link for online giving:

<https://app.gabrielsoft.com/guest/mafrdiocese/31>

Thank you for your ongoing support!

Weekend Masses

Saturday 4:00 pm Saint Mary Church

Sunday 8:00 am Saint Mark Church

Sunday 9:30 am Saint Mary Church

Sunday 11:00 am Sacred Heart Church

Weekday Masses

Monday 4:30 pm Saint Mary Church

Rosary for Life 4:00 pm each Monday prior to 4:30 pm Mass

Tuesday 8:00 am Saint Mark Church

Wednesday 4:30 pm Saint Mary Church

Thursday 8:00 am Communion Service
Saint Mark Church

Links to: Transfiguration of the Lord Facebook page
<https://www.facebook.com/Transfiguration-of-the-Lord-Parish-North-Attleborough-106529317647894/>

YouTube at <https://tinyurl.com/vsfaxaty>

Parish Office

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Mass Intentions

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May 21 – 7th Sunday of Easter

Saturday

4:00 pm

May 20 – Vigil

Deceased members of the
Rand family

Sunday

8:00 am

May 21

Deceased members of the
Blais family

Sunday

9:30 am

May 21

Jeanne Small

Sunday

11:00 am

May 21

John & Ruth Davis

Monday

4:30 pm

May 22

Edward Gill

Tuesday

8:00 am

May 23

Joseph Dery

Wednesday

4:30 pm

May 24

Susan O'Donnell

Thursday

8:00 am

May 25

Saint Vincent de Paul Top Hat Award

On May 6th, The District of Greater Attleboro



Saint Vincent de Paul held their annual Ozanam Mass and Top Hat Awards. Each year, a Vincentian from each parish is chosen for this one-time award.

The award goes to a Vincentian that exemplifies the spirit of Saint Vincent de Paul of loving and serving their neighbor.

This year, Transfiguration of the Lord Saint Vincent de Paul honored three Vincentians. All three of our honorees came over from St. Mark SVdP to continue their service with Transfiguration SVdP, and Transfiguration SVdP is so much stronger with their friendship and dedication.

They are Bob Houde, David Avila and Maureen Avila. Bob, Dave and Maureen are very much involved in the day-to-day duties with running our food pantry. The pantry is a well-oiled machine with a lot of volunteers and all three of them are always willing to jump in at a moment's notice to help wherever they can. They are key people and a very important part of our operations.

In addition to that, Bob makes himself available to pick up our very large grocery orders from Stop & Shop and is our traffic cop for our pantry pickup nights. Bob is also a regular in prepping bags for our pantry nights. Bob also collects on Holy Days as well when needed.

Dave is involved with *That Man is You*, the Respect Life group, and shares his talents as organist/soloist to enhance our liturgies.

Maureen also helped coordinate the St. Mark Healing Masses, Giving Tree, food collections and helps collect on Holy Days when needed. As a long-time St. Mark Vincentian, Maureen was a key person for home visits, ministering directly to our neighbors in need.

Congratulations to Bob, Dave and Maureen! May the Holy Spirit continue to guide them and all our Vincentians as we seek to find the forgotten, the suffering and the deprived so that we may bring them Christ's love.

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May 28 – Pentecost Sunday

Saturday

4:00 pm

May 27 – Vigil

Peter DiRenzo

Sunday

8:00 am

May 28

Connie Levasseur

Sunday

9:30 am

May 28

Richard Precourt

Sunday

11:00 am

May 28

John F. Lynch

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Parish Contributions

Collection for May 6/7: \$12,743.89

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We Welcome

On Saturday, May 6 we welcomed a new member into our Catholic faith and Transfiguration of the Lord Parish. We welcome: **Declan Alexander Garza**, son of Lisa & Robert Garza. Congratulations to Declan, his parents, godparents, family and friends on the joyous celebration of faith and family.

FAITH FORMATION

Director of Religious Education ~ Mrs. Elaine Corvese
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*Our prayerful congratulations to the students
who celebrated their First Communion
this month.*

Gavin Andrew, Mason Andrew, Matthew Avila, Lucy Baril, Avery Bosh, Camilla Brislin, Grant Brislin, Madison Brouillette, Alissa Callahan, Miles Carter, Jonathan Cavalieri, Caroline Chagnon, Samuel Connolly, Addison Coppelino, Catherine Cornwell, Thomas Curley, Matthew David, Kendall Delpape, Ava Durant, Abigail Estano, Avery Figueiredo, Jace Fundakowski, Rowan Hill, Addyson Hogan, Sibelle Jeanty, Sandra Joby, Emma Kade, Madison Keenan, Julia Lacasse, Liam Langlands, Abigail Loew, Mya Lorenzo, Owen Lurie, Olivia Lynch, Nora Martinelli, Camille Martinka, Whitney McClusky, Liam McDevitt, Sheamus McGinty, Ryan McNally, Sophia Messier, Cole Moroney, Jonathan Nanton, Cameron Pallof, Kendal Paquette, Madelyn Pelissier, Giovanni Roccabello, Simone Rocheleau, Jaxon Rodriguez, Emily Ronci, Jake Ronci, Brooks Schwalbe, John Shamshoian, Caroline Silveria, Avery Smyka, Marley Souza, Viviana Spinelli, Jaxson Sposato, Stephanie Steele, Keira Swartz, Martin Tessier, David Tinory, Claire Tremblay, Ryan Van Balen, Mason Waite, Colleen Walsh, Liam Walsh, Nolan Webber, Westyn Welter, Luke Ziniti

Rosary for Life

The Respect Life Committee of the Transfiguration of the Lord Parish is pleased to announce that every Monday we will lead a Rosary for Life before the 4:30 pm Mass in Saint Mary church.

A Note from Monica

Dear friends,

After over twenty years in the parish office, my last day was Friday, May 19. I have been blessed to work beside so many dedicated and caring Priests, Deacons and Sisters during that time. Many thanks to all the hardworking staff that I have had the pleasure of working with to help our parish community. Our teamwork has lightened each load along the way. This parish community has been my home for many years. So many parishioners have become part of my faith family, and I am grateful for the love and prayerful support I have received from so many of you.

May the path ahead for this Catholic family bring peace and God's many blessings. Please know that I will keep Transfiguration of the Lord Parish in my daily prayers. I leave you with this much-loved Irish Blessing:

*May the road rise to meet you,
May the wind be always at your back,
May the sun shine warm upon your face
and the rain fall soft upon your fields.
And until we meet again,
May God hold you in the palm of His hand.*

Peace & prayers,
Monica



Archbishop Fulton Sheen once said "A Holy Hour of Eucharistic Adoration is a sharing in the work of Redemption." Please join us at Saint Mary Church, Friday, June 2nd, beginning 9:00 a.m. and ending at 6:00 p.m. with Benediction. Remember, as we share in the work of Redemption, so will we be rewarded with our own redemption. For more information call Joanne Regali (508-643-3821) or Arlene Hall (508-801-2243). Please leave a message if the call is not answered immediately.

Transfiguration of the Lord Respect Life Group

The next meeting of the Respect Life Group will take place on Monday, *June 12, 2023 at 6:30 pm in Saint Mark rectory. Please note there is no meeting in May.* We hope you will join us as we implement our respect life vision in the parish. Please email or call Joanna Wissler wissler5@verizon.net or 508-243-5307 for more information. All are welcome!

Saint Mary – Sacred Heart School SMSH Golf Tournament and Auction



Three cheers for the successful SSMH fundraising events! The funds raised at the golf tournament & auction will directly impact our Saints and aid the administration and faculty of SSMH in carrying out the mission entrusted to us.

As we approach the 100 year anniversary of Catholic education, we recognize all of the families, parishioners and benefactors of our parish and school that have given so generously of their time, talent and treasure. This legacy of important work is what sustains our school for future generations. We say thank you!

Knights of Columbus

Council #330 of the Knights of Columbus has been serving the Catholic Community of North Attleborough for 125 years. The Knights meet on the 2nd Wednesday of each month at 7pm, in the rectory of St. Mark church. Please drop by on meeting nights if you'd like to learn more about the Knights. Council #330 is committed to assisting local charities that align with the values of our Faith such as the Parish, the Parish school, and Abundant Hope. Contact Jim Schromm at jim.schromm@verizon.net with any questions.

"Do This in Memory of Me"



82ND ANNUAL CATHOLIC APPEAL
DIOCESE OF FALL RIVER

The 82nd Catholic Appeal is underway. Please join with your fellow parishioners in helping those in need in our communities, and show love through your generosity. The agencies and apostolates supported by the Appeal provide services such as individual and family counseling, pregnancy support, abuse prevention, refugee resettlement, and emergency, transitional, and long-term housing. Make your secure gift or pledge online today at www.GiveFRDiocese.org.

In 2022 our parish contributed a total of \$103,210, an increase over 2021 of \$962.00!

So far, our community has contributed \$16,885.00 in 2023!

PLEASE NOTE: ALL PAYMENTS MUST BE MADE DIRECTLY TO "CATHOLIC APPEAL".

Please do not make the check out to the parish. Please indicate "Transfiguration of the Lord Parish" on the donation card on the line "please credit the following parish with my gift". This will enable your donation to be counted as a donation from our Parish. The Catholic Appeal Office will handle all contributions, and you are asked to mail your contribution directly to: The Catholic Appeal – Diocese of Fall River P.O. BOX 237, Kensington, CT 06037-0237. Any contributions that come to the office are required to be sent **unopened** to the address above.

"This is how we know what love is: Jesus Christ laid down his life for us. And we ought to lay down our lives for our brothers and sisters. If anyone has material possessions and sees a brother or sister in need but has no pity on them, how can the love of God be in that person? Dear children, let us not love with words or speech but with actions and in truth." (1 John 3:16-18)

Mark your calendars for these Diocesan events

For young people ages 14-17

**July
26-27**

Pro-Life Bootcamp

"Perhaps you were born for a time such as this" - Esther 4:14

Location:
LaSalette Retreat Center: 947 Park St., Attleboro, MA 02703

\$150 per person includes:

- Two Day, One night Stay
- Meals and Snacks
- Speakers and Activities
- Closing Mass with Bishop da Cunha

RSVP by June 15th
dledoux@dioc-fr.org

AND

Registration is now open to parish groups for
this year's Catholic Youth Day!

**October
7**

Catholic Youth Day

**10 AM - 6 PM
Cathedral Camp**

Bishop
Edgar da Cunha, S.D.V. | *Music by*
Liz Cotrupi-Pfunder | *Special Guest*
Dr. Alex Gotay

Open to those in Grades 6-12, Catholic Youth Day offers young people a free day of music, worship, fun activities, food, Mass, adoration and speakers to kick-off the year!

This year's CYD will feature Dr. Alex Gotay: Dr. Alex Gotay, is a dynamic, national Catholic teen and young adult speaker who uses his unique perspective and combines it with his passion, humor, creativity, and stories to communicate the good news in a way that connects with ALL teens! Alex is an author and keynote speaker/emcee for several Diocesan Youth Conferences, NCYC, and Life Teen Covecrest. He has been featured on EWTN for Youth Ministry, as well as several national and international radio stations and podcasts. Alex holds a Doctorate in Ministry, and two Master's degree in Theological Studies and Philosophy respectively. Based in Texas, when Alex doesn't travel the country he is immersed in family life, parish ministry, and as a Brazilian Jiu-Jitsu Black Belt.

For Parish, Catechetical, and Ministry Leaders,
Catechists and Volunteers

**September
9**

Parish Leader Convocation

Bishop
Edgar da Cunha, S.D.V. | **Special Keynote**

**9 AM - 2 PM
St. John Neumann
East Freetown**

Speaker & Registration
Announced Soon!

Visit the Diocesan website:

<https://www.fallriverdiocese.org/>

For more information and registration for
these upcoming events



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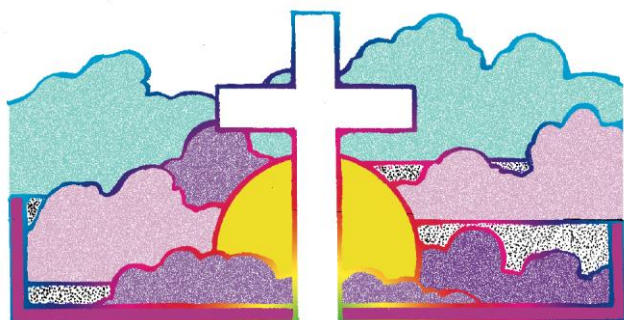
Abundant Hope

Did you know... A woman in an unplanned pregnancy needs tremendous love and support to make the brave decision to keep her child. Showing her that you will be there for her could make the difference in her decision to parent. If you or someone you know thinks she may be pregnant, please contact us at 508-455-0425 for compassionate and nonjudgmental care. **Serving the community since 2011 - from pregnancy testing to potty training!**

Scheduling Baptisms

Parents requesting the baptism of their child should be registered members of the parish who attend weekend Mass on a weekly basis. Baptisms are celebrated on Sunday following the 11:00 am Mass in Sacred Heart Church (58 Church Street) Please contact Monica in the office via email (stmaryna@noozi.com) for more information and visit the parish website www.saintmaryna.com and click on the "Sacraments" tab for more detailed information.

What Are The Requirements To Be a Godparent or Sponsor? If you have been asked to be a godparent, requirements set by the Roman Catholic Church are as follows: You must be a confirmed Catholic, at least 16 years old, registered in a parish and practicing your faith by regular participation at Mass. If you are married, your marriage must be recognized as valid by the Church. If you are currently a member of Transfiguration of the Lord Parish and have been asked to be a godparent, please see Father Ciryak after Mass. You may contact the office for more information.



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Transfiguration of the Lord Parish Saint Vincent de Paul Society

Inspired by Gospel values, the Society of St. Vincent de Paul, a Catholic lay organization, leads women and men to join to grow spiritually by offering person-to-person service to those who are needy and suffering in the tradition of its founder, Blessed Frédéric Ozanam, and patron, St. Vincent de Paul. The Society meets on the 2nd Thursday of the month in the parish hall in Saint Mary Church. Please join us!

Call for Assistance If you need assistance, please call the help line for our parish Saint Vincent de Paul Society. They can offer information about the types of assistance available. Please call 508-212-4755 for help or more information



Devoted to Prayer

Today, as we await Pentecost, we come to the end of the baptismal homily from Peter that we have heard over the past few weeks. This homily was written by a realist who knew the joy and the glory of a resurrection faith, but also knew that the strength of that faith would be put to the test and tried in suffering. Earlier this year we heard Jesus preach, "Blessed are you when they insult you . . . because of me" (Matthew 5:11) and this is echoed today by Peter. These words are also formed in the image of Christ who prays to the Father in heaven today, a prayer that is placed in John's Gospel right before Jesus endures his suffering and death. Our awaiting the Spirit, awaiting our mission for Christ means that we are, most likely, awaiting some sort of trial and suffering. We don't endure the same degree of persecution that Peter and John knew, but each of us has our faith put to the test eventually. And it is for this reason that we, like Jesus and like those faithful followers gathered in the upper room, devote ourselves to prayer.

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Seventh Sunday of Easter

May 21, 2023

First Reading

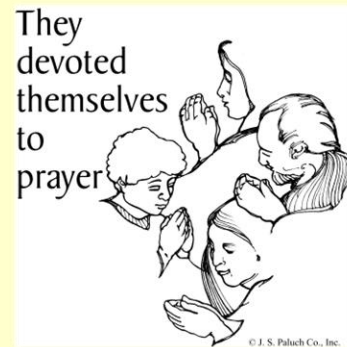
A reading from the Acts of the Apostles

After Jesus had been taken up to heaven the apostles returned to Jerusalem from the mount called Olivet, which is near Jerusalem, a sabbath day's journey away.

When they entered the city they went to the upper room where they were staying, Peter and John and James and Andrew, Philip and Thomas, Bartholomew and Matthew, James son of Alphaeus, Simon the Zealot, and Judas son of James. All these devoted themselves with one accord to prayer, together with some women, and Mary the mother of Jesus, and his brothers.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.



Responsorial Psalm

R. I believe that I shall see the good things of the Lord in the land of the living.

The LORD is my light and my salvation;
whom should I fear?

The LORD is my life's refuge;
of whom should I be afraid?

R. I believe that I shall see the good things of the Lord in the land of the living.

One thing I ask of the LORD;
this I seek:
To dwell in the house of the LORD
all the days of my life,
That I may gaze on the loveliness of the
LORD
and contemplate his temple.

R. I believe that I shall see the good things of the Lord in the land of the living.

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

R. I believe that I shall see the good things of the Lord in the land of the living.

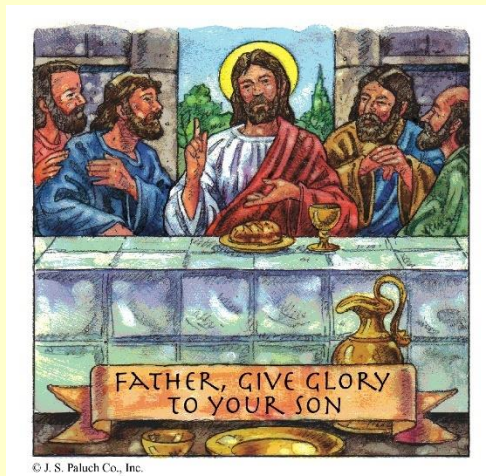
Second Reading

A reading from the first Letter of Saint Peter

Beloved: Rejoice to the extent that you share in the sufferings of Christ, so that when his glory is revealed you may also rejoice exultantly. If you are insulted for the name of Christ, blessed are you, for the Spirit of glory and of God rests upon you. But let no one among you be made to suffer as a murderer, a thief, an evildoer, or as an intriguer. But whoever is made to suffer as a Christian should not be ashamed but glorify God because of the name.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God



Alleluia

R. Alleluia, alleluia.

*I will not leave you orphans,
says the Lord.*

*I will come back to you,
and your hearts will rejoice.*

R. Alleluia, alleluia.

Gospel

The Lord be with you.

And with your spirit.

† A reading from the holy Gospel
according to John

Glory to you, O Lord.

Jesus raised his eyes to heaven and said, "Father, the hour has come. Give glory to your son, so that your son may glorify you, just as you gave him authority over all people, so that your son may give eternal life to all you gave him. Now this is eternal life, that they should know you, the only true God, and the one whom you sent, Jesus Christ. I glorified you on earth by accomplishing the work that you gave me to do. Now glorify me, Father, with you, with the glory that I had with you before the world began.

"I revealed your name to those whom you gave me out of the world. They belonged to you, and you gave them to me, and they have kept your word. Now they know that everything you gave me is from you, because the words you gave to me I have given to them, and they accepted them and truly understood that I came from you, and they have believed that you sent me. I pray for them. I do not pray for the world but for the ones you have given me, because they are yours, and everything of mine is yours and everything of yours is mine, and I have been glorified in them. And now I will no longer be in the world, but they are in the world, while I am coming to you."

The Gospel of the Lord

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ

About our Blessed Mother

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Ann and Joachim

Assumption

Mother of God

Miraculous

Blessed

Sinless

Full of Grace

Saint Mary

Madonna

Guadalupe

Ave Maria

Queen of Heaven

Handmaid of the Lord

Virgin Mother

Immaculate

The month of May is devoted to our Blessed Mother, Mary.
After you finish the word search, ask your family to gather and pray
the "Hail Mary" together.

*Hail, Mary, full of grace,
the Lord is with thee.*

*Blessed art thou among women
and blessed is the fruit of thy womb, Jesus.*

*Holy Mary, Mother of God,
pray for us sinners,
now and at the hour of our death.*

Amen.