



TV Mass Updates

Anchorage, AK
KYUR ch. 13.2 (CW)
9:00 a.m.

Augusta, GA
WAGT ch. 26.1 (NBC)
5:30 a.m.

WIEF ch. 47.4 (GetTV)
8:30 a.m.

WAGT ch. 26.2 (CW)
10:00 a.m.

Bakersfield, CA
KGET ch. 17.2 (CW)
7:00 and 10:00 a.m.

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MOTHER'S AND FATHER'S DAY PRAYERS

Please use the enclosed, two-sided spiritual bouquet card to send the names of loved ones for remembrance at Mass on Mother's Day (May 8) and Father's Day (June 19).



Hand-Picked Bouquets

Mother's Day brings a floral bouquet to many a mom. Some flowers have traditional meanings, and florists can suggest the perfect flowers to convey a message of prayer, gratitude, and more. A dandelion bouquet, picked by little hands, always means love.

For a new mom on Mother's Day, a florist might suggest daffodils, which symbolize new beginnings. Pink carnations mean gratitude. White hyacinth sends a promise of prayer. Moms might have favorite flowers for reasons of their own.

Ever since the dandelion's demotion from flower to weed, those cheerful, yellow blooms no longer make the cut for store-bought flowers. Still, we can see in a child's dandelion bouquet the love felt without even realizing everything that motherhood means.

Dandelion comes from words meaning "lion's tooth" and describes the shape of dandelion leaves. A child's bouquet can remind us of the protection that a mother gives her cubs. In ancient times, people used medicines made with dandelions for a wide variety of ailments. A bunch of dandelions reflects the tender care that mothers provide for scraped knees, runny noses, and things more serious.

Lowly dandelions survive beneath winter snow and ice, popping up again in spring. The taproots can go as deep as 15 feet, actually useful in bringing up nutrients for plants with shallow roots. Dandelion greens contain vitamins and minerals. As mothers cook and do other chores, the constancy and depth of their love nourishes children and helps them to grow.

Winemakers use dandelion flowers. When the Mother of Jesus told Him that wine had run short at a wedding, her Son worked His first public miracle by changing water into wine. Dandelion roots flavor old-fashioned root beer. For kids' celebrations, moms can serve root beer floats. Add joyful celebration to all of the things that moms orchestrate.

On Mother's Day, picture Jesus and Mary. What kind of bouquet would our Lord choose for His Mother?



Fr. Mark Payne
Chaplain

“I always feel so included in the Mass.”

– Chrissy



“My wife and I discovered Heart of the Nation and your weekly Mass. What a blessing it is!”

– Paul



“Thank you for helping me keep my faith alive!”

– Jim



“I find your weekly Mass a great comfort, as well as instructive. I have sent links to family members.”

– Jennifer

The Fire That Makes Faith Soar

Known as the “Flying Father,” an 18th-century priest named Fr. Bartolomeu de Gusmão invented the first version of a hot-air balloon. In 1709, he demonstrated the airship in Lisbon, Portugal, as the king, queen, royal courtiers, and a Cardinal (future Pope Innocent XIII) gazed in wonder.

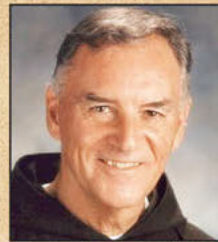
Scripture describes Jesus’ promise that the Disciples would receive power from on high. Awestruck, they watched the Lord blessing them as He ascended to heaven.

Seventeen centuries later, Fr. Gusmão gave an indoor show of his model flying machine. It ascended until grazing some decorative molding around a ceiling in the royal palace. The balloon fell. The fire went out. Still, the prospect of better balloons delighted the King of Portugal.

No technical drawings survive, but embellished artistic renderings look like a bird, with the balloon forming its back. People nicknamed it the *Passarola*, a large and ungrateful bird.

Although given

the Holy Spirit at Baptism, we collide with worldly obstacles and may become ungrateful. Jesus, our King, takes delight when we seek the fire



Fr. Tony Scannell
Chaplain

of the Spirit by coming to Mass, loving, praying, and reflecting on Scripture.

Other inventors after Fr. Gusmão developed hot-air balloons that carried people aloft. Onlookers at an exhibition in 1784 wondered if a balloon’s pilot would use an oar to steer through the air, if the balloon would

reach the threshold of heaven, or if celestial dragons might appear and attack the balloon and its hapless passenger.

Scripture inspired by the Spirit guides us heavenward. We come to Mass with worries, sometimes more fearsome than dragons, yet the Lord’s Resurrection and Ascension give us hope.

Jesus instructed the Disciples to wait in Jerusalem. Soon, the Holy Spirit would come, enabling them to minister in His name, reminding them of things that Jesus had said, and teaching them even more.

Hot air rises, and fire at the base of a hot-air balloon enables it to float skyward. The fire of the Holy Spirit helps us to reach the height of eternal life.

Far-Reaching Love

Jesus wanted the Disciples to love one another, just as He loved them. Examples of what the Lord meant abound in the Gospels.

When the Disciples needed direction, Jesus accompanied them. When they caught nothing while out fishing, He encouraged them to try again. When they lost sight of Him at the Ascension, He did not abandon them. Loving as Jesus did encompasses love of family and friends.

Moreover, Jesus loved the crowds that came to Him. Gifts to Heart of the Nation reach the multitudes, too. Your generosity shares the Lord’s love and reflects the promise that believers would do His works and even greater ones!



Vocations Prayer

May 8: World Day
of Prayer for Vocations

Jesus, Good Shepherd,

In Your love, please
bless the priests
given to Your flock
as guides,
and the deacons
serving to bring
care and justice to abide.

Bless, too, the men
and women
consecrated to serve You
through sacred vows,
prayer, and good works
they devotedly pursue.

May joy and
encouragement
found in loving families
teach the wisdom of belief
in grace-filled possibilities.

Among faithful disciples,
please favor with strength
and grace
those in single life
as a way
of holiness they embrace.

For all who seek
vocations,
may they prayerfully
discern
direction at each
crossroads
and Your presence
at every turn.

Amen.



Knowing Each One by Name

Battlefield Crosses—markers with a rifle as stanchion, a combat helmet on top, and boots at the base—symbolize mourning for those who have sacrificed their lives in military service. Armed Forces Day (May 21) honors men and women currently serving in any branch of the U.S. military, while Memorial Day (May 30) honors the fallen.

Exemplifying communion in spirit between the living and deceased, Army Pfc. Wayne A. “Johnnie” Johnson survived a death march among hundreds of prisoners during the Korean War. He survived the murderous cruelty of a captor called “the Tiger.” During more than three years in prison camps, he survived the risks of writing down the name, date of death, and home of military and civilian captives who perished around him.

Others helped, telling Johnnie about the dying who received hope that his list would later enable loved ones to know their fate. On bits of peeled wallpaper, cigarette packs, and other paper, Johnnie noted 494 U.S. military personnel and civilians who died and two who disappeared from interment. Catholics among the 24 civilians included a bishop, six priests, and three nuns. Our Lord already knew each one by name.

Johnnie managed to consolidate his list and hide two copies. Although beaten, interrogated, and threatened with execution after captors discovered one copy, Johnnie lived and kept adding names. Returning stateside after the war’s end, he smuggled the list home in a toothpaste tube. The military used it. For families, at least the uncertainty of “missing in action” ended.

On May 21, please pray for all members of the military and for world peace. On May 30, at 3:00 p.m. local time, join in the national Moment of Remembrance of those who have lost their lives in military service.



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