 May 2020 - SSPX Ordo Notices

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**Note:** This document is for the purpose of apostolate planning and offers a collection of practical advice and announcements. Items may be included in priory and church bulletins if desired; simply copy and paste these announcements. Please contact us at *ordo@sspx.org* to let us know of any corrections needed. This list can be found in the entry of the 20th day of each month in the online ordo.

**May, the Month of Mary:** The May Crowning is traditionally done; parish customs vary. In most places the altar of Our Lady is decorated throughout the month with flowers. The Litany of Loreto is added after the Rosary throughout the month.

**Festum S. Ioseph Opificis:** The feast of the Patronage of St. Joseph was formerly celebrated on the Wednesday after II Sunday after Easter. In 1955, Pope Pius XII transferred it to May 1, incorporating an artisan theme, calling it in Italian *San Giuseppe Artigiano* (=artisan, craftsman). In the USA, it may be celebrated *ad libitum* on the Labor Day holiday instead of on May Day.

**The Liturgical Season:** A history of Paschaltide and Ascension was published in *The Angelus*, May-June 2016.

**The Rogation Days** are the three days preceding the Ascension. These are days set aside for penitential processions. The practice began in the fifth century, and was instituted at that time due to a series of calamities striking society. The procession is characterized by the Litany of the Saints, which is why these three days also have the name “the minor litanies”. If the procession precedes the Mass, or even just the public recitation of the Litany of the Saints in lieu of the actual procession, the Rogation Mass in violet is said at the conclusion of the procession/litany, even on the Vigil of the Ascension, which is otherwise a “white” liturgical day. The minor litanies do not have role in the Divine Office, and if the Rogation Mass is not said, it has no role in the Mass, either (it is not commemorated, unlike the major litanies of April 25). Those bound to the Office are not required to recite the Litany of the Saints on these three days. For particular rubrics, see the Ordo entries for those days.

**The Feast of the Ascension** is on the Thursday 40 days after the Resurrection. After the Gospel at the principal Mass, the Paschal Candle is extinguished. It is not displayed or used anywhere in the church outside of Paschal time, and is not placed in the baptistery. Its only role in the liturgy after being blessed, lauded with the *Exultet,* and immersed in the baptismal font at the Easter Vigil is to stand (representing the Risen Christ) on the Gospel side of the sanctuary during the 40 days between Easter and the Ascension. The candle may be seen throughout the year in the baptistery of many notable churches (cathedrals, basilicas, etc.), but that is due to a *novus ordo* rubric — as also using it during baptisms, weddings, and funerals — and is not a practice used in the Roman Rite.

**Holy Day of Obligation:** In Tradition, the Ascension is always celebrated on Thursday, but the obligation to attend Mass is binding on Thursday only in the ten states where the feast has not been transferred (New York, New Jersey, Pennsylvania, Connecticut, Rhode Island, Massachusetts, Vermont, New Hampshire, Maine, and Nebraska), which territory corresponds to the thirty-five dioceses included in the ecclesiastical provinces of New York, Newark, Philadelphia, Hartford, Boston, and Omaha. For additional information, see *Holy Days of Obligation in the USA* in Rubrical FAQs. It is possible that due to coronavirus, even these six provinces may lift the obligation this year.

**Mother’s Day** is the second Sunday of May in the USA.

**Funerals** are permitted any day this month except on the Feast of the Ascension.

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**Local observances**

*Calendar: These apply to priests assigned to these priories. For the public celebration of the Office and Mass, they apply only to the local territory. If a priest is celebrating Mass privately in another location, he may follow either the calendar of his priory or the calendar of the place. For the private recitation of Office, he must follow the calendar of his priory.*

*Titulars & Patrons: The* ***External Solemnity*** *of the priory or chapel’s titular feast and of the local patronal feast (principal patron) may be celebrated on the Sunday immediately preceding or following the feast unless impeded by a first class Sunday or feast, in which case it can be commemorated in the Sunday Mass (collects under single conclusion).*

*Accidental Occurrence: A local first class feast takes precedence over a second class feast or liturgical day, but is trumped by all other first class feasts and liturgical days in the universal calendar. If the superior feast is of the same Divine Person or saint, the local feast is omitted, otherwise, it is transferred to the next available day which is not first or second class. (Sundays and the Feast of the Consecration of a Cathedral or Church are both of Our Lord).*

**Chapel Titular Feasts (I class)**

Binghamton: May 2, St. Athanasius

Cleveland: May 1, St. Peregrine

Lacombe: May 13, Our Lady of Fatima

Mukwonago: May 5, St. Pius V

Platte City: May 31, Regina Coeli

Portland: May 13, Our Lady of Fatima

Richmond: May 13, Our Lady of Fatima

Sanger: May 13, Our Lady of Fatima

Springfield: May 8, Queen of All Saints (cf. MPAL)

St. Cloud: May 13, St. Robert Bellarmine

**Local Patronal Feast (I class)**

Anchorage: May 1, St. Joseph the Worker

Cleveland: May 1, St. Joseph the Worker

Colton: May 20, St. Bernardine of Siena

La Crosse: May 1, St. Joseph the Worker

West Palm Beach: Sat. after Ascension, Queen of Apostles (cf. MPAL)

**Local Cathedral Consecration (I class feast)**

Farmingville: May 27

Georgetown: May 15

Hartford: May 15

Louisiana MO: May 5

Mexico MO: May 5

Nacedah: May 7

St. Mary’s: May 31 (moved to June 1 due to accidental occurrence with Pentecost this year)

**Elenchus Sodalium Defunctorum FSSPX,**

**Maius**

01. Sacerdos Daniel Cooper, † 2018

02. Soror Marie Agnès Robert, † 2008

12. Sacerdos Dominique Lagneau, † 2013

21. Sacerdos Henri La Praz, † 1993

30. Soror Maria Vergères, † 1998

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