 May - 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.

**Good Shepherd Sunday**, associated so closely with the Sacred Priesthood, is the II Sunday after Easter. The second collection is the District Collection for Seminaries.

**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.

**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

Franklin: Movable, Corpus Christi

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

Seattle: Movable, Corpus Christi

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

St. Cloud: May 13, St. Robert Bellarmine

**Local Patronal Feasts (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 Consecrations (I class)**

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

**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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