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RE Weekly

Holy Spirit Catholic Community Newsletter

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HOLY SPIRIT NEWS

This week's newsletter has a very special twist to celebrate a holiday coming up - Mother's Day! In the Church, the month of May is dedicated to the veneration of Mary, the Mother of Jesus. Mary is a very special saint and a powerful intercessor. All of this week's activities will be in honor of Mary, ranging from praying the Rosary to re-creating a May Crowning at your home.

To all mothers out there - **THANK YOU**. The work you do for the world, including in your families, is not forgotten. Know that I'm praying for you on this unconventional Mother's Day!

HOLY SPIRIT FACEBOOK

We are on [Facebook](#)! Click on the icon at the bottom of the newsletter to stay up to date with our new social media.

AMAZON SMILE

We are on Amazon Smile! Go to smile.amazon.com and Amazon will donate a percentage of the price of your eligible Amazon Smile purchases to our parish at no cost to you.

YOUTUBE CHANNEL

We are excited to introduce our YouTube channel! We will be posting our Masses and messages from Fr. Marty and our staff. This is another way to stay in touch with all of you!

[Click to subscribe to our channel](#)

SUNDAY

God

Family

Friends

The church has always proclaimed that the family is the domestic church. Use this resource from the diocese as a chance to grow in love with Jesus as a family. In this resource, called "God Family Friends", mom or dad reads the Sunday Gospel aloud then there's a game, crafts, and dinner discussions. Each Sunday a new "God Family Friends" will be sent to you.

[Access it here!](#)

EXTRA CHALLENGE FOR SUNDAY

Mundelein Seminary is holding a virtual May Crowning in place of the one they normally have! Join the seminary community in honoring Mary in this special way.

[Click at 1PM CST to access the May Crowning](#)

MONDAY

The weather is finally looking up! I know I was surprised to find SNOW a few weeks ago...

This week, plant a Mary garden! A small space outside will do - all

you need are some seeds and a statue or icon of Mary.

Use [this guide](#) to help you choose the right flowers for your garden.

Here are more beautiful examples from Kim's house!



TUESDAY

Holy Spirit had a livestream link to a May crowning on Sunday - we hope you were able to catch it! If not, we invite you to host your own May crowning service. Click on the link below from Joe Paprocki for a good format.

[**Pop-Up Catechesis: May Crowning at Home**](#)



My family did a May crowning every year growing up in our backyard - here's a picture from 2002 of my sisters and I during our "service"! I'm on the right :)

WEDNESDAY

Pray a Rosary live with other Catholics around the world!

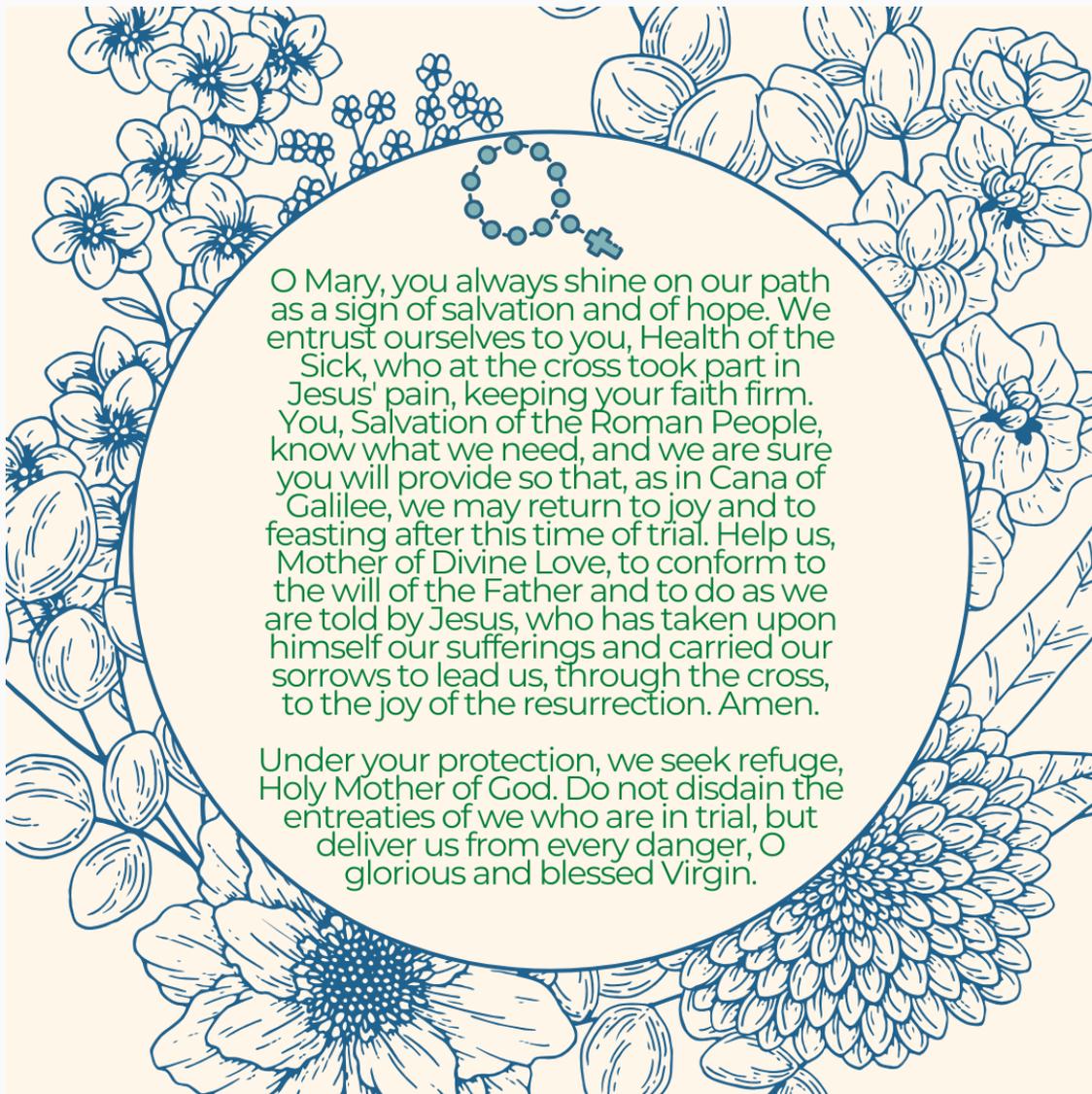
[Father Burke - 12 PM CST](#)

[Relevant Radio - 7 PM CST](#)

There are also plenty of resources on YouTube or other videos to pray the Rosary, if you can't make it to a live option.

THURSDAY

On March 11, Pope Francis shared this prayer to Mary to ask for her protection of the world. Pray this with your family as we close our newsletter content this week.



O Mary, you always shine on our path as a sign of salvation and of hope. We entrust ourselves to you, Health of the Sick, who at the cross took part in Jesus' pain, keeping your faith firm. You, Salvation of the Roman People, know what we need, and we are sure you will provide so that, as in Cana of Galilee, we may return to joy and to feasting after this time of trial. Help us, Mother of Divine Love, to conform to the will of the Father and to do as we are told by Jesus, who has taken upon himself our sufferings and carried our sorrows to lead us, through the cross, to the joy of the resurrection. Amen.

Under your protection, we seek refuge, Holy Mother of God. Do not disdain the entreaties of we who are in trial, but deliver us from every danger, O glorious and blessed Virgin.

FRIDAY

All Moms - look away during this time! All Dads and children - listen up :)

Focus on all things "Mom" today to prepare for Mother's Day

celebrations on Sunday.

Some options include:

- Make a card
- Go on a virtual tour of the [Garfield Conservatory](#)
- Breakfast in bed
- Plant some flowers
- Clean the house
- Make a video or a photo book

Anything you would like to see on the newsletter? Email Claire at echo3@hscs.us with ideas, links, or videos! Know that we are praying for you during this time, and to reach out if you need anything from us. Thank you and God bless!

Peace,
Jane, Kim, and Claire



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