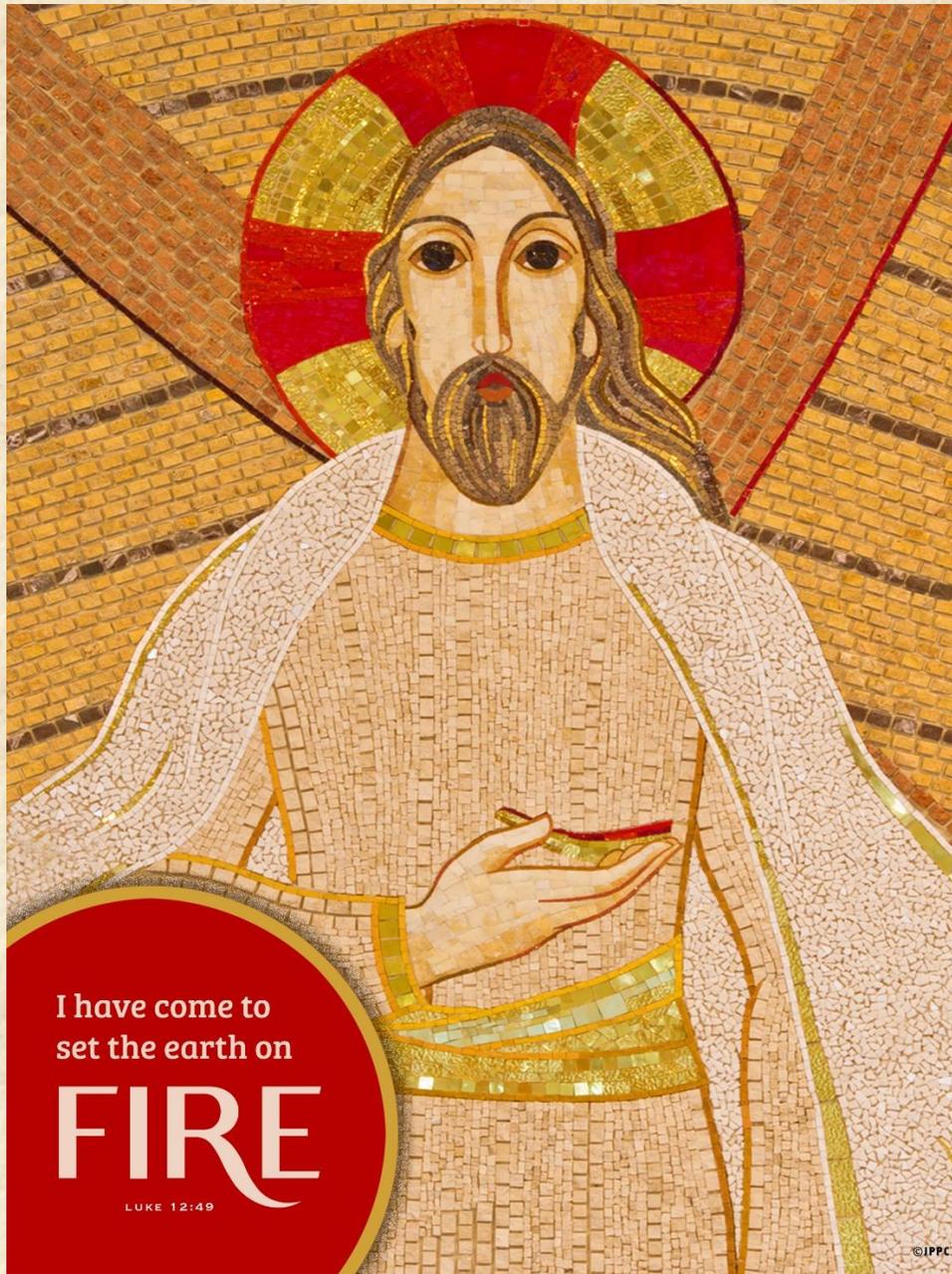


Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time

August 14, 2022



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

Transfiguration of the Lord Parish

Rev. Michael A. Ciryak, Temporary Administrator

Rev. Deacon Joseph E. Regali

Mrs. Monica T. Forte, Administrative Assistant

Mrs. Jean Howard, Business Manager

Mrs. Elaine Corvese, Director of Religious Education, Grades 1-8 & Confirmation

Ms. Nicole Barton, Music Director

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Mr. Jarrod Ward, Superintendent

Towne Street

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 scheduled on Saturday afternoons at 1:00 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 1st Tuesday of each month in Saint Mary Church, beginning at 9:00 am with Morning Prayer 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

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/ysfaxaty>

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August 14-20th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Saturday	August 13
4:00 pm	B. Mike Malone
Sunday	August 14
8:00 am	David Parenteau
Sunday	August 14
9:30 am	Josephine Tucci
Sunday	August 14
11:00 am	David Corvese
Monday	August 15 <i>Assumption of the Mary –Not a Holy Day of Obligation this year</i>
4:30 pm	Grace Resendes
Tuesday	August 16
8:00 am	Minetta Pion
Wednesday	August 17
4:30 pm	Ann Lavoie
Thursday	August 18
8:00 am	Dimitrios Exahopoulos

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August 21- 21st Sunday in Ordinary Time

Saturday	August 20
4:00 pm	Joseph & Grace Schultz
Sunday	August 21
8:00 am	Edward A. Rogers
Sunday	August 21
9:30 am	Michael Croke
Sunday	August 21
11:00 am	Mr. & Mrs. Maurice Paquin

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Parish Contributions

Collection figures from July 30/31:
\$10,262.19

Many thanks to all those who continue to remember our parish community in your prayers and budgeting during the summer months.

Thank you

We welcome Father Michael Ciryak to Transfiguration of the Lord Parish. Father Michael will be with us for weekend and weekday Masses and is the Temporary Administrator for Transfiguration of the Lord Parish assigned by Bishop da Cunha. We thank him for his presence, prayers and support during this time.

From the Diocese of Fall River Release
FALL RIVER (August 7, 2022) – In a communication from Bishop Edgar M. da Cunha, S.D.V., read at Masses this weekend (Aug. 6-7), parishioners of Transfiguration of the Lord Parish in North Attleborough were informed that their pastor has been placed on leave from priestly ministry.

Reverend Rodney E. Thibault was placed on administrative leave last week by the bishop for an investigation into alleged misconduct that is inconsistent with standards of ministerial behavior and in direct violation of the Code of Conduct for priests in the Diocese of Fall River. The alleged misconduct does not involve a minor.

As a priest on leave, he is not permitted to exercise public ministry nor present himself as a priest in public settings.

In his communication, Bishop da Cunha acknowledged how “distressing” this turn of events is for parishioners of the parish and assured them of his prayers during this difficult time.

The bishop also announced that Reverend Michael Ciryak will serve as temporary administrator of the parish.

Father Thibault was first assigned to North Attleborough in 2019 as pastor of the town’s three former parishes. Those three parishes were merged into one to form the Transfiguration of the Lord Parish in 2020.

The Diocese of Fall River encourages anyone with concerns regarding the conduct of any priest, staff or volunteer affiliated with the Diocese to contact Carolyn Shipp, the diocesan Director of Safe Environment and Victim Assistance at 508-985-6508 or by email at cshipp@dioc-fr.org.



Adult Confirmation Fall Classes 2022

Are you a Catholic adult (over the age of 18) who was never confirmed? Would you like to confirm the faith that your parents and godparents accepted for you on the day of your Baptism? Well, now is the time to act. Fall classes have just been announced. To register, contact the Parish Office or Mrs. Elaine Corvese. We can help you to facilitate this process. Remember: if you are ever asked to be a godparent or a sponsor for Confirmation, you can only do so if you have been confirmed.

There are seven sessions total. Online Sessions: Thursday Evenings from 6:30PM to 8:00PM and In-person Sessions: Saturday Mornings from 10AM to 2:00 pm at Saint Julie Billiart Church Hall 494 Slocum Road North Dartmouth, MA 02747

Dates for the sessions: Sat., Oct. 8, Thurs., Oct. 13, Thurs., Oct. 20, Thurs., Oct. 27, Sat., Nov. 5, Thurs., Nov. 10 and Sat. Nov. 19.

Conferral of the Sacrament of Confirmation: Thursday, Dec. 1 at 7:00PM Cathedral of Saint Mary of the Assumption 327 Second Street Fall River, MA 02721 (*Mandatory rehearsal with Confirmation sponsors at 6:00 pm Dec. 1*).

Are You Retired and Wanting to Give Back to Your Community?

Working in a Catholic school brings about great joy and satisfaction as each child develops his or her God-given talents. The Diocese of Fall River



Catholic schools are looking for dedicated and faith-filled people to be teachers, nurses, and custodians. Within the

many opportunities, you may find one that sparks a new career, develops a new talent, or ignites a new passion for the formation of your future. We encourage you to open your heart to these wonderful children and offer your time and talent.

To apply, please go to <https://www.catholicschoolsalliance.org/job-opportunities/>

Marriage Congratulations!

Our prayerful congratulations are extended to **Julia Morris & Thomas Larsen** who were united in the Sacrament of Marriage, Friday, August 5. *May God's choicest blessings come upon you as you begin to live this sacrament of love.*

The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary

Although not a Holy Day of Obligation this year because it falls on a Monday, it is still a day to keep Holy. We invite you to join us at for Mass at 4:30 pm on Monday, August 15 in Saint Mary Church. As it is not a day of obligation, there will not be other Masses offered that day.

Prayer for Priests

Gracious and loving God, we thank you for the gift of our priests.

Through them, we experience your presence in the sacraments.

Help our priests to be strong in their vocation. Set their souls on fire with love for your people.

Grant them the wisdom, understanding, and strength they need to follow in the footsteps of Jesus.

Inspire them with the vision of your Kingdom.

Give them the words they need to spread the Gospel.

Allow them to experience joy in their ministry.

Help them to become instruments of your divine grace.

We ask this through Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns as our Eternal Priest.

Amen.

our children
CATHOLIC SCHOOL EDUCATION
our future

Saint Mary – Sacred Heart School

We are currently accepting registrations for the 2022-2023 school year at our Parish Catholic School. For more information about our outstanding Pre-K, Kindergarten, Elementary and Middle School programs, please visit the website at www.smschool.com or call 508-695-3072 to schedule a visit or learn more about our educational opportunities. All are welcome!



**Saint Mary - Sacred Heart
ASK For Fun Program**

Saint Mary - Sacred Heart School is seeking adult and teen staffers to assist with our ASK For Fun Program for the coming school year. The ASK For Fun Program is an extension of our school day program and incorporates the same mission of providing a quality Catholic education for our students.

Adult staff will work from 3:00-6:00 pm. Responsibilities include supervising play time, snack and homework, communicating with parents picking up their children, and working with high school students on staff.

Teen staff will work from 3:00-6:00 pm. Responsibilities include supervising play time, snack and homework, communicating with parents picking up their children, and working with adult staff.

Please contact Allison Bennett, ASK Program Director, at abennett@smsh.dfrcs.org with any questions or to apply.

**Saint Mary - Sacred Heart
Little Saints Preschool**

Little Saints PreK is accepting registration for our two, three, and five-day-a-week programs. We offer hands-on, full-day programs that focus on play-based learning. Call the school office at 508-695-3072 to learn more and schedule a tour.

FAITH FORMATION

Director of Religious Education

Mrs. Elaine Corvese

508-695-3823

Please note new email address:

TransfigurationRelEd@gmail.com

Mrs. Corvese will return to her office Monday, August 15 following her vacation. Please watch for emails regarding Faith Formation classes this fall.

Faith Formation for Fall 2022

The students in all grades will be promoted to the next grade and emails regarding the program will be sent this month.

If you have a son/daughter entering first grade in the fall, you will need to register him/her to the Faith Formation program. First grade is the first year of the two-year program in preparation for First Communion which is held in the spring of the second year.

Contact the Faith Formation office at transfigurationreled@gmail.com to register.



Knights of Columbus

The Knights of Columbus is a fraternal Catholic organization focused on Charity, Unity, and Fraternity. Council #330 has been serving the Catholic community of the Transfiguration of the Lord Parish since 1898. The



Council is committed to assisting local causes that align with our Catholic values such as the Parish, St Mary-Sacred Heart School, Adopt-a-Family, and Abundant Hope. If you are interested in becoming a member or have questions, please contact Jim Schromm at jim.schromm@verizon.net.

Are Your Wednesday Mornings Free?

An Invitation for Women to Join The Women's Spirituality Group

- Meet like-minded women to help you live out your faith
- Increase your knowledge about your faith
- Make new friends

Morning Group: Wednesday, 9:00-10:30 AM at Saint Mary Church in North Attleborough (or Zoom if unable to be in person). Beginning September 7, 2022, with Lisa Brenninkmeyer's newest bible study books:

"Ordering Your Priorities" Discover how to build a life you don't want to escape by putting the most important things first.

"Reclaiming Friendship" Discover God's plan for friendship and learn how to cultivate true, deep relationships that last.

- No need to attend every session (but you'll want to!)
- We break from Thanksgiving until New Year's
- Come join us! Try us out and see if it's a good fit.
- The group is open to women outside of our parish, so please invite your friends who may not live locally.

For more information and to register email Janet Kent at Buffalokent@comcast.net or call 508-699-4446 or email Janet Pion at jpion@me.com or call 508-942-1548.

September is "back to school" month – what about you?

Women ages 20-99+ are invited for fun and lively fellowship while learning about our Catholic faith! Join us EVERY OTHER WEDNESDAY on ZOOM from 7-8:30 PM starting on Wed., Sept 7th for an evening of women's spirituality. This year's focus will be on the Gospel of John. The group is co-facilitated by Colleen Ford (colleenjuliaford@gmail.com) and Joanna Wissler (wissler5@verizon.net). Email Colleen or Joanna to register. Note: The group is open to women outside of our parish, so please invite your friends who may not live locally.

Women's Bible Study

Are you looking to explore scripture more deeply? Would you like to magnify God's role in your life? Are you interested in meeting other women who would like to do the same?

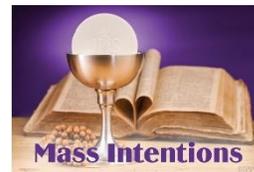
We welcome you to join us from the comfort of your own home for our weekly meetings as we study the Gospel of John using Touching the Divine from the "Waking With Purpose" series.

All meetings will be held on Tuesday evenings beginning September 14th from 6:15 pm to 7:45 pm via the Zoom platform. We will also have occasional in person meetings, however we will run these concurrently on Zoom for those who are unable to join in person. Please feel free to invite a friend from near or far! You do not need to be a member of Transfiguration of the Lord Parish to participate!

To register, or for more information, please feel free to contact Kim Simmons at (508) 369-3435 or simmonskima7@gmail.com We hope you will join us! Please keep your eye on the bulletin for other Women's Groups running concurrently that may better suit your needs and schedule!

Mass Intention Book

Mass intentions are open for 2023. You may schedule up to three weekend Masses (so that



others will have a chance as well). There is no limit on the number of daily Mass intentions. Masses will be celebrated for one person at

a time –accommodations will be made for a married couple or family relatives who are deceased. Mass intentions are for the deceased and not for the living. Please contact Monica in the office with your requests, email or in writing preferred.

Please Keep Our Churches Clean

Please remove ALL papers, tissues and any other items and dispose of them properly as you leave the church. Nothing should be left in the pews after Mass. (Trash receptacles are available at the entrances/exits). Please return all kneelers to the upright position as you leave. Thank you for your assistance.

Prayer and Pizza

Looking for another way to deepen your spirituality? Do you have “knots” in your life that you need help undoing? Please join us on the third Wednesday of each month for “Prayer and Pizza”. Following the 4:30 pm Mass together we will pray the rosary, which will be offered up to Mary, Undoer of Knots (maryundoerofknots.com). As St. Padre Pio said, “The rosary is the weapon for these times...”. Whether you pray the rosary daily or have never prayed it before, please consider joining us for “Prayer and Pizza” *the next gathering is scheduled for Wednesday, August 17*. Pizza from Bill’s Pizza in North Attleboro will be provided as well as bottled water in the parish center at Saint Mary Church following the rosary. Voluntary donations will be accepted and donated to the St. Vincent de Paul Society for their charitable works. All are welcome! Come and see what it is all about this summer! Please contact Rick Leco (508 930 9264) or Vicky Curran (508 930 3306) with any questions.

Calendar/Meeting Requests

This is the time of year that we ask **all groups** requesting the use of any parish meeting space (parish halls and meeting rooms) to submit requests for the coming academic year. We ask that all requests be made in writing. Please specify the location you are requesting, the meeting space, the approximate group size, the date, and time of your meetings. The request may be emailed, left in the drop box, or mailed to the office. You will receive a confirmation of your dates once they have been reviewed and entered into the parish calendar. ***Submission does not guarantee availability, as some locations may no longer be available on all days. Please do not assume that the date/time/location your group has reserved in the past will be available this year. All groups must submit their meeting requests annually.*** Please submit your dates to the office via email at stmaryna@noozi.com or mail to 14 Park Street, North Attleborough, MA 02760 – Attn: Monica Forte. Please submit your dates by Friday, August 26. Thank you!



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.



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.

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 Saturdays at 1:00 pm at 14 Park Street with a maximum of four families. 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.

Ushers

As we begin thinking about fall schedules, we are looking for parishioners who are interested in assisting at Mass as an usher. Each Mass has an Usher Coordinator assigned to help facilitate at each Mass. Ushers help take the collection and assist with seating when necessary. Anyone is able to assist, it is a great way to serve the parish! Students can often count this as service hours for school. If you, or your son/daughter, would like to begin this ministry, please email Monica at the office with your name and the Mass time you prefer. I will let the Usher Coordinators for that Mass know and work out a time for you to “check in” in with them before Mass so you will know any of the details for helping at that time. Thank you!

Readings for August 14

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FIRST READING

A reading from the Book of the
Prophet Jeremiah

In those days, the princes said to the king: "Jeremiah ought to be put to death; he is demoralizing the soldiers who are left in this city, and all the people, by speaking such things to them; he is not interested in the welfare of our people, but in their ruin." King Zedekiah answered: "He is in your power"; for the king could do nothing with them. And so they took Jeremiah and threw him into the cistern of Prince Malchiah, which was in the quarters of the guard, letting him down with ropes. There was no water in the cistern, only mud, and Jeremiah sank into the mud.

Ebed-melech, a court official, went there from the palace and said to him: "My lord king, these men have been at fault in all they have done to the prophet Jeremiah, casting him into the cistern. He will die of famine on the spot, for there is no more food in the city." Then the king ordered Ebed-melech the Cushite to take three men along with him, and draw the prophet Jeremiah out of the cistern before he should die.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

R. Lord, come to my aid!

I have waited, waited for the LORD,
and he stooped toward me.

R. Lord, come to my aid!

The LORD heard my cry.
He drew me out of the pit of destruction,
out of the mud of the swamp;
he set my feet upon a crag;
he made firm my steps.

R. Lord, come to my aid!

And he put a new song into my mouth,
a hymn to our God.
Many shall look on in awe
and trust in the LORD.

R. Lord, come to my aid!

Though I am afflicted and poor,
yet the LORD thinks of me.
You are my help and my deliverer;
O my God, hold not back!

R. Lord, come to my aid!



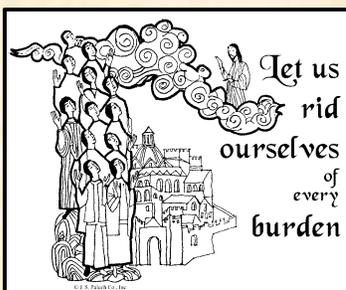
SECOND READING

A reading from the Letter to the Hebrews

Brothers and sisters: Since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us rid ourselves of every burden and sin that clings to us and persevere in running the race that lies before us while keeping our eyes fixed on Jesus, the leader and perfecter of faith. For the sake of the joy that lay before him he endured the cross, despising its shame, and has taken his seat at the right of the throne of God. Consider how he endured such opposition from sinners, in order that you may not grow weary and lose heart. In your struggle against sin you have not yet resisted to the point of shedding blood.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God



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[Jesus] endured the cross, despising its shame, and has taken his seat at the right of the throne of God.

— Hebrews 12:2

GOSPEL

The Lord be with you.

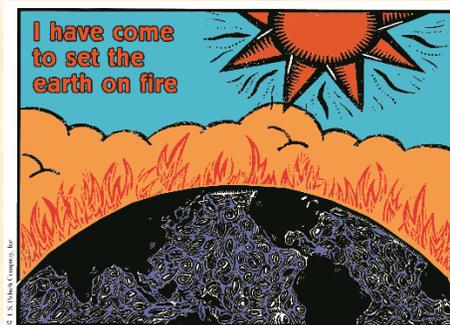
And with your spirit.

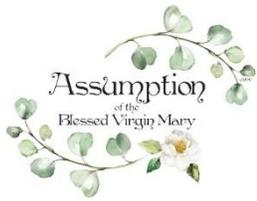
† A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke
Glory to you, O Lord.

Jesus said to his disciples: "I have come to set the earth on fire, and how I wish it were already blazing! There is a baptism with which I must be baptized, and how great is my anguish until it is accomplished! Do you think that I have come to establish peace on the earth? No, I tell you, but rather division. From now on a household of five will be divided, three against two and two against three; a father will be divided against his son and a son against his father, a mother against her daughter and a daughter against her mother, a mother-in-law against her daughter-in-law and a daughter-in-law against her mother-in-law."

The Gospel of the Lord

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ





Summertime Activity Page



Hail Mary Prayer

Hail Mary, full of Grace,
the Lord is with you.

Blessed are you among women
and blessed is the fruit of your womb, Jesus.

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

