

## Our Lady of the Desert Catholic Church



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**Confesión el Sábado:  
Por cita en (Español y Inglés)**

**Rosario el Sábado: Y Letanías de la Santísima  
Virgen María—3:45pm**

**Misa el Sábado: (Vigilia) / Inglés 4:00 p.m.**

**Rosario el Domingo: Y letanías de la Santísima  
Virgen María— 9:40pm**

**Misa el Domingo: Español /10:00 a.m.**

### Liturgia en los Días de la Semana

**Cada Día a las Doce: Angelus/Regina Caeli**

**Lunes: Adoración: 7:00am y Misa 7:30am**

**Martes y Miércoles: Adoración 8:30am y Misa  
9:00am**

**Jueves: Adoración: 8:30am y Misa: 9:00 m o la  
Oración de la Evangelización a las 10:00am**

**Viernes: Adoración: 8:30am y Misa: 9:00am y  
6:00pm**

**Rosario Reina de la Paz con Adoración**

**Sábado: Adoración: 7:00am y a las 7:30am  
Misa en Honor de Virgen María**



## 3<sup>RD</sup> SUNDAY OF EASTER

[Jesus] said to him, "Follow me." - Jn 21:19b

Después le dijo: "Sígueme". - Jn 21, 19

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## May 1st, 2022

**Rev. Victor C. Yakubu, Parochial Administrator  
Rev. Julius Kayiwa, Parochial Vicar**

### **Confession on Saturday:**

By appointment English/Spanish

**Saturday Rosary:** And Litanies of the Blessed Virgin  
Mary 3:45pm

**Saturday Mass (Vigil):** English -4:00 p.m.

**Sunday Rosary:** Litanies of the Blessed Virgin Mary  
9:40pm

**Sunday Mass:** Spanish 10:00am

### **Liturgy of the Weekdays**

Every day at Noon: Angelus/Regina Caeli

**Monday:** 7:00am Adoration & Mass 7:30am

**Tuesday & Wednesday: Adoration 8:30am &  
Mass 9:00am**

**Thursday: Adoration: 8:30am & Mass: 9:00am  
or Prayer of the Evangelization at 10:00am**

**Friday During Lent:** Way of the Cross 3:00pm  
concluding with Mass

**Saturday:** Adoration: 7:00 a.m. & 7:30 a.m.  
Mass in Honor of the Virgin Mary

Jesus said to them, “Bring some of the fish you just caught.” So Simon Peter went over and dragged the net ashore, full of one hundred fifty-three large fish. – John 21:10-11



One of the stories that has earned the place of legend in my family lore is “The Time Colleen Made the Johnnycakes.”

A Johnnycake, if you don’t know, is a thin cornmeal pancake apparently popular during colonial times, and it was the recipe I selected from my American Girl doll cookbook when I was so young I could barely read correctly, but nevertheless decided I was going to bake something on my own.

My mother was kind enough to let me, but in the chaos of a kitchen full of children fumbling with measuring spoons and seeing who could talk the loudest, she was too distracted to realize that I had mistaken the abbreviation “tsp” to mean “cup.” Thus, I had decided that the “ $\frac{3}{4}$  tsp salt” required by the recipe indicated that I was to put three to four cups of salt into the batter.

Those Johnnycakes were literally painful to eat. We spit them out into the sink and rinsed our mouths with cold water. When we finally realized exactly what my mistake had been, we all had a good laugh, and my mother had a big mess. I’ll tell you what, though: after that, I knew what the abbreviation “tsp” meant.

I think of the Johnnycakes every time my children ask to help me with a grown-up task. When a child offers his help, it’s so tempting to brush him off and tell him to go occupy himself with the work of a child and leave the work of an adult to someone who can do it properly.

But then I remember that, when he already had a fine meal cooking, Jesus invited his disciples to bring their fish to the fire.

God does not really need anything from us, does he? We do not have the ability to add to His glory, His power, His perfection or His joy. We can’t really help.

But he created us, as the Catechism says so beautifully, out of His “sheer goodness,” as a parent conceives a child, “to make him share in his own blessed life.” So here we are, with our dead, smelly fish. And any parent will know that accepting the offering of a child is a gift to the child more than it is a help to the parent. It gives him honor. It gives him purpose. It gives him pride. It gives him knowledge.

So, what does God do, time and time again? He doesn’t just allow us to drag our dead fish to his already blazing fire — he tells us to. He accepts our offering — our good works, our suffering, our praise, our love. He accepts everything we have to give, and then He sits with us, and He gives us a job to do. And for just a moment, he lets us in on the glorious mystery of the love of an omnipotent God — the happiness He allows us to give Him, happiness He did not need and can thrive without.

No, the work will never be done more quickly or proficiently with the help of the child. The dishwasher will need to be clandestinely reloaded after he runs off to play. The dust rag will be oversaturated with water, wreaking havoc on the furniture finish if you don’t intercept it and wring it out. Best-case scenario, the recipe will have a little too much flour in it, worst-case scenario, it’ll be totally inedible and you’ll find yourself out of salt.

But the point of letting the child help is no more to expedite the work than the point of life is having a clean house. A change occurs inside of him when he is allowed to participate in the family mission. Little seedling feelings of responsibility and fulfillment begin to take root.

For just a moment, we let him in on the glorious mystery of parenthood — all-consuming happiness that accompanies (or does it derive from?) never-ending work — perhaps the only such work since Eden to ever really bring fulfillment.

It is a gift to him, not to us.

Colleen Jurkiewicz Dorman

# WEEKLY PRAYER

## READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF MAY 1, 2022

- Sunday:** Acts 5:27-32, 40b-41/Ps 30:2, 4, 5-6, 11-12, 13 [2a]/Rv 5:11-14/  
Jn 21:1-19 or 21:1-14
- Monday:** Acts 6:8-15/Ps 119:23-24, 26-27, 29-30/Jn 6:22-29
- Tuesday:** 1 Cor 15:1-8/Ps 19:2-3, 4-5/Jn 14:6-14
- Wednesday:** Acts 8:1b-8/Ps 66:1-3a, 4-5, 6-7a/Jn 6:35-40
- Thursday:** Acts 8:26-40/Ps 66:8-9, 16-17, 20/Jn 6:44-51
- Friday:** Acts 9:1-20/Ps 117:1bc, 2/Jn 6:52-59
- Saturday:** Acts 9:31-42/Ps 116:12-13, 14-15, 16-17/Jn 6:60-69
- Next Sunday:** Acts 13:14, 43-52/Ps 100:1-2, 3, 5 [3c]/Rv 7:9, 14b-17/Jn 10:27-30

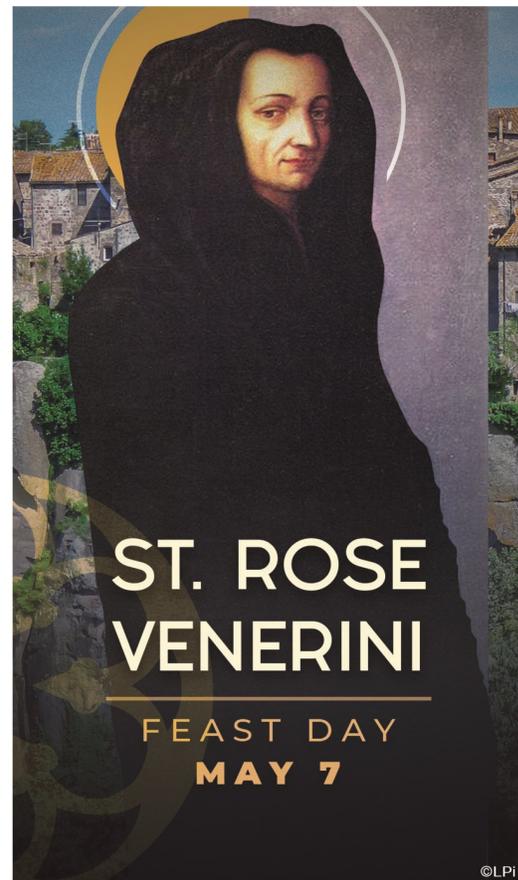
## OBSERVANCES FOR THE WEEK OF MAY 1, 2022

- Sunday:** 3rd Sunday of Easter; St. Joseph the Worker
- Monday:** St. Athanasius, Bishop and Doctor of the Church
- Tuesday:** Sts. Philip and James, Apostles
- Thursday:** National Day of Prayer; Cinco de Mayo
- Next Sunday:** 4th Sunday of Easter; World Day of Prayer for Vocations;  
Mother's Day

## LIVE THE LITURGY

### Inspiration for the week

What prevents us from seeing the Lord? We are not used to seeing Jesus in the ordinary, everyday events of our lives. We expect some kind of startling, extraordinary revelation to occur that definitely and unmistakably sends a signal that God wants our attention. We don't expect a visit from Jesus while we are having breakfast, doing the dishes, running after the kids, negotiating a deal at work, or taking a shower! Sometimes when God simply stands on the shore of our lives casually looking for us, we don't recognize him. Did we ever stop and think that God is really and truly interested in the routine, run of the mill events of our lives? So, "what did you do today?" God may ask. Maybe we don't think that God is concerned about such things, or we are so consumed with life's demands that we give it little if any thought. Perhaps we are determined to achieve our own success, desire to control things ourselves or not really sure what God cares about. God is there. One day, out of the blue, God will get our attention and ask, "Do you love me?"



## SAINT OF THE WEEK

The story of St. Rose of Venerini (February 9, 1656 – May 7, 1728) is one of having faith in God and his calling in your life. Born in Italy in 1656, she was the daughter of a doctor. Following the death of her fiancé, she entered a convent in the hopes of becoming a nun, but soon returned home to care for her mother after the death of her father. In an effort to keep up her spiritual side, St. Rose invited women of the neighborhood to recite the rosary in her home, and together they formed a sodality.

Unsure of where her life was headed, she sought the spiritual guidance of a Jesuit priest. After much contemplation, she admitted to feeling called to be a teacher in the world, rather than a nun in a convent. Eventually, she moved ahead and opened a free school for girls in 1685. Eventually, she was invited to oversee the training of teachers and the administration of schools in the Diocese of Montefiascone, which then led to being called upon to organize schools in many parts of Italy, including Rome.

St. Rose died in Rome in 1728 amid a number of miracles that many credit to her. The group of women she first prayed with in her home eventually became known as the Venerini Sisters, found in the United States and working among Italian immigrants. St. Rose was beatified in 1952 and canonized in 2006.

## WORSHIP & MEDITATION



### FIRST READING

"We are witnesses of these things, as is the Holy Spirit whom God has given to those who obey him." (Acts 5:32)



### PSALM

I will praise you, Lord, for you have rescued me. (Ps 30)  
Or Alleluia.



### SECOND READING

"Worthy is the Lamb that was slain to receive power and riches, wisdom and strength, honor and glory and blessing." (Rev 5:12)



### GOSPEL

Jesus came over and took the bread and gave it to them, and in like manner the fish. (Jn 21:13)

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### GOSPEL MEDITATION

#### Encourage Deeper Understanding of Scripture

Could it be that God's image has become so soiled and distorted that it is hard for us to see it? Our self-serving agendas have done a great job twisting God's image into what profits us. We want our agenda to be God's agenda and use prayer as the convincing leverage we need. Worse still, our success and egocentric agenda often erases God's image completely, replacing it with our own. St. Oscar Romero instructs us that the Son of Man "dies on the cross to cleanse God's image, which is soiled in today's humanity, a humanity so enslaved, so selfish, so sinful." Striving to preserve control of our destinies at all costs, we fail to see the risen suffering servant, the Christ, standing right beside us. Jesus, who suffered and died on a cross and was raised from the dead, corrects our soiled image of God. He shows us God as God is, not who we want to make God to be. God is the God of the poor, the weak, and the marginalized. He is the God who tenderly caresses us when we are suffering and hurting, assuring us that all will be safe and well. He is the God of equity, peace, justice, and compassion who wants happiness for each of His children, desiring their wellbeing and success. God goes where men and women are afraid to go, sitting with the lost, the broken, and the sorrowing. St. Oscar Romero challenges us to illuminate with "Christ's light ... even the most hideous caverns of the human person: torture, jail, plunder, want, chronic illness. The oppressed must be saved." The resurrection calls us to be God's microphone, a messenger, and a prophet (St. Oscar Romero).

Using eyes that see beyond the limited constructs and desires of our world, we can see the true and real Jesus standing before us, calling us to transformation and change. Asking us more than once, "do you love me?" We are beckoned to give an answer. Answering in the affirmative, it is now our task to feed the sheep and the lambs who belong to God. In short, equipped with the power of the resurrection and a corrected image of God our task is to make things better, brighter, holier, more life-giving, and just for all of God's children. Considering our choices, our interactions, our philosophies, and aspirations, how can we do this?