



May, 2023

Special Dates:

International Workers' Day (May 1)

St. Athanasius, Bishop, Doctor (May 2)

St. Philip and St. James, Apostles (May 3)

Canada Health Day (May 12)

The Ascension of the Lord (May 21)

****World Communications Day / The Pope's Pastoral Works**

World Day of Prayer for the Church in China (May 24)

St. Philip Neri, Priest (May 26)

Rosary & Reflection with Bishop Stephen (May 27 /6:30pm Sacred Heart Cathedral)

Pentecost Sunday (May 28)

Blessed Virgin Mary, Mother of the Church (May 29)

The Visitation of the Blessed Virgin Mary (May 31)

Featured Special Day: The Pope's Pastoral Works

This collection provides an opportunity for Catholics to make a financial offering to assist the Holy Father. One-third of the funds collected is for what is traditionally known as Peter's Pence: donations used by the Pope for his charitable contributions to those most in need throughout the world, as well as for the support of the Holy See and its activities. Two-thirds of the Collection for the Pope's Pastoral Works is to support the Holy Father in administering the Holy See and serving the Universal Church (see Canon 1271)...

*Taken from 'Ordo: Liturgical Calendar 2022-2023' published by the CCCB



Food for Thought!

Full, conscious, active participation

Good liturgy is not magic. Good liturgy does not just happen. You can sing with a badly tuned piano but how much better the sound and the participation when the instrument is finely tuned. We are God's instruments. God's grace will still continue to work even if the liturgy is poorly enacted and ministers are poorly prepared, yet how powerful the sound when we are all well-prepared and well-tuned.

Liturgy is the action of the whole assembly, not particular individuals or groups. We are truly present and active in the celebration when "we involve ourselves meaningfully in the thoughts, words, songs, and gestures of the worshipping community – when everything we do is wholehearted and authentic for us – when we mean the words and want to do what is done" (Music in Catholic Worship, 3).

(Preparing for Liturgy Series / 'Preparing the Assembly to Celebrate' by Kim Aldi-Wanner)