



# Welcome to Resurrection Catholic Community Solemnity of the Most Holy Trinity May 30, 2021

*Go...and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.—Matthew 28:19*

## LITURGY & SPIRITUALITY

### WELCOME BACK TO CHURCH INDOORS!

We have **two masses each weekend indoors:**  
**Saturday at 5:00 PM & Sunday at 10:15 AM.**

Due to social distancing requirements we have limited seating, and reservations are required. **To reserve a seat for weekend masses please [click here](#).**

- **Please arrive at least 10 minutes early for screening. Surgical masks or 2-ply cloth masks with a bendable nose band are required for everyone. Two masks recommended. Contactless temperatures will be taken.**
- **If you are unvaccinated & have been exposed to someone with COVID you must quarantine for 10 days before coming to church.**
- **If you have been fully vaccinated and are exposed to a COVID-19 positive person you do not have to quarantine; however this only applies if no more than 3 months have elapsed since the date of your last (or single) shot.**
- **If you are unvaccinated you should quarantine for 10 days if you have traveled out of state, but it is not required. If you are vaccinated this is not necessary.**

Click [here](#) for a letter explaining all the safety protocols. Thank you for your patience, prayers, and amazing support as we continue to safely adapt to living with the COVID-19 virus. The Bishop has suspended the Sunday mass obligation until further notice, and we will continue to live stream our 9:00 AM weekday and our 10:15 AM Sunday masses.

### “LIVE FROM RESURRECTION! IT’S SUNDAY MORNING!”

Our live stream Sunday mass is at **10:15 AM.**  
Anytime after 10:00 AM on Sunday, here’s how to join us:

#### Option 1: YouTube (non-interactive)

Go to our YouTube channel (<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UC-OOaTsxzpSPs60Qt0CIKQ>) (or simply search YouTube for Resurrection Church, Aptos) and look for the “Live Now” video. You’ll be able to see and hear everything, but we won’t be able to hear you if you want to share a prayer intention or peace greeting (but God will hear you!)

#### Option 2: Zoom (interactive)

**From a computer:**

1. Go to: <https://zoom.us/j/429472279>



### MEMORIAL DAY MASS

Monday, May 31 at 9:00 AM.

We remember our brave and generous men and women who died in military service to our country. Join us in person, on YouTube or Zoom (use the Daily Mass link). *“There is no greater love than to lay down your life for a friend.”*

In observance of Memorial Day on May 31 the parish staff will be taking the day off. We will return emails and phone messages on Tuesday, June 1.

2. Enter your name (so we’ll know you’re there!)

#### From a smart phone or tablet:

1. Download the Zoom app (if you don’t already have it)
2. Start the app and select “Join a Meeting”
3. Enter Meeting ID 429 472 279

#### From any phone: (audio only)

1. Dial 1-669-900-6833 (a San Jose number)
2. Enter Meeting ID 429 472 279 and #
3. (Enter # again (no “Participant ID” needed))

An email will be sent each Saturday with a convenient one-click link and a link to a worship aid. Links are also on our website. A Zoom Visual Aid is available on our website as well.

You may wish to have a trial run by logging on ahead of time. If you get to a page that says “This meeting has not started” then you’ve succeeded!

The mass will be available for on-demand viewing immediately on our parish YouTube channel (search [“Resurrection Church Aptos”](#))

### WEEKDAY MASS

Tuesday through Friday at 9:00 AM

Live and On-Demand on our YouTube Channel

Live on Zoom: <https://zoom.us/j/98470808627>

### MORNING PRAYER (Mondays) 8:00 AM

On-Demand on our YouTube Channel: <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UC-OOaTsxzpSPs60Qt0CIKQ/>

### NIGHT PRAYER (Nightly) On-Demand on our

YouTube Channel: <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UC-OOaTsxzpSPs60Qt0CIKQ/>

## WOULD YOU LIKE A MASS OFFERED FOR A LOVED ONE?

We are still able to take mass requests for daily mass or for the weekend.

Please email Jolene at

[jamcfeely@sbcglobal.net](mailto:jamcfeely@sbcglobal.net) and she will be

happy to set up a date for you. The donation per mass is \$10.00. You can mail in a check or pay with your credit card. Thank you!



## Mass Intentions for May 29—June 6

### Saturday, 5/29

5:00 PM (RE) The People of the Parish  
Maria Eugenia Navarro (healing)

### Sunday, 5/30

10:15 AM (RE) +Steve Vomvolakis, +Ruby Maitoza,  
+Agnes Rodriguez  
Maria Eugenia Navarro (healing)

### Monday, 5/31

9:00 AM All military men and women who  
serve and protect our country

### Tuesday, 6/01

9:00 AM (LP) +Vince Rice, +Mary Boyce Anderson

### Wednesday, 6/02

9:00 AM (RE) +Margaret Gates,  
+Rose (Salmon Queen of Aptos) Costa

### Thursday, 6/03

9:00 AM (RE) +Amy Simon-Harris

### Friday, 6/04

9:00 AM (RE) +Lori Matusich

### Saturday, 6/05

5:00 PM (RE) +Amy Simon-Harris,  
+Cliff Knudsen  
+Helen Nance Haffner



### Sunday, 6/06

10:15 AM (RE) Manuela Medrano,  
Mary Jane Drinkwater,  
+Gina Bushee, +Ruby Maitoza

Celebrants: RE=Fr. Romeo Evangelista, LP=Fr. Larry Percell

## GOOD NEWS FOR THE WEEK

Sunday: Dt 4:32-34,39-40; Ps 33:4-6,9,18-20,22;  
Rom 8:14-17; Mt 28:16-20

Monday: Zep 3:14-18a or Rom 12:9-16;  
Lk 1:39-56

Tuesday: Tb 2:9-14; Mk 12-13-17

Wednesday: Tb 3:1-11a,16-17; Mk 12:18-27

Thursday: Tb 6:10-11; 7:1bcde,9-17;8:4-9a;  
Mk 12:28-34

Friday: Tb 11:5-17; Mk 12:35-37

Saturday: Tb 12:1,5-15,20; Mk 12:38-44

Sunday: Ex 24:3-8; Ps 116:12-13,15-18;  
Heb 9:11-15; Mk 14:12-16,22-26



## THE MASS NEVER ENDS—IT MUST BE LIVED!

We are invited to continue to reflect upon the Gospel reading (Matthew 28:16-20) and homily as we live out our Eucharist this week. Reflect upon it in your heart and mind, and discuss it with your family, friends and faith community members.

- “When they all saw him, they worshiped, but they doubted.” How do you experience the battle between faith and doubt in your own heart and mind?
- If you really believed that the all-powerful Jesus was working in you and through you at every moment of the day, how would things be different in your life and in the lives of those around you?
- How do you go about helping others to become disciples of Jesus?

## WELCOME BACK TO SATURDAY

**MORNING MEDITATION**—The Saturday Morning Inter-denominational Meditation Group has resumed at 8:30 AM on Saturday mornings.



All are welcome to join the group for about 30 minutes of silent meditation. We will meet in the main body of the church. Masks and social distancing will be in order and entrance will be through the side door into the Daily Mass Chapel. The first few times we meet there will be an opportunity for questions and some preliminary instruction, so please come even if you do not have a regular meditation practice but would like to learn more about it. For further information, call Pat O'Brien (831) 566-8234. Thank you.

## FAITH FORMATION

### CONFIRMATION FOR CATHOLIC ADULTS

Please contact Deacon Patrick at 831-840-3750 or [pfconway@sbcglobal.net](mailto:pfconway@sbcglobal.net) for more information.

### K-12 FAITH FORMATION & SACRAMENTS

For information please contact Deacon Patrick at 831-840-3750 or [pfconway@sbcglobal.net](mailto:pfconway@sbcglobal.net)

## OUTREACH

**PARISH ASSISTANCE MINISTRY:** This weekend, May 29 & 30, our second collection will be for the Parish Assistance Ministry which provides rental assistance, utility assistance & bus passes to the poor. Thank you for your generosity.

**MANTLES OF CARING:** The members of Mantles of Caring are occupying their isolation time with knitting and crocheting. There is a lovely array of hand-made items available for your selection.

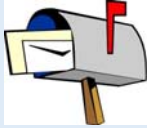
Would you like a lovely, soft cap for a cancer patient? Perhaps, a baby blanket for a new grandchild? Or a prayer shawl for a Covid-19 patient? These items and more are available now. Contact Sue Panches (831) 661-0783 to find exactly what you are looking for and how to get it. Thank you.





**UPDATE ON THE PARISH OFFICE:**  
As a reminder the parish office remains closed. Most of us are working remotely. Please call the parish office at 831-688-4300 or email us and we will be happy to get back to you. If you need to drop off or pick up something, you'll need to make an appointment. *Thank you for your patience!*

**Parish Mailing Address:** If you are mailing anything to the parish please send it to our PO Box 87, Aptos CA 95001 (rather than our street address). We are not receiving mail at our street address since our office is not open (the post office eventually puts the mail sent to our street address into our PO Box but there is a week or two lag time). Thank you.



**PARISH EMAIL ADDRESSES**

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Erma Coty: [elcoty@att.net](mailto:elcoty@att.net)



**PRAYER LINE PRAISE REPORT!**

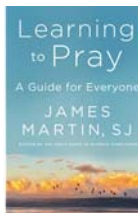


Have your prayers been answered? Have you experienced a sign of God's love? Please let us know so that we can give thanks and praise to God with you! You can email us or send your praise report to our PO Box 87, Aptos, CA 95001.

**Recommended Reading**

*Learning to Pray:  
A Guide for Everyone*

By Fr. James Martin S.J.



**PLEASE PRAY for ALL THOSE  
in NEED OF HEALING**



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|---------------------------------------|----------------------|------------------------------|
| Cyrella Ashley                        | Peter Empson         | Joleen Munoz                 |
| Cross/Boettcher/<br>Burghart families | Annie Enright        | Judy Navarro                 |
| Lorenzo Abeyta                        | Sean Enright         | Zoe Nink                     |
| Gregory Ackerson                      | Alicia Enriquez      | Leo Olson                    |
| Marc Adato                            | Irma Enriquez        | Teresa Orosco                |
| Javier Anaya                          | Terry Erwin          | Gabe P.                      |
| Baby Luke                             | Dee Feci             | Connor Paulbitski            |
| Becki Bailey                          | Trent Feliss         | Dave Peasley                 |
| Emi Baldenegro                        | Greg Finegan         | Anita Perry                  |
| Adeline Bautista                      | Mark Emmet Fisher    | Gabe Ponce                   |
| Dennis Berbach                        | Roy G.               | Oliver Potts                 |
| Maria Bernstein-<br>Brumbaugh         | Jen Garvey           | Pablo R.                     |
| Stacy Bischoff                        | Andre Grier          | Chris Randolph               |
| Jeraldine Boger                       | Lita Hebert          | Dawn Renz                    |
| Lillian Bombardieri                   | Kelly Jo Hebert      | Mary Repetti                 |
| Vera Borroel                          | Mary Ann Herlihy     | Joel Rivera                  |
| Tracy Boyd                            | Robert Higgins       | Chellie Roberts              |
| Rick Braun                            | Debra Hightower      | Suzie Roberts                |
| Michelle Brown                        | Bea Holmes           | David Rovella                |
| Betsy Burrows                         | Rick Housouer        | Jose Rufino                  |
| Wren Buse                             | Barbara Howley       | Valerie Ruschke              |
| Carlos C.                             | Patrick Howley       | John Sargetis                |
| Tony Cacache                          | Allan Hughes         | Joseph Saucier               |
| Dante Calcagno                        | Jim Jackson          | Anna Seely                   |
| Ardith Campbell                       | Johnathan            | Kim Sessa                    |
| Delores Carano                        | Ariel Johnson        | Jill Schauf                  |
| John & Marion<br>Cernac               | John Jones           | Kelly Scott                  |
| Lucy Chacon                           | D.B.K.               | Alisha Smith                 |
| Chelsea & Family                      | Tony K.              | William Smith                |
| Mary Church                           | Cameron Karleen      | Diane Spoto                  |
| John Conway                           | Geri Karleen         | Martina Sprenger<br>& Family |
| Dr. Abraham<br>Cordova                | Dylan Kinion         | Greg Stewart                 |
| Trish Cronin                          | Kathy Klapheke       | Agnes Subbiondo              |
| Ralph Cross                           | Mary Klaus           | Paul Thompson                |
| Edith Cuevas                          | Joshua Kobinski      | Sharon Turner                |
| Nancy Daves                           | Marion Kusanovich    | Amy V.F.                     |
| Larry Davis                           | Michael Laflin       | Mark Vaught                  |
| Carrie deHart                         | Matt Lane            | Vlad                         |
| Tavish deHart                         | Joan Lawlor          | Lawrence W.                  |
| Maria Romo de<br>Soto & Family        | Eric Lee             | Stephanie Walsh              |
| Lynnette Delgadello                   | Frank Leonetti       | Mike & Pauline<br>Whalen     |
| Nicole Dennis                         | Carrie Levin         | Mary Ann Wright              |
| Sr. Joan Derry                        | Donald Lowery        | Michele Wright               |
| Ralph Desmond                         | Matthew Ludlow       | Tannis Welch                 |
| Mary Donatoni                         | Danny Lucas          | Thom Windsor                 |
| Sharon Dougan                         | Michael Lucas        | Maggie Young                 |
| Mark Duggan                           | Rob Mallard          | Rosemary Zamora              |
| Robert Duggan                         | Eileen Mathwig       |                              |
| Wyatt Duino                           | Ginny Solari Mazry   |                              |
| Pat Emard                             | Jackie McDow         |                              |
| Sophia Emmons                         | Connie McGill-Fergus |                              |
|                                       | Kathleen McGinley    |                              |
|                                       | John McLeod          |                              |
|                                       | Mary McMenemy        |                              |
|                                       | Lisa McMenemy        |                              |
|                                       | Elaine McMenemy      |                              |
|                                       | George Mungai        |                              |

Please let the office know when a name can be removed from this prayer list. Thank you.

**PRAYER LINE:** Please call Rosalie Flores-Aguon (831-359-9799) or Mary Soltis (688-8326) if you or someone you know is in need of prayer or email [resurrection.aptos.prayerline@gmail.com](mailto:resurrection.aptos.prayerline@gmail.com)

<b>Stewardship of Treasure PLATE COLLECTION May 22 &amp; 23, 2021</b>	
<b>Weekly Plate Collection:</b>	
• Mailed In & All Masses	<b>\$3,881.30</b>
• Electronic	<b>\$2,122.40</b>
• Total	<b>\$6,003.70</b>
<b>Weekly Plate Collection Need (Budget)</b>	<b>\$10,000.00</b>
<b>Plate Collection Average</b>	<b>\$9,791.00</b>

**THANK YOU FOR YOUR FAITHFUL SUPPORT!**

If you miss a week your donation can be mailed to the parish office at P.O. Box 87, Aptos, CA 95001-0087 or you go to <https://resurrection-aptos.org> and click on the donate now button. Thank you.

Remember Resurrection Catholic Community in your will. Contact Karen Victorino in the parish office.

**My Weekly Offering**

Your weekly offering can be given securely to Resurrection via our website

<https://resurrection-aptos.org>

or by scanning the QR Code



**GIVE PLUS+** or by downloading the free app **Give Plus+** in the Google Play Store or Apple Store

or by mailing your donation to Resurrection Church, PO Box 87, Aptos, CA 95001

Your weekly offering helps pay for 70% of our operating expenses, expenses which continue even during the shutdown. Our staff is still working for you "behind the scenes". We thank you for your patience and for your continued support of the parish!

**FOOD PANTRY:** Our Food Pantry continues to serve the needs of the poorest of our community each Monday and Friday morning from 10:00 AM to noon. Thanks to being an official distribution center for the Second Harvest Food Bank, and your generous donations, we have plenty of food to offer those who need it. We are able to purchase what we need from the Food Bank at a fraction of retail cost thanks to your generous donations, and we receive many free things from the Food Bank as well. We are so grateful for our generous volunteers who come each week to serve the clients and to make the food bags and keep everything organized. Truly Christ is revealed in the breaking of the bread!



**"SAFE SPACES" PARKING HOSPITALITY** Some people without homes live in their vehicles, whether they be cars or vans or RV's. Resurrection has joined with other faith communities and organizations in Santa Cruz County to provide safe and supervised overnight parking for some of these brother and sisters. The program is managed by the Association of Faith Communities, of which Resurrection is a founding member, and which also manages our shelter program. We currently have six guests staying in their RV's at night, safe and secure. We had electrical outlets installed in two of our lamp posts to provide power for our guests. Please keep them in your prayers!

**SHELTER PROGRAM:** Our round-the-clock shelter will relocate to the VFW Hall this Tuesday, June 1st after 13 months here at Resurrection. Over this time there have been two shelters operated by our Faith Communities Shelter, a program of the Association of Faith Communities (AFC), which Resurrection helped to start many years ago. The other shelter has been hosted by Santa Cruz Methodist Church. Both shelters will be combined at the VFW to simplify management and costs. Thank you for your prayers and support for this life-saving ministry! Last weekend shelter guests and staff attended the masses and shared with us this beautiful thank you poem written by one of the guests:



*To Everyone at Resurrection Church:  
We write this "Thank You" letter  
Because our lives got better  
By you opening up your door  
To the homeless and the poor.  
We know we're not the best  
Or even perfect guests  
And yet you made us feel  
As if we were*

*Thank you so much for putting everything else aside for us. Words cannot fully express our gratitude! Love, The AFC Shelter Folks*

Let us keep them in our prayers as they transition to the new location. May they find permanent housing soon!

**SHELTER SUCCESS STORIES!**

Thanks to the stability provided by our round-the-clock shelter over the past 13 months, 40 of our guests have been able to work and save up enough money to move into their own homes. Here are some of their stories:

**Grace and Brian**— They were with us for a bit over a year and fell in love while each of them was recuperating from a serious medical condition. Through a volunteer from one of the churches, they were able to move into her home - from there, they were able to save money and recently moved into their own place.

**Robyn**— A long-term member of the shelter and a real leader in the group. She saved money from an in-home health care job and was able to move into a shared housing situation, paying her own rent.

**Krystal and Connor**—This mom and her adorable -year-old son were able to get into the Rebele Family Shelter and she is working diligently with her case manager to find her own housing.

**Songhai** came to our program through another shelter member. Within four months, he found a good job, saved money and was able to move out to his own place. There are many others who have passed through our shelter since COVID began and we are proud of their efforts. In fact, the number of people we have helped move to employment and/or better housing has gone up dramatically. We think it is largely due to the stability of having a place to call "home" during these stressful COVID times, as well as the extra time that Debbie Bates, program manager of the Faith Community Shelter, and her staff have to spend working on housing plans with each of them.

**RESURRECTION CARD-CRAFTERS:** The group continues to sell a wide array of hand-made cards: Birthday, New Baby, Thinking of You, Thank You, Sympathy, Congratulations, etc. - we've also added several new Wedding Wishes designs. The price is 3 cards for \$10.00, then \$3.00 per card after that. Please contact Pat Lorenzo for further information: e-mail at [pat.lorenzo336@yahoo.com](mailto:pat.lorenzo336@yahoo.com) or phone (831)708-2068. She will make arrangements to safely meet you in the church parking lot after Mass or at another time. As always, materials are donated, so all of the profits from card sales go to support the Faith Community Shelter at Resurrection.



**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**DON'T FORGET TO SUPPORT OUR**

**BULLETIN ADVERTISERS!** This week we are giving a shout out to Growing Up in Santa Cruz & MPress Digital. See the attached advertising page for all our advertisers. We are grateful for our advertisers continued support of the parish.



**Annual Ministries Appeal (AMA)  
"Building a Family of Faith"**

**We've reached our Diocesan Goal of \$38,900 and we are 79% of the way to our overall goal of \$68,900. Only \$14,577 to go!**



**Since we reached our Diocesan goal 100% of your donation will be returned to the parish to help grow & sustain our ministries.**

**Can you help us reach our goal by June 30th?**

**To make a donation you can either mail your donation envelope back to the Diocese or the parish or return it to the parish via the collection, if you attend mass in person.**

**To pledge over several months or make a one-time donation online please go to <https://dioceseofmonterey.org/giving>**

**Thank you for your prayerful response and generosity.**

**Bishop's Annual Ministries Appeal  
as of May 25, 2021**

# of households participating	Amount Pledged	% of total goal
144	\$54,323	79%

**ATTENTION COLLEGE-BOUND HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS:** Resurrection Council of the Knights of Columbus will award a \$1,000 scholarship to a qualified student who is a member of Resurrection Parish and is graduating from high school this year. Application forms are due by **June 1st**, and are available from the parish website <https://resurrection-aptos.org>, under Resource Center, under Events and from Larry Young, 831-818-5083,



**ATTENTION CONTRIBUTION ENVELOPE USERS:** If you have returned to mass and would like your envelopes to resume please email Jolene McFeely at [jamcfeely@sbcglobal.net](mailto:jamcfeely@sbcglobal.net) or Karen Victorino at [kmvictorino@sbcglobal.net](mailto:kmvictorino@sbcglobal.net) or leave a message for us at the parish office 831-688-4300 and they'll make sure you begin to receive them again. Thank you!

**GOOD SHEPHERD CATHOLIC SCHOOL JOB OPPORTUNITIES:** Good Shepherd Catholic School, located in central Santa Cruz County, offers a fully accredited academic program for students in preschool through eighth grade. For over fifty years Good Shepherd Catholic School has welcomed children of all faiths. A highly qualified faculty and staff provide a well-rounded curriculum that is project-based and faith driven.



The school's focus on community service gives the students numerous opportunities to learn and practice Catholic social teachings firsthand. We are currently seeking candidates for the following positions:

- Middle School Science teacher
  - PE teacher
  - Kindergarten - 5th grade Spanish teacher
- Pay based on credentials and experience. Please email resumes to [rdeterman@gsschool.org](mailto:rdeterman@gsschool.org) or call (831) 476-4000.

## MEMORIAL DAY PRAYER

God of power and mercy,  
you destroy war and put down earthly pride.

Banish violence from our midst  
and wipe away our tears,  
that we may all deserve to be called  
your sons and daughters.

Keep in your mercy those men and women  
who have died in the cause of freedom  
and bring them safely  
into your kingdom of justice and peace.

We ask this through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen



**AMAZON SMILE:** Many of you already shop on Amazon—now you can support Resurrection Church's Building Fund for Markey Community Center by using Amazon Smile. Log into your Amazon account by going to [smile.amazon.com](https://smile.amazon.com), using your same credentials to log in and choose Resurrection Church in Aptos, CA as your charity of choice. Amazon will donate 0.5% of the price of eligible [smile.amazon.com](https://smile.amazon.com) purchases made by supporters to Resurrection Church. Help spread the word!

**Go to settings in the Amazon app and turn on Amazon Smile to use Amazon Smile in your app.**



Thank you for your support!

## SAVE THE DATE

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 30, 2021  
9:00 AM - 12:00 PM

Monterey County Elder Justice Summit  
**THE AGE OF CHANGE**



This year's free virtual Elder Justice Summit will feature:

- Nationally recognized author and advocate Ashton Applewhite presenting "*Still Kicking: Confronting Ageism and Ableism in the Pandemic's Wake*"
- Forum on the Master Plan for Aging, California's action plan to meet the needs of older adults and people with disabilities.
- Community Volunteer and Advocate Recognition.



REGISTRATION INFORMATION COMING SOON



## CONGRATULATIONS TO ALL OUR GRADUATES!

We are proud of you and all you have accomplished.  
May God Bless you in all your future endeavors!

A Reflection by Erma Coty

Memorial Day is the landmark that alerts people to the end of crab season and the beginning of the summer. For those who remember seasonal fashion etiquette we can wear our white shoes again. Some schools are finishing Spring Term while others are opting to offer summer programs to help students who need extra help. And Memorial Day reminds all of us to honor all of those who died in the defense of our fragile democracy.

Many of us may remember the obsequious presence of red "buddy" poppies that were sold by members of the VFW and American Legion in the days leading up to Memorial Day and Veteran's Day. The red poppy was growing in the fields at the military cemetery in Flanders that was memorialized by WWI poets.

Some of us remember when Memorial Day was known as Decoration Day and Veteran's Day was Armistice Day. These two days have evolved over the years but continue to be days that are dedicated to remembering, in gratitude, the sacrifices made by our armed forces and those of our allies.

The long history of Memorial Day in the United States, however, dates back to the Civil War. May was chosen since it was a time of year when flowers were in bloom and could be placed at every grave at Arlington along with a small American flag. The 30th of May in 1868, was designated Decoration Day by General John Logan in his General Order No.11. The name gradually became known as Memorial Day and now includes all of those who have died in service to this country.

In 1971 the last Monday in May was formally established as the official federal holiday, guaranteeing that it would be a three day weekend. The "National Moment of Remembrance", that passed in December of 2000, asked that we all voluntarily, informally, and respectfully pause on Memorial day for a moment of silence or the playing of "Taps" at 3:00pm local time.

The official history can be found at:

<https://www.usmemorialday.org/history-of-memorial-day>

This year, as we gradually return to normal activities, we have the opportunity to appreciate all of the things we have taken for granted prior to the altered reality we experienced during the pandemic. It's a good time to look up the history of our patriotic holidays and maybe take a walk down memory lane. We can take a moment to reminisce about how our families have spent this holiday over the years. We can't recreate the moment; but we can create new memories.



Have a good Memorial Day weekend!

In Flander's Field

By Lt. Col. John McCrae, 1915

In Flanders fields the poppies blow  
Between the crosses, row on row  
That mark our place; and in the sky  
The larks, still bravely singing, fly,  
Scarce heard amid the guns below.

We are the dead. Short days ago  
We lived, felt dawn, saw sunset glow.,  
Loved, and were loved, and now we lie  
In Flanders fields

Take up our quarrel with the foe  
To you from failing hands we throw  
The torch; be yours to hold it high  
If ye break faith with us who die  
We shall not sleep, though poppies grow  
In Flanders fields

Lt. Col. John McCrae is buried in Wimereux, France after succumbing to pneumonia in 1918.



"We Shall Keep the Faith"

By Moina Michael

Oh! You who sleep in Flanders fields,  
Sleep sweet – to rise anew!  
We caught the torch you threw  
And holding high, we keep the Faith  
With All who died

We cherish, too, the poppy red  
That grows on fields where valor led;  
It seems to signal to the skies  
That blood of heroes never dies,  
But lends a lustre to the red  
Of the flower that blooms above the dead  
In Flanders field

And now the Torch and Poppy Red  
We wear in honor of our dead  
Fear not that ye have died for naught;  
We'll teach the lesson that you wrought  
In Flanders field