Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	May 2 Mission / Evangelism		sus	STRUGGLE	A parable is a simple story that conveys a moral or spiritual lesson; or, in other words, it is	"an earthly story with a heavenly meaning." Jesus used stories from everyday life to
illustrate deeper spiritual truths. His stories invite us to be curious and use our imaginations.	"For those with open ears and open hearts, he unveils more than a new understanding; He	reveals a whole new kingdom - the kingdom of heaven." ~ Dr. David Jeremiah	[↑] Wednesdays at noon: Join in offering the Our Father and this prayer for courage.	1 Ss. Philip & James, Apostles - Their message goes out through all the earth (Psalm 19)	2 "By the cross death was slain and Adam was restored to life. The cross is the glory of all the apostles,	3the crown of the martyrs, the sanctification of the saints." ~St. Theodore the Studite
4 Jesus tells Peter, and us: "Feed My sheep" and "follow Me." Demonstrate your love for Him.	5 Jesus said, "I am the bread of life." What does this mean to you? (See John 6:30-35)	6 May bishops, priests and deacons be faithful and fervent in their ministry.	7 "Through Christ we received new life and consecrated ourselves to God." ~ Justin Martyr (c.100- 165)	8 Heal our world, wounded by division. Transform our hearts, make us one. (Lit. of Hours)	9 Is faith bearing fruit in my life? Reflect on the parables in Luke 13.	10 Pray for those who were martyred for their faith, like Bishop Joseph Padewski (1951).
11 Good Shepherd , give us courage to live for You. Lead us to join the saints in heaven.	12 Jesus came to seek and save the lost. Reflect on the parables in Luke 15.	13 Sit quietly and experience God's loving presence with you.	14 "He has given us this command: Those who love God must also love their fellow believers." 1 Jn.4:21	15 (L.o.H.) Fill our emptiness with the blessing of the Eucharist, the foretaste of eternal joy.	16 "Accept one another as Christ accepted you, for the glory of God." ~Romans 15:7	17 Pray for Eastern Diocese ANS, meet- ing in S. Deerfield, MA, for their annual convention today.
18 "Your love for one another will prove to the world that you are My disciples." Jn.13:35	19 "If God were trying to tell me something, would I know?" (Sacred Space)	20 Parable of the Laborers (Mt. 20): Place yourself in the story. Which character are you?	21 (John 15) May we abide in Jesus the Vine, submit to His pruning, and bear much fruit.	22 Give the courage of perseverance to those You have called and justified by faith. (L.o.H)	23 May those who govern us temper justice with mercy & promote world harmony & peace.	24 (Jn.15:18-21) If you live by Christ's values, you can expect persecution from the world.
25 Consider the parables in Luke 18. What does Jesus say about prayer?	26 This Memorial Day, pray for those who gave the ultimate sacrifice for our country.	27 Lord, use me to bring Your blessing to the people I encounter today.	28 May "lukewarm hearts" [be] "fired by the light of faith." ~ St. Leo the Great	29 Ascension - " Go and make disciples." Do not fear - Jesus is with you always!	30 Pray for the Mission Workshop in Denver, CO, this weekend: We Are One in Christ!	31 Lord, may I come to know, love, and serve You more each day. Make me more like You. ♥

[†]Almighty God, speak to our hearts whenever courage fades. Sustain us with an unyielding trust and steadfast faith, so that we may not be afraid to profess or defend our faith in You. May we stand with the same courage and perseverance of Your holy martyrs as we face the challenges placed before us. Renew us with Your unfailing love and fill us with hope in Your eternal purpose. Enlighten us to look beyond the temporary things of this world to You, the Source of all courage. We ask this through Your Son, our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ. Amen. †