



Upcoming Events

Bible Study

Conversations

Steps Beyond

Office Hours

Monday 11:00 AM - 1:00 PM

Tuesday 1:00 PM - 3:00 PM

Thursday 11:00 AM - 1:00 PM

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Tuesday 10AM

Thursday 10AM

Thursday 6PM

Mother's Day is a celebration honoring the [mother](#) of the family or individual, as well as [motherhood](#), [maternal bonds](#), and the influence of mothers in society. It is celebrated on different days in many parts of the world, most commonly in the months of March or May. It complements similar celebrations, honoring family members, such as [Father's Day](#), [Siblings Day](#), and [Grandparents' Day](#).

The modern holiday was first celebrated in 1907, when [Anna Jarvis](#) held the first Mother's Day [service of worship](#) at [Andrews Methodist Episcopal Church in Grafton, West Virginia](#).^{[1][13]} Andrew's Methodist Church now holds the [International Mother's Day Shrine](#).^[1] Her campaign to make Mother's Day a recognized holiday in the United States began in 1905, the year her mother, [Ann Reeves Jarvis](#), died. Ann Jarvis had been a peace activist who cared for wounded soldiers on both sides of the [American Civil War](#), and created Mother's Day Work Clubs to address public health issues. She and another peace activist and suffragette [Julia Ward Howe](#) had been urging for the creation of a "Mother's Day For Peace" where mothers would ask that their husbands and sons were no longer killed in wars. 40 years before it became an official holiday, Ward Howe had made her [Mother's Day Proclamation](#) in 1870, which called upon mothers of all nationalities to band together to promote the "amicable settlement of international questions, the great and general interests of peace."^[14] Anna Jarvis wanted to honor this and to set aside a day to honor all mothers because she believed a mother is "the person who has done more for you than anyone in the world".^[15]

Upcoming Commemorations

Matthias, Apostle

Sunday, May 14, 2023

Matthias was the apostle added to the Twelve after Jesus' resurrection, as a replacement for the dead Judas Iscariot. He had traveled among the followers of Jesus throughout the Lord's ministry. Formerly commemorated on February 24, Matthias's celebration is moved to May 14 in agreement with most Western calendars.

Erik, King of Sweden, martyr, died 1160

Thursday, May 18, 2023

Erik is considered the patron saint of Sweden. As king of that nation, he tried to bring peace in the region, and to spread Christianity in Scandinavia. He was also known for his attempts to make fair laws and to protect those who were poor or sick.

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