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The celebration of Mother's Day today reaches roughly 46 countries, on different dates, and has become an extremely popular day. Millions and millions of people across the world take the day to honor their mothers, to thank them for giving them life, for raising them, for being their constant support, and for being their mother.

The earliest known history of Mother's Day dates back to the ancient annual spring festival that the Greeks dedicated to maternal goddesses. The occasion was to honor Rhea, wife of Cronus and the mother of many gods of Greek mythology.

Ancient Romans also celebrated a spring festival, called Hilaria, dedicated to Cybele, a mother goddess. Ceremonies in honor of Cybele began approximately 250 years before Jesus Christ was born. Celebrated on the Ides of March, offerings in the Temple of Cybele lasted for three days and included parades and games.

Early Christians celebrated a day to honor mothers during a festival on the fourth Sunday of Lent. Originally the celebration was to honor the Virgin Mary, the Mother of Christ, however the holiday was later expanded in England to include all mothers. Thus the celebration was called Mothering Sunday.

More recent history of Mother's Day dates back to the 1600s in England. A Mothering Sunday was celebrated every year on the fourth Sunday of Lent to honor every mother. Children brought gifts and flowers for their mothers after a

prayer service in church, to honor Virgin Mary. Servants, apprentices, and other employees who were away from home were actually encouraged by their employers to visit and honor their mothers.

The annual custom of celebrating Mothering Sunday almost died out by the 19th century. The day came to be celebrated again, however, after World War II, when American servicemen brought back the custom and used it as an occasion for increasing sales.

Activist and social worker Mrs. Anna Marie Reeves Jarvis inspired her daughter Anna Jarvis to express her desire that someday all mothers should be recognized and celebrated. Anna Jarvis is recognized as the initial founder of Mother's Day in the United States, although she never married nor had any children. She is known as the Mother of Mother's Day, an appropriate title for someone who worked so hard to see the day of honoring mothers being celebrated.

When her mother died in 1905, she made a pact with herself to fulfill her mother's wish of having a celebrated day for mothers around the world. Anna sent carnation flowers to honor her mother, as they were her mother's favorite flower and felt that they symbolized a mother's pure love. Anna, along with supporters, wrote letters to people who had the power to make the official declaration of a Mother's Day holiday. By 1911, Mother's Day was celebrated in almost every state and on May 8, 1914, President Wilson signed a Joint Resolution which designated the second Sunday of May as Mother's Day.

Today, Mother's Day is celebrated in several countries including US, UK, India, Denmark, Finland, Italy, Turkey, Australia, Mexico, Canada, China, Japan and Belgium. The celebration has become commercialized to a great extent. The day has become so popular that, in several countries, phone lines experience maximum traffic. Also the tradition of giving flowers, cards, chocolates, and other gifts has been adopted for Mother's Day. Florists, card manufacturers, and gift sellers see huge business potential on this holiday to make money through advertising campaigns.

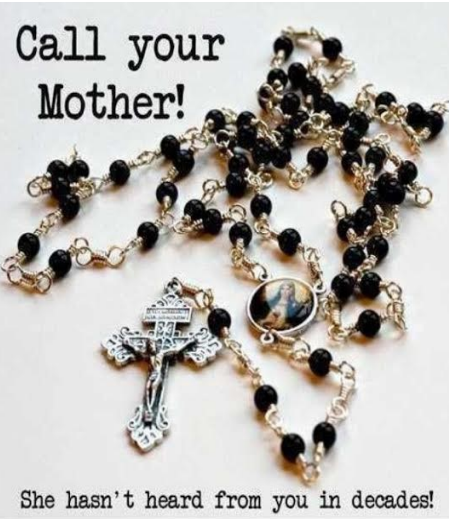
Whatever you give, the day is not meant for commercialism or to make money. The day is meant as a day to

thank all mothers. To thank them for their love, their support, and for, quite simply, being a mother. So this Sunday, on Mother's Day, show your mother the love she deserves.

To help us celebrate Mother's Day, this would be an excellent time for us to bone up on praying the Rosary—pamphlets are available in the vestibule of the church to help you if it's been a while. Or maybe it would be a good time to read one of the many Church documents on Mary, such as *Redemptoris Mater* by Pope St. John Paul II, or even *Supremi Apostolatus Officio*, which was the first of twelve encyclicals that Pope Leo XIII wrote on the Rosary! For those of you with Netflix, a nice evening activity might be to look up the film "Full of Grace," which is set around the time close to the end of Mary's life as she recounts her own memories of Jesus. Whatever the case, Mother's Day should be more than a day to remember our own mothers or even to celebrate motherhood in its many variations. It is a day on which we, as Catholics, can turn to our Heavenly Mother with all devotion and love and learn from her how to love her child, the sweet Jesus.

It was her "yes" that forever changed motherhood by giving humanity a new mother—a new Eve—whose obedience undid the disobedience of our first mother and cooperated to renew our humanity in the person of her beloved Son.

So, for all those who are mothers, for those who are not mothers, who may have been mothers, who may one day be mothers, and for all who carry out the noble work of loving and caring for children as only a mother can, see in Our Blessed Mother the model of all patience, love, charity, and perseverance that sanctifies your work, and have a truly blessed Mother's Day!



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UpFront with Mary Hendricks

5th Sunday of Easter, Year A,
May 14, 2017
Acts 6:1-7

In the first reading today from the Acts of the Apostles, we hear about discord in the young Christian community. Widows were being neglected, and the complaining started. What's the best way to discuss conflict? Why, call a meeting, of course!

The apostles already have enough to do. They're traveling, preaching, teaching, healing, and organizing weekly Eucharist. They're not going to divide their time up any longer. They know what's important, and they're going to keep "the word of God" as a priority. The appointment of seven deacons to deal with the logistics of shared resources would lighten their load and give others a chance to serve while empowering them to keep accounts and distribute material necessities to the poor.

Because they were able to neutralize what was becoming a source of jealousy and inequity, the apostles could concentrate on what they did best. And the community grew.

The apostles are a great example of balance. They knew their limits and kept them. Being overwhelmed in any area of life is not productive.

St. Benedict knew about balance. Born in the latter part of the fifth century, he was the son of a noble Italian family and had a twin sister, St. Scholastica. He studied in Rome and was less than impressed with the other students. He was there to learn; they weren't. Disgusted and frustrated, he left to live as a hermit in a cave in the mountains where was mentored by a fellow hermit, Romanus, and lived a life of prayer. Nearby monks found him and asked them to be their leader. Benedict was strict about his spiritual life, and he warned them. Oh, they could take it, they said. Wrong. They were resentful of the austere lifestyle Benedict imposed on them and tried to poison his drink. When he blessed the cup before drinking it, the cup shattered!

A more sincere group of monks appealed to Benedict for his leadership. He founded 12 monasteries in the Subiaco mountains with their help but abandoned them when an envious hermit caused him trouble.

It was at Mount Cassino that St. Benedict founded what would become the bedrock of

monasticism. Instead of establishing dozens of communities, he gathered all the monks at Mount Cassino, directing them through the Rule, now known as the Rule of St. Benedict. This list of instructions on religious life was read often by and to the monks who took vows of stability, obedience, and conversion of life.

Stability means consistency, persistence. Benedict wanted only those men and women who committed their lives entirely to God's service until death. We all know that feelings come and go. This lifestyle was not to be based on emotion.

Obedience in this case means being alert to the needs of others and responding to those needs, whether spoken or unspoken.

Now, here's the big one: conversion of life. By this, Benedict wanted his community to use an entirely different perspective when looking at life. Problems? Consider them as possibilities. Dealing with difficult person? Walk a mile in his shoes and try to understand his point of view. A cross to bear? Turn it into a growth opportunity. Benedict espoused a positive and creative outlook.

These three principles—stability, obedience, conversion of life—are the way Benedict taught balance. We don't have to be monks or nuns to do the same. We, too, can make the commitment to living the life God promised would be abundant, obey by listening and responding to the needs of others, and keep a positive perspective on challenges. St. Benedict will help, too, if we ask for his intercession.

Pilgrimage to the Holy Land

Join Fr. DeViese on a pilgrimage to the Holy Land in May 2018. The trip will include visits to all major Biblical sites, including the holiest sites in Christianity in Jerusalem, Bethlehem, Nazareth, and the Sea of Galilee. (Also, a possibility of an optional extension trip to Rome for a few days at the end.)

Stay updated on cost and final itinerary by signing up for information at:

www.travelillum.com/trc/lpa

Those who sign up through the website will be given first priority once registration opens.

Commentary for the Readings in the Extraordinary Form: 4th Sunday after Easter



"If I do not go, the Advocate will not come; . . . but if I go, I will send Him to you. . . . He will (convince) the world. . . of justice" (Gospel).

The Sunday of Justice, interior and social! The Holy Spirit descends upon us with His seven Gifts at our Confirmation (symbolized by the Dove). He puts before us the imitation of Christ's sinless example, since "the prince of this world" had tried to confuse and even destroy the correct ideas of right and wrong. Hence we may now sing "a new canticle," because God "hath revealed His justice" (Introit).

The Epistle and Offertory extol the gifts of interior "justice;" the Prayer, evidently referring to social "justice," makes us realize that only God can "make (all) of one will." How do we react in thought and action to this twofold standard of "justice" revealed in the Life of Christ and taught us by the "Spirit of truth"

— Excerpted from My Sunday Missal, Confraternity of the Precious Blood

Liturgical Calendar for the Traditional Latin Mass During the Week

05/15	St. John Baptist de la Salle, <i>Confessor</i>
05/16	St. Ubald, <i>Bishop & Confessor</i>
05/17	St. Paschal Baylon, <i>Confessor</i>
05/18	St. Venantius, <i>Martyr</i>
05/19	St. Peter Celestine, <i>Pope & Confessor</i>
05/20	Saint Bernadine of Sienna, <i>Confessor</i>

Pope Francis "Tweets" @ Pontifex

Everyone has something to give to society; no one is excluded from contributing to the good of all.



Catholic Daughters of the Americas

The next regular monthly meeting will be **Monday, May 15 at 6 in the parish meeting room.**

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For additional information, contact Rachel at rachelfweber@yahoo.com or go to www.soulcore.com

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Calling All 2017 High School Graduates

Parishioners who are graduating from high school this year will be honored at Mass on Sun., May 21. If your son or daughter is graduating, please call the parish office so we can add them to our list, 304 269-3048. We must hear from you if your child is to be honored!

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Weekend Masses:

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Sunday, 9:30 a.m.,
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Confessions: Wednesday and Saturday, 5:00pm, Sunday, 8:45 & 11:45 a.m.

Eucharistic Adoration: See Weekly Schedule

(See Weekly Schedule for any changes to times or location!)

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Kids' Corner

Catechesis

Does God Know About People Who are Hungry?

God knows everything. He even knows how many hairs you have on your head. God knows about all the hungry people in the world, and it makes him sad. Remember, he put us in charge of the world. God wants us to care about people and help those who need it. This includes helping to feed those who are hungry. Think about what you can do to feed the hungry people in your community.

Key Verses

He is the God who made both earth and heaven. He made the seas and all that is in them. He is the God who keeps every promise. He gives justice to the poor. He gives food to the hungry. He sets the prisoners free. (Psalm 146: 6-7)

Related Verses

Matthew 10: 29-31; Acts 27:34

Related Question

Why doesn't God make enough food for everyone?

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