

Mother's Day: May 9th 2010

Today's readings are about the effect of the abiding presence of God in His Church and in each one of us. Today we celebrate Mothers Day acknowledging the truth that we cannot return in the same coin what our mothers have done for us.

Tony D'Mello shares this story about a magnificent mom: Four preachers were discussing their favorite translations of the Bible. The first one said, "I like the King James Version because of its beautiful English." Another said, "I like the New American Standard version because it is closer to the original Greek and Hebrew." The third one declared, "I like the Good News version because it's so easy to read. The fourth minister was silent for a moment then said, "I like my mother's translation best." The other three men were surprised. They said, "I didn't know your mother made a translation of the Bible." "Yes," he replied. "She translated it into everyday life. And it was the most beautiful and convincing translation I ever saw."

For three reasons mothers should be saluted 1) for their tenacious and sacrificial love for their children 2) for the tremendous impact they have on their children and 3) for our intimate relationship with them from birth to death.

On Mothers' Day let us acknowledge the truth that we have two mothers: our earthly mother and our heavenly mother, the mother of Jesus. The Catholic Church proclaims the great nobility of the mother of Jesus, Mary most holy, and presents her as the supreme model for all mothers. Born into humble surroundings, she was called by God to be the mother of the Son of God. Mary, the mother of Jesus, our Blessed Mother, is the true model of motherhood.

The month of May is traditionally the month of Mary. Through Mary, the work of Motherhood is glorified and sanctified. On this Mothers' Day, presenting all the mothers on the altar, let us recall the beautiful song we sing on the Feast of Presentation, "*Gentle woman, peaceful dove, teach us wisdom, teach us love.*"

Eminent men on mothers: George Washington once said, "My mother was the most beautiful woman I ever saw. All I am I owe to my mother. I attribute all my success in life to the moral, intellectual, and physical education I received from her." Abraham Lincoln spoke similar words when he said, "All that I am or ever hope to be, I owe to my angel Mother."

MOTHERS' DAY JOKES

- *A father came home from work just before supper and was met by his five-year-old daughter on the sidewalk outside his house. The little girl was not smiling. "Is something wrong, honey?" he asked. "Yes," she said, "all day long I've been having trouble with your wife."*
- A small boy is sent to bed by his mother... [Five minutes later] "Mom..." "What?" "I'm thirsty. Can you bring me a glass of water?"
"No. You had your chance. Lights out." [Five minutes later] "Mom..." "WHAT?"
"I'm THIRSTY...Can I have a glass of water??" "I told you NO! If you ask again I'll have to spank you!!" [Five minutes later] "Mommm..." "WHAT??!!"
"When you come in to spank me, can you bring me a glass of water?"

Mothers' Day Blessing.

Heavenly Father,
Bless all those You have entrusted
with motherhood. Inspire them to follow
the example of Mary, mother of Our Lord
and follow in her fidelity, humility,
and selfless love. May all mothers receive
Your Grace abundantly in this life, and may
they look forward to eternal joy
in Your presence in heaven.
Amen.