

Family Connection



Pope Francis' Prayer Intention for May

Evangelization – The Mission of Laity

That the lay faithful may fulfill their specific mission, by responding with creativity to the challenges that face the world today.



Easter season concludes with Pentecost, the birthday of the Church, on May 20.



Our parish and school First Communion classes participate in a May Crowning this month to honor Mary. The Children's Cottage also has a Mary statue to honor!





Happy Mother's Day !

The loveliest masterpiece of the heart of God is the heart of a mother. -St. Therese of Lisieux

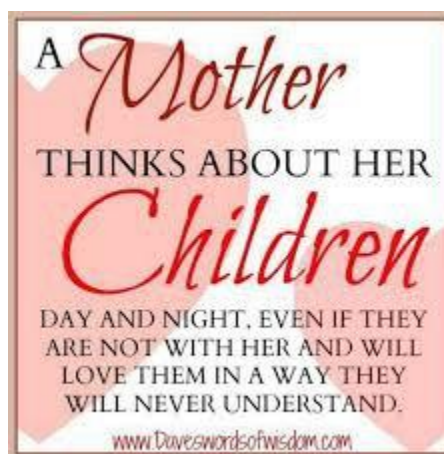
Mary, the Mystical Rose

As the rose reigns by universal consent as the lovely queen of flowers, so Mary, the Woman clothed with the sun, which is charity, shines as the fairest flower in God's garden and is acclaimed as the "Mystical Rose". Our Lord has told us quite plainly that love for one another is the distinctive mark of His disciples.

Let the thought of Our Mother, as the Mystical Rose of Charity, help us then, to fight those difficulties in the way of charity which everyone must have. Charity is not an easy virtue, though by practice it becomes delightful. There is the **difficulty of forgiving** those who have hurt us, who **annoy** us, who **dislike** us, of being kind to those who are unkind to us, not saying **sharp** things when we are cross and hurt, and of overcoming **selfishness** in all its manifestations, fighting for what we like, and what we want, not caring at all what others like or want.

Remember Mary's words: "They have no wine." **Her one thought was to spare others suffering, shame, and confusion**, and even when Jesus said that His hour was not yet come, she still exerted herself to help: "Whatsoever He shall say to you, do ye." Do not, then, always wait till you are asked to do a kind deed. Be on the watch to **see how you can serve others** and help them, and you will, in your own sphere, **resemble your Mother, the Mystical Rose, in Her love and charity.**

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This is true for each of us moms, and it is true of Mary, too! Even people who don't acknowledge her are her children and she loves them and prays constantly for their good!