

NOTRE DAME PARISH

Sixth Sunday of Easter

"Greater love than this no one has, but to lay down one's life"



What is the cost of love? When we frame love in this question, the subject transcends the feeling. No longer does love remain in the realm of the heart. It becomes a decision of the will. The question implies that we do not truly love unless we are willing to act upon our feelings and live with the consequences. Love

may not be love without an inner emotion, but it cannot survive without action. And it cannot grow without testing.

To claim love is easy, to live love is difficult. Yet, in Jesus, we find the example of love perfectly lived out. We also find the power to live love to the fullest.

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, May 8 @ 4PM
Tom, Florence, & young Tom Gately

Sunday, May 9 @ 9:30AM
Notre Dame Mothers

Monday, May 10 @ 8AM
Kazwara, Martonisi, & Szostak Families

Tuesday, May 11 @ 8AM
Greg Alberding

Wednesday, May 12 @ 8:30AM
John Benish, Sr.

Thursday, May 13 @ 8:30AM
Gloria Godfrey

Friday, May 14 @ 8AM
John Weithers

Saturday, May 15 @ 1PM
Wedding

Saturday, May 16 @ 4PM
Frank Parkerson

Let Us Pray

- For our mothers living and dead, in gratitude
- For unity in the Body of Christ
- For continuing progress in vaccinations
- For those who long to be mothers
- For those deprived of a mother's love
- For the people of India and South America being plagued by COVID-19
- For soldiers, peace officers, and others who may be asked to lay down their lives
- For prisoners and those on death row
- For pregnant women and those considering abortion
- For a new awareness of our responsibility for the earth and its resources

Dear Mom,

You died on September 3, 1998 of complications from a seven-year condition of Alzheimer's-type dementia. I'm sorry the family didn't understand what was happening in those early days; we made you to feel like you were the cause of your own forgetfulness, unusual behavior and withdrawal. Was it poor nutrition? Depression? Not reading enough or exercising the mind?

Some have called dementia "the long goodbye." I experienced it, rather, as "no goodbye." Once your condition was diagnosed, the mother I had known was present only in body.

But today, Mothers' Day, I want to dwell on the love and care you gave to your children, love and care that children so often take for granted. Only as an adult have I realized the sacrifices you made as a matter of course.

As a working mother, you were a pioneer among those women poorly paid, subject to all-male bosses and whims, a servant at work as well as in the home. You worked 8 to 5 through the week, took turns with Dad in preparing dinner and always doing clean-up afterward. On Friday evening and Saturday, you would do the laundry, change the bedsheets, and hang the

sheets on a clothesline outside that gave them an incredible freshness that I remember being a feature of going to bed on Saturday nights.

In memory I treasure the conversations you and I had as you washed dishes, and I dried them. I asked lots of questions, shared my school day, and you returned with wisdom and patience.

I recall the time when I was hesitating to become an altar boy. We were in a new parish and I was in a new school. I was painfully shy and had not made any friends. I had determined that I would not attend enrollment meeting to be held Saturday morning, and I announced that to you as we washed dishes.

Without any pressure, you encouraged me to try it. Knowing that it would please you, I went to the meeting and became an altar boy. Without that brief sharing between us — who knows? — perhaps I would not have become a priest.

You were always the one to hold my head as I regurgitated with the stomach flu multiple times in my youth. You were the one to fix the egg-nog to return strength on the third day of the flu.

Countless memories. We will recount those memories, Mom, when we meet again in heaven, and this time I will *thank you*.

Father Keith & Rocco



2021
CATHOLIC
SERVICES
APPEAL
Notre Dame
Parish Goal:
\$37,796
YTD: \$4,530





MARY: WOMAN & MOTHER

By Pope Francis

“But when the time had fully come, God sent forth his Son, born of woman” (*Gal 4:4*). *Born of woman*: Jesus came in this way. He did not appear in the world as an adult but, as the Gospel tells us, he was “conceived in the womb” (*Lk 2:21*). It was there that he made our humanity his own: day after day, month after month. In the womb of a woman, God and mankind are united, never to be separated again. Even now, in heaven, Jesus lives in the flesh that he took in his mother’s womb. In God, there is our human flesh!

In God, there will forever be our humanity and Mary will forever be the Mother of God. She is both woman and mother: this is what is essential. From her, a woman, salvation came forth and thus there is no salvation without a woman. In her, God was united to us, and if we want to unite ourselves to him, we must take the same path: through Mary, woman and mother. We celebrate Our Lady, the woman who wove the humanity of God. If we want to weave humanity into this our time, we need to start again from the woman.

Born of woman. The rebirth of humanity began

from a woman. Women are sources of life. Yet they are continually insulted, beaten, raped, forced to prostitute themselves and to suppress the life they bear in the womb. Every form of violence inflicted upon a woman is a blasphemy against God, who was born of a woman. Humanity’s salvation came forth from the body of a woman: we can understand our degree of humanity by how we treat a woman’s body. How often are women’s bodies sacrificed on the profane altars of advertising, of profiteering, of pornography, exploited like a canvas to be used. Yet women’s bodies must be freed from consumerism; they must be respected and honoured. Theirs is the most noble flesh in the world, for it conceived and brought to light the love that has saved us! In our day, too, motherhood is demeaned, because the only growth that interests us is economic growth. There are mothers who risk difficult journeys desperately seeking to give a better future to the fruit of their womb, yet are deemed redundant by people with full stomachs but hearts empty of love.

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Born of woman. The Bible tells us that woman come onto the scene at the height of creation, as a summation of the entire created world. For she holds within herself the very purpose of creation: the generation and safekeeping of life, communion with all things, care for all things. So it is with the Mother of God in today's Gospel. The text tells us, "But Mary kept all these things, pondering them in her heart" (v. 19). She kept all these things: joy at the birth of Jesus and sadness for the lack of hospitality shown in Bethlehem; the love of Joseph and the amazement of the shepherds; the promise and the uncertainty of the future. She took everything to heart, and in her heart, she put everything in its right place, even hardships and troubles. In her heart, she lovingly set all things in order and entrusted everything to God.

In the Gospel, Mary does this a second time: at the end of the hidden life of Jesus, we are told that "his mother kept all these things in her heart" (v. 51). This repetition makes us realize that "keeping in her heart" was not something nice that Our Lady did from time to time, but something habitual. Women typically take life to heart. Women show us that the meaning of life is not found in making things but in taking things to heart. Only those who see with the heart see things properly, because they know how to "look into" each person: to see a brother apart from his

mistakes, a sister apart from her failings, hope amid difficulty. They see God in all persons and things.

Let us ask ourselves: Do I know how to see with the heart? Do I know how to look at people with the heart? Do I take to heart the people with whom I live? Or do I tear them down by gossip? And above all, do I put the Lord at the centre of my heart, or other values, other interests, like advancement, riches, power? Only if we take life to heart will we know how to take care and overcome the indifference all around.

So let us ask for the grace to live with the desire to take others to heart and to care for them. And if we want a better world, a world that will be a peaceful home and not a war field, may we take to heart the dignity of each woman. From a woman was born the Prince of peace. Women are givers and mediators of peace and should be fully included in decision-making processes. Because when women can share their gifts, the world finds itself more united, more peaceful. Hence, every step forward for women is a step forward for humanity as a whole.

Born of woman. Jesus, newly born, was mirrored in the eyes of the woman, in the face of his mother. From her, he received his first caresses; with her, he exchanged the first smiles. With her began

the revolution of tenderness.

The Church is called to continue that revolution. For she too, like Mary, is both woman and mother. The Church is woman and mother, and in Our Lady, she finds her distinctive traits. She sees Mary immaculate, and feels called to say no to sin and to worldliness. She sees Mary fruitful, and feels called to proclaim the Gospel and to give birth to it in people's lives. She sees Mary a mother, and she feels called to receive every man and woman as a son or daughter.

In drawing close to Mary, the Church discovers herself, she finds her centre and her unity. The enemy of our human nature, the devil, seeks instead to divide, to highlight differences, ideologies, partisan thinking and parties. But we do not understand the Church if we regard her by starting with structures, programmes and trends, ideologies and functions. We may grasp something, but not the heart of the Church. Because the Church has a mother's heart. And we, as her sons and daughters, invoke today the Mother of God, who gathers us together as a people of believers.

Pope Francis delivered this homily on January 1, 2020, the Solemnity of Mary, the Mother of God.

June 11th - June 13th

ONLINE Trash or Treasure Sale

This is a fundraiser for Notre Dame Catholic School.



Choose to donate 100% of items OR you can do 50/50, where you would donate 50% of sales to Notre Dame and you keep the other 50%.

Get Started In 4 EASY Steps!

1. Find gently used items to sell
2. Register to system : <https://bit.ly/3aMS2pn>
3. Login to start entering : <https://bit.ly/2PAxvNk>
4. Enter Items!

IMPORTANT DATES:

TODAY THRU JUNE 3RD - ENTER GENTLY USED ITEMS ONLINE

FRIDAY JUNE 11TH TO SUNDAY JUNE 13TH - VIRTUAL SALE

JUNE 17TH THURSDAY - DROP OFF SOLD ITEMS (NOTRE DAME GYM)

JUNE 18TH THRU JUNE 19TH - PICK UP PURCHASED ITEMS (NOTRE DAME GYM)

Examples of categories of items being sold:

Girls Clothing, Boys Clothing, Women's Clothing, Men's Clothing, Toys, Baby Equipment, Toddler Equipment, Small Furniture, Home Décor (Inc. Kids), Outdoor Stuff, Holiday Decorations, Books, Kitchen Ware, Electronics, Sportswear and Equipment, Swimwear and Equipment