



Happy Mother's Day! ¡Feliz Día de las Madres!

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**For a mother's heart and a mother's faith
And a mother's steadfast love
Were fashioned by the angels
And sent from God above.**

- Author Unknown

En el día de las Madres...a una Madre en el Cielo

Querida Mamá,

No tenemos palabras para agradecerte todo lo que has hecho en nuestras vidas, nunca tuviste un momento de descanso, siempre estabas atenta a tus hijos, trabajaste toda tu vida en el hogar y fuera del hogar, no tenías vacaciones, lloraste muchas veces a solas por nuestra causa, nos transmitiste la fe y diariamente orabas el santo rosario, amabas tanto a la Virgencita que tenías pesebritos por todas partes, nos celebrabas los cumpleaños y cualquier evento importante en nuestras vidas, las Navidades eran tus mejores fiestas y las más tristes también, aprendiste a cocinar pavo y hacer calabazas y hasta te disfrazabas todo para alegrarnos y hacernos felices. Ahora que estás en el cielo...le pedimos a Diosito que te de muchos besos y rosas de nuestra parte, que te abrace tan duro que te duelan las costillas, que colme tu corazón con tanto amor y felicidad para que así sepas lo especial que has sido y sigues siendo. Nunca te olvidaremos. Con todo nuestro corazón, tu hijos.

-Autor - Padre Martin



ONCE A MONTH ON THE 3RD FRIDAY
@THEENCOUNTERNYC

The Idente Missionaries invite **YOU** —
all young adults in NYC—to our *EncounterNYC...*
(every third Friday)

Next Encounter: Friday May 18th...

Encounter **Christ** in *Adoration* in *Confession*
in *Artistic Presentations* in *Fellowship*.

Venue: Saint Dominic's R.C. Church
1739 Union Port Road—Bronx NY 10462

Time: Doors Open @ 6:30pm - Adoration @ 7PM

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ANNUNCIATION: The visit of the angel Gabriel to the virgin Mary to inform her that she was to be the mother of the Savior. After giving her consent to God's word, Mary became the mother of Jesus by the power of the Holy Spirit.

ASSUMPTION: The dogma which recognizes the Blessed Virgin Mary's singular participation in her Son's Resurrection by which she was taken up body and soul into heavenly glory, when the course of her earthly life was finished.

HAIL MARY: The prayer known in Latin as the Ave Maria. The first part of the prayer praises God for the gifts he gave to Mary as Mother of the Redeemer; the second part seeks her maternal intercession for the members of the Body of Christ, the Church, of which she is the Mother.

IMMACULATE CONCEPTION: The dogma proclaimed in Christian Tradition and defined in 1854, that from the first moment of her conception, Mary--by the singular grace of God and by virtue of the merits of Jesus Christ--was preserved immune from original sin.

MAGNIFICAT: The title commonly given to the Latin text and vernacular translation of the Canticle (or Song) of Mary that she recites at the time of the visitation. The canticle begins with "My soul proclaims the greatness of the Lord."

MARY: The mother of Jesus. Because she is the mother of Jesus--Son of God and second Person of the Blessed Trinity--according to the flesh, she is rightly called the Mother of God (Theotokos). Mary is also called "full of grace," and "Mother of the Church," and in Christian prayer and devotion, "Our Lady," the "Blessed Virgin Mary," and the "New Eve."

PRESENTATION: The presentation and dedication of Jesus to God by Mary and Joseph in the Temple (Lk 2:22-39), in accord with Mosaic Law concerning the first-born. At the Presentation, Simeon and Anna sum up the expectation of Israel for the long-awaited Messiah, the light of the nations and the glory of Israel, but also as a sign of contradiction. The presentation of the gifts, especially of bread and wine, is a preparatory rite for the liturgy of the Eucharist at Mass.

ROSARY: A prayer in honor of the Blessed Virgin Mary, which repeats the privileged Marian prayer Ave Maria, or Hail Mary, in "decades" of ten prayers, each preceded by the Pater Noster ("Our Father") and concluded by the Gloria Patri (Glory Be to the Father), accompanied by meditation on the mysteries of Christ's life. The rosary was developed by medieval piety in the Latin church as a popular substitute for the liturgical prayer of the Hours.

VIRGIN BIRTH: The conception of Jesus in the womb of the Virgin Mary solely by the power of the Holy Spirit. The Church's confession of faith in the virgin birth affirms that Jesus was conceived by the Holy Spirit without human seed.

VIRGIN MARY: The mother of Jesus, who is honored as "ever-virgin" for her perpetual virginity.

VISITATION: At the annunciation, the angel Gabriel told Mary that she would be the mother of the savior. Gabriel also told Mary that her barren cousin, Elizabeth, had conceived a son in her old age. Mary went to visit her cousin and confirmed the truth of the angel's words. The time she spent with Elizabeth is referred to as "the visitation."

Catholic Charities Community Services will be giving **free immigration legal consultations to all** on **Friday, May 18th 2018 from 10am-3pm** at St. Luke's Church, 623 E 138th St, Bronx, NY 10454. DACA assistance will be offered on-site as well. Event is by appointment only- walk-ins are not guaranteed a consultation. To make an appointment, please call/text 347-921-0631 or email ccscommclinics@gmail.com. Bi-lingual volunteers needed! If you want to volunteer, please email above address with subject line "Volunteer."

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Caridades Católicas Servicios Comunitarios **darán consultas de inmigración gratuitas a todos el viernes, 18 de mayo desde las 10am-3pm** en St. Luke's 623 E 138th St., Bronx, NY 10454. Asistencia para solicitudes de renovaciones de DACA también estará disponible. Es por cita solamente- no se garantiza una consulta sin cita. Para hacer una cita, llame al 347-921-0631 o mande un correo electrónico a ccscommclinics@gmail.com. ¡Se necesita voluntarios bilingües! Si quiere ser voluntario, por favor mande correo electrónico al correo indicado con la línea de asunto "Voluntario."

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**Seventh Sunday of Easter
May 13, 2018 A.D.**

Masses in English:
8:00 a.m., 10:30 a.m., and 12 Noon

9:15 a.m. (en español)

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●**Mother's Day Novena...**Mother's Day Envelopes to include our dear Moms in a Spiritual Bouquet of Nine Masses are now available. The novena begins today—**Mother's Day.** The Novena of Masses will be offered for their well-being and health if they are still here with us...and for their souls and holiness if they have gone to heaven. **Happy Mother's Day!**

Idente Youth Sleep-Away Teens Camp

Dates: Monday, July 2nd to Saturday, July 7th, 2018

Campsite: Taconic Retreat & Conference Center, Milan, N.Y.

Ages: for those children that have **finished 6th grade through 12th grade**

Spots: 58 teens

Price: \$300 per child—this ONLY covers the campsite's fee

Transportation to and from the site is extra

Deadline to hand in fee, medical forms and permission slips: June 11th*

Register by speaking to Yerania or Jonathan—
Idente Missionaries at: ☎ **631 772 9612**

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First Holy Communions: **Sunday, June 3, 2018—at the 9:15 a.m. and 12 Noon Masses.** This is the Feast of the Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ (Corpus Christi).

Confirmations: Friday, June 8, 2018 at **6:00 p.m.** (notice special time).

Graduation: Santa Maria School 8th Grade Graduation Mass will take place Saturday, June 9, 2018 at 10:30 a.m.

Have YOU made a pledge to the Cardinal's Appeal? We truly need your pledge.!

Por favor... haz tu compromiso ahora.!!

In Memoriam: The Wine and Hosts during the week of May 12 to May 18, 2018 have been donated **in loving memory of Luz Stella López de Esguerra** by her children and grandchildren on Mother's Day and on her Birthday in Heaven. Please pray for her soul when you received the Lord in Holy Communion. Thank you.

Idente Youth Sleep-Away Kids Camp

Dates: Tuesday, August 7th to Friday, August 10th, 2018

Campsite: Taconic Retreat & Conference Center. Milan, N.Y.

Age: for those children that have **finished 3rd grade through 5th grade**

Spots: 22 kids Price: \$220 per child

Transportation to and from the site—extra

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Masses for the Week

Saturday, May 12

5:00pm Luis John Pinelli

Sunday, May 13

8:00am For all Living and Deceased Mothers of our Parish

9:15am For all Living and Deceased Mothers of our Parish

10:30am For all Living and Deceased Mothers of our Parish

12:Noon For all Living and Deceased Mothers of our Parish

Monday, May 14

7:00am Mother's Day Novena (1)

8:15am Celestina and Federico Gandolfini

7:00pm For all the Living and Deceased Mothers of the Bracero,

Hernandez, Padilla, Riveras and Perez Families

Tuesday, May 15

7:00am Mother's Day Novena (2)

8:15am Rosa Campisi and Rose Ann Scelza

7:00pm For the Health and Holiness of Julieta Miranda Arroyo and Augusto I. Arroyo

Wednesday, May 16

7:00am Mother's Day Novena (3)

8:15am Anthony A. Frisolone

7:00pm Anthony, Anna & Joseph LoCascio

Thursday, May 17

7:00am Mother's Day Novena (4)

8:15am For the Soul of Luz Stella Lopez de Esguerra and

For the Health and Holiness of Juan David Esguerra Lopez

7:00pm **Misa en español—Mass in Spanish** - Ana Camilo

Friday, May 18

7:00am Mother's Day Novena (5)

8:15am For the Health and Holiness of All Parishioners

7:00pm Jessica Gonzalez

Saturday, May 19

8:15am Mother's Day Novena (6)

5:00pm Carol Anderson and Mario Truglio

In Memoriam: The Wine and Hosts during the week of May 19 to May 26, 2018 have been donated **in loving memory of Mario Truglio** by Mrs. Marie LaCroce and Dr. Marianne LaCroce. Please pray for his soul when you receive the Eucharistic Lord. Thank you.

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Golden Jubilee Wedding Mass

Are you or someone dear to you celebrating 50 years of sacramental marriage? It is our honor to invite couples of the archdiocese celebrating 50 years of marriage during 2018 to the Golden Jubilee Wedding Mass at Saint Patrick's Cathedral (5th Avenue and 51st Street) on June 3, 2018, at 2:15 p.m. The Mass will be celebrated by His Eminence, Timothy Michael Cardinal Dolan. **All who wish to attend the Mass must register by Monday, May 14, 2018.** Please contact Kathy in the Rectory Office on Sundays from 10:30am to 1:30pm to register. Pews will be reserved for Golden Jubilee couples and one (1) family/friend to provide any needed assistance. Additional guests will be accommodated in pews outside the reserved section. All Golden Jubilee couples will receive a commemorative certificate. Couples who are unable to attend the Mass can request a certificate through their parish.

Community Notices

The Volley Ball mothers of the 1970's would like to get together for lunch.

Volley Ball moms were from the following parishes:

Santa Maria, St. Clare of Assisi, St. Benedict, Our Lady of Solace /St. Dominic, Our Lady of Assumption.

If interested, please call Barbara Argiento at 718-792-2278.

Bronx Catholic Schools invite you to join them at the famous Arthur Avenue Market for "A Night in the Bronx on Arthur Avenue" honoring David Greco, Jerome Raguso, and Sister Marguerite Torre **on Wednesday, May 23, 2018 at 6:30 P.M.** This fun event will feature special guest Joe Torre with live entertainment and Italian-American fare. Proceeds to benefit 27 elementary schools in the Bronx Catholic school regions. Visit **www.arthuravenuebronx.org** to reserve your tickets or **contact Nicole Touchet at nicole.touchet@archny.org or (646) 794-3141.**

St. Catharine Academy Summer TACHS prep program

St. Catharine Academy's Higher Achievement Program (HAP) for girls entering 7th and 8th grade will take place from **Monday, June 25th to Friday, July 20th from 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.** HAP will help to strengthen and reinforce **English, Math, Reading, and Time Management** skills in preparation for taking the Test for Admission into Catholic High Schools (TACHS). In addition, the program includes enrichment courses in Robotics, Art, Writing and Dance. Please visit our website, www.scahs.org or contact Ms. Tracy Keelin, Program Director at 718-882-2882, ext. 122 for more information.

Understanding the Bible by Mary Elizabeth Sperry,

Associate Director for Utilization of the New American Bible—USCCB.

The Bible is all around us. People hear Scripture readings in church. We have Good Samaritan (Luke 10) laws, welcome home the Prodigal Son (Luke 15), and look for the Promised Land (Exodus 3, Hebrews 11). Some biblical passages have become popular maxims, such as "Do unto others as you would have them do unto you (Matthew 7:12)," "Thou shalt not steal (Exodus 20:15), and "love thy neighbor" (Matthew 22:39). Today's Catholic is called to take an intelligent, spiritual approach to the bible.

Listed here are 10 points for fruitful Scripture reading.

1. **Bible reading is for Catholics.** The Church encourages Catholics to make reading the Bible part of their daily prayer lives. Reading these inspired words, people grow deeper in their relationship with God and come to understand their place in the community God has called them to in himself.

2. **Prayer is the beginning and the end.** Reading the Bible is not like reading a novel or a history book. It should begin with a prayer asking the Holy Spirit to open our hearts and minds to the Word of God. Scripture reading should end with a prayer that this Word will bear fruit in our lives, helping us to become holier and more faithful people.

3. **Get the whole story! When selecting a Bible, look for a Catholic edition.** A Catholic edition will include the Church's complete list of sacred books along with introductions and notes for understanding the text. A Catholic edition will have an *imprimatur* notice on the back of the title page. An *imprimatur* indicates that the book is free of errors in Catholic doctrine.

4. **The Bible isn't a book. It's a library.** The Bible is a collection of 73 books written over the course of many centuries. The books include royal history, prophecy, poetry, challenging letters to struggling new faith communities, and believers' accounts of the preaching and passion of Jesus. Knowing the genre of the book you are reading will help you understand the literary tools the author is using and the meaning the author is trying to convey.

5. **Know what the Bible is – and what it isn't.** The Bible is the story of God's relationship with the people he has called to himself. It is not intended to be read as history text, a science book, or a political manifesto. In the Bible, God teaches us the truths that we need for the sake of our salvation.

6. **The sum is greater than the parts.** Read the Bible in context. What happens before and after – even in other books – helps us to understand the true meaning of the text.

7. **The Old relates to the New.** The Old Testament and the New Testament shed light on each other. While we read the Old Testament in light of the death and resurrection of Jesus, it has its own value as well. Together, these testaments help us to understand God's plan for human beings.

8. **You do not read alone.** By reading and reflecting on Sacred Scripture, Catholics join those faithful men and women who have taken God's Word to heart and put it into practice in their lives. We read the Bible within the tradition of the Church to benefit from the holiness and wisdom of all the faithful.

9. **What is God saying to me?** The Bible is not addressed only to long-dead people in a faraway land. It is addressed to each of us in our own unique situations. When we read, we need to understand what the text says and how the faithful have understood its meaning in the past. In light of this understanding, we then ask: What is God saying to me?

10. **Reading isn't enough.** If Scripture remains just words on a page, our work is not done. We need to meditate on the message and put it into action in our lives. Only then can the word be "living and effective." (Hebrews 4:12).