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## Why Mother's Day is truly for every mom out there



Cerith Gardiner - published on 05/07/24

*A writer recently shared how Mother's Day was a day just for her. She couldn't be further from the truth.*

This Sunday is a day that celebrates moms across many countries in the world. Yet, according to an article in *Scary Mommy*, the mothers that should be celebrated are those of young kids, and older mothers and mothers-in-law should be left by the wayside.

In fact the writer's own words after describing a Mother's Day in which she had to consider the older mothers in the family were:

*The way I see it, moms who have young kids living at home do enough. We are the ones in the trenches and we deserve a day that's for us. The truth is, our mothers and mothers-in-law aren't running kids to practice, making dinner for a family every night, or doing any of the hard labor we are. There was a time when they did, but now, we're up. We are the ones who deserve to do whatever we want on that day and, if that means canceling plans with our mothers and MILs, then so be it."*

I must admit my immediate reaction was that this mom came across as being entitled, demanding, and selfish. This may seem harsh but as a mom-of-four myself, I feel there's nothing better than being able to celebrate *all* the mothers in my family.

After all, without them my own kids wouldn't be here, and they wouldn't have the vast number of cousins to play with. And, beyond that, I want to acknowledge my mom for all she has done for me in my childhood *and* adulthood. And if that means a joint celebration, then lucky me!

Many people commented on the article stating that adult kids can be more mentally exhausting for mothers as the issues they're dealing with tend to be more significant. A simple band-aid will not fix the problem, and more often than not the parent has no say or control in what their adult child is doing.

Others pointed out just how much they'd love to be able to spend the day with their mother who'd already passed away: a poignant reminder to cherish our own mothers while we still can.

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## The true meaning of Mother's Day

However, I suppose what really struck me from the writer's position was her level of annoyance in having to consider anyone else on this day. It's as if she didn't quite understand the meaning of Mother's Day.

While it might be lovely for a mom to be able to put her feet up for a bit, it's actually a day for children to reach out to their mothers and express their love and gratitude. Whether this is through a meaningful card, a trip to a restaurant, or phone call to share their love is up to the child.

The actual origins of Mother's Day stem from an American woman, Anna Jarvis, wanting to honor her dead mother for all the sacrifices she'd made. Jarvis' "version of the day involved wearing a white carnation as a badge and visiting one's mother or attending church services," according to History.com.

And perhaps that's what the writer needs to consider: **Mother's Day is about acknowledging all the mothers out there, no matter their age or position in life.** And most importantly, it has to come from the heart.

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## Mass Intentions

### Saturday, May 9, Vigil for the Sixth Sunday of Easter

4:00 p.m. Jon White (liv)

### Sunday, May 10, Sixth Sunday of Easter

8:00 a.m. Glen Davis (dec)

9:30 a.m. Mass for Parishioners

11:30 a.m. William Murray (dec)

### Monday, May 11, Monday of the Sixth Week of Easter

8:00 a.m. Maria and Alexander Sarmiento (liv)

### Tuesday, May 12, Tuesday of the Sixth Week of Easter

8:00 a.m. Jenny Mojica (liv)

### Wednesday, May 13, Wednesday of the Sixth Week of Easter

8:00 a.m. Mass for Vocations

### Thursday, May 14, Feast of Saint Matthias, Apostle

8:00 a.m. Rick Bleakley (dec)

### Friday, May 15, Friday of the Sixth Week of Easter

8:00 a.m. Judith Maginot (dec)

### Saturday, May 16, Vigil for The Ascension of the Lord

4:00 p.m. Kevin and Cassandra Birchfield (liv)

### Sunday, May 17, The Ascension of the Lord

8:00 a.m. Joan Cary (dec)

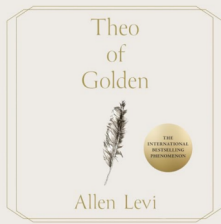
9:30 a.m. Mass for Parishioners

11:30 a.m. Ann McNamara (liv)

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May 10, 2026

## Sixth Sunday of Easter

Acts 8:5-8, 14-17 | 1 Pt 3:15-18 | Jn 14:15-21

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DISCIPLE

### **GROW AS A DISCIPLE** | PRAY, STUDY, ENGAGE, SERVE

Several years ago, while praying in the presence of the Blessed Sacrament, I heard the words, “I just couldn’t bear to leave you.” It was one of the clearest responses to prayer that I have experienced, and it occurred at a time when I was feeling incredibly lonely. I have spent years reflecting on those words, which resurface often as I receive Christ in the Eucharist. In the Gospel today, I hear echoes of those words again as Christ explains to the Apostles the many ways in which they – and we – will not be abandoned after his ascension into heaven. As the rest of the Gospel unfolds, the events of his passion and resurrection reveal the Lord’s faithfulness to them. After the resurrection, the Apostles know they can trust his word because they remember Jesus’ promise that the Father will send an Advocate to be with them. We, also, can trust him believing that out of complete and utter love for humanity, Jesus remains with us.

### **GO EVANGELIZE**

#### **PRAYER, INVITATION, WITNESS, ACCOMPANIMENT**

The Apostles accompanied one another in their community of faith, and they walked with those who had recently responded to God’s call to know the truth, as we see with the newly baptized in Samaria. In our lives today, the value of accompaniment cannot be underestimated. In our busy world when it is easy to feel disconnected and alone, being with one another is a powerful way to be a vessel through which Christ proclaims his promise to never leave us. By sitting with another in a time of grief, listening to the questions of a friend who is struggling, or rejoicing with a friend in response to good news, we accompany each other through life’s ups and downs. Sometimes accompaniment consists of proclaiming the Good News of Christ’s love and thereby helping others to have the courage to do the same. In whatever ways we are called to accompany another in their journey of faith, we do so with the promise that Christ is doing the same for us.

### **ACCOMPANY**

In this joyful season of Easter, we continue to celebrate those who entered or were fully welcomed into the Catholic Church at the Easter Vigil. This week, consider reaching out to someone who is new to the Church to celebrate with them, offer your continued prayers for them, or invite them to a parish event.



### Are You Hoping to Receive One of the Following Sacraments With Us?

#### Matrimony

Congratulations on your engagement! Every Diocese in Florida requires at least six months preparation before marriage. Please call our Pastor, Fr. Wayne Genereux, at the Parish Office for an appointment before setting a date.

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### Blessing for Mother's Day

Dear Lord,

*Pour your goodness and grace upon the women of our community today in a special way. For mothers: fill them with joy and blessing.*

*For those who have lost children: hold them in their sorrow.*

*For those who have hoped for children: surround them with Your love.*

*For those who have lost a mother: may they know Your comfort.*

*For those carrying difficulty on this day: bring them consolation.*

*Bless all women this day. Thank you for the love they bring to this world, no matter their circumstances or story.*

*Amen.*

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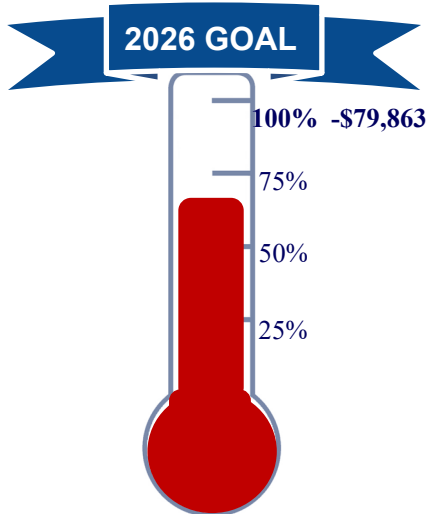
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**ARE YOU  
Ready?  
for Pentecost 2026**

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

The word Pentecost comes from the Greek word pentekoste, meaning fifteenth and is celebrated 50 days after Easter. This feast marks the end of the Easter season and the official beginning of our Church.

Pentecost is the day on which the apostles received the gift of Holy Spirit: God's own Divine Life.

It is a time for renewal, spiritual transformation and empowerment, therefore, it is essential that we approach this Sacred Feast with reverence, openness and expectant faith.

Join us as we prepare our hearts to receive the fullness of the  
Holy SPIRIT on

**Tuesday, May 19 at 7:00 pm in the Parish Center**

We will be sharing why and how Pentecost matters in 2026 and the immeasurable impact the Holy Spirit can make in our lives today.

### Everyday Stewardship

My children could never succeed without their mother and me. That isn't me thinking too much of ourselves, it is just a fact. No one can find success in life in total isolation. I could never have become who I am today without my parents, various teachers and mentors, and my wife. Truth be told, I probably owe a lot of who I am to my children as well.

I can only imagine the fear and concern of the first disciples when it was apparent that Jesus was not going to be with them much longer. Some probably thought since Jesus had risen from the dead, he might just live with them in the same way forever. But Jesus tried to calm their fears by assuring them, "I will not leave you orphans." He said he would continue to come to them and that he would send the Spirit to be with them at all times. They would not have to continue what he had started and preach the good news to the ends of the earth on their own.

We may sometimes feel that we are alone. We may at times try to do too much or show others that we are independent and strong. However, without the help of others, without the help of God, true success will always elude us. Our actions and words can become empty. The gifts we have received can either be cultivated in secret and in the shadows, or we can welcome the help that God provides in his Spirit, his community, and the sacraments he gave us. By working together the world will truly know the power of the risen Lord.

Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS © Liturgical Publications Inc

## Upcoming Events

<b>Saturday, May 9</b>		
2:30 pm-3:30 pm Confessions		CR
<b>Sunday, May 10 ~ Mother's Day</b>		
Coffee and Donuts after the 8:00 am and 9:30 am Masses		CYH
May Crowning on The Green after the 9:30 am Mass		
<b>Monday, May 11</b>		
6:30 pm "Life in the Spirit" Prayer Meeting		CYH
<b>Tuesday, May 12</b>		
10:00 am Scripture Class		CYH
<b>Wednesday, May 13</b>		
Adoration		
5:30 pm Rosary		CH
6:00 pm- 7:00 pm Holy Hour		CH
<b>Thursday, May 14</b>		
10:00 am Book Club		FF
4:00 pm St. Vincent de Paul Meeting		FF
6:30 pm Choir Practice		MR
<b>Saturday, May 16</b>		
2:30 pm-3:30 pm Confessions		CR
<b>Sunday, May 17</b>		
Coffee and Donuts after the 8:00 am and 9:30 am Masses		CYH
<b>Monday, May 18</b>		
6:30 pm "Life in the Spirit" Prayer Meeting		CYH
<b>Tuesday, May 19</b>		
10:00 am Scripture Class		CYH
7:00 pm Preparing for Pentecost Night		PC
<b>Wednesday, May 20</b>		
Adoration		
5:30 pm Rosary		CH
6:00 pm- 7:00 pm Holy Hour		CH
<b>Thursday, May 21</b>		
6:30 pm Choir Practice		MR
<b>Saturday, May 23</b>		
2:30 pm-3:30 pm Confessions		CR

### Key for Events

PC= Parish Center, MR=Music Room, CYH= Courtyard Hall, CR=Cry Room  
 CYH-1= Courtyard Hall Classroom #1, CH=Church, FF= Faith Formation Room  
 PL= Parking Lot



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Rev. Wayne C. Genereux

### Clergy Assistance

Fr. Jack McDowell, OFM  
 Fr. Randall Roberts, OFM  
 Fr. Anthony Fortunato, OdeM  
 Fr. Ken Breen, OdeM  
 Fr. Victor Bartolotta  
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### Mass Schedule

#### Weekday Masses

Monday - Friday 8:00 am

#### Weekend Masses

Saturday Vigil at 4:00 pm

#### Sunday

8:00 am, 9:30 am and 11:30 am

Follow the Sunday Mass on our website, [btsp.org](http://btsp.org)

### Confessions

Saturdays 2:30-3:30 pm

### Parish Office

Monday-Friday  
 9:00 am-12:00 pm and 1-4 pm  
 Closed for Lunch Noon to 1:00 pm

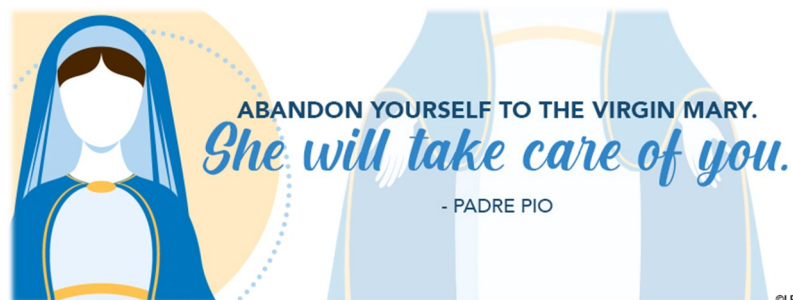
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Dear Brothers and Sisters,

I am very happy to let you know that I have a new position at Blessed Trinity. You will no longer find me at the front desk at the parish office, as I am now a **Pastoral Associate**.

This new position allows me to serve our parish more fully by allowing me to use my counselling and inner healing formation, psycho-spiritual workshop/teaching experiences, witness talks, and Spiritual Director Certification **"full time"** in a part time ministry position.

**My new responsibilities will include:**

- Creating a "Spiritual Care Ministry Program" to meet the interests and needs of our parishioners living independently, with assisted care or in skilled nursing facilities in the seven Senior Living Communities within our parish boundaries. I will offer talks, group sharing and be available for "one on one" visits.
- Presenting Advent/Lenten "Missions" as needed
- Offering New Adult Faith Formation programs
- Continuing a Grief Support Ministry
- Starting a "Soul Sisters" women's support group
- Presenting "Restoring the Sacred" talks with Joe Ciminera
- Being available for individual counselling

If you have any questions or suggestions or just want to go have a coffee and chat about stuff...please call me at 727-867-3663 Or email me at:

[rmd@btsp.org](mailto:rmd@btsp.org) and I'll get back to you asap. Please keep me in your prayers. Blessings,

*Rachel*

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### Anointing of the Sick



To request the Anointing of the Sick for yourself or a loved one, please contact the parish office, 727-867-3663.

### Grief Support

At this time, individual/one-on-one *Grief Support* is available by calling Rachel at the church office. Group support meetings will take place when a group is formed. For more information call 867-3663.

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