



Tribute To Mother

Mothers are everything for us when we are small...our lives revolve around her.

For everything that we need we call mother. To protect us from all perceivable dangers, we want her around us. To take us out, we hold her arms.

To kiss away our wounds, we run to her. And for a warm hug and love, we look for her. She is the focal point of our lives, the greatest human being in the world or should we say divinity on earth. On the special occasion of Mothers Day pay tribute to your mother - the greatest blessing of God on you

<http://www.mothersdaycelebration.com>

The Month of May

a month of celebrations and commemorations

Did you know that Bing Crosby recorded **White Christmas** in May of 1942?

On May 8th in 1886, Atlanta pharmacist Dr. John Styth Pemberton introduced syrup designed to relieve headaches. The "medicine" became known as Coca-Cola.

In 1987 Congress established May 1st as **Mother Goose Day** to encourage the reading of these classic children's rhymes.

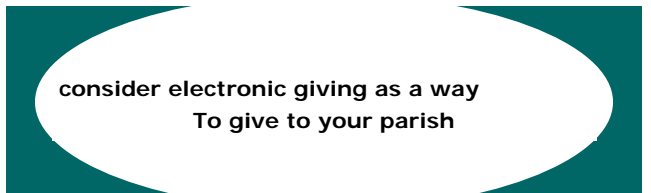
Memorial Day observed on May 31 this is a time to remember and honor those who have given us this great gift of life, liberty and our pursuit of happiness.

Avoid the Summer Slump

Help your parish avoid the annual "summer slump."

Every summer the offering drops when parishioners are out of town for vacation, and for most folks, if we aren't present at Mass, obviously we aren't there to put our offertory in the basket.

In the meantime, the bills and necessary expenses to carry on the parish ministry continue on during the summer and must be paid.



The solution? You plan ahead for your vacation and make reservations and send deposits for your hotel and other accommodations.

In the same way, consider electronic giving as a way

To give to your parish whether you are on vacation or miss Mass due to poor weather or health.

Then, whether you are vacationing or unable to attend Mass, you will know that the mission and ministry of the parish can continue unhindered.



WHERE ARE YOU GOING?



Many youth in the parish will graduate from high school or college during May and June.

A question for all the graduates is:

"Quo Vadis?" where are you going?

The obvious answer is that you are going the same direction you were before graduation. A cap and gown doesn't make any real difference in you. There are only two directions for life and two destinations.

The way to Hell has both an express route and a longer, slower way. The express route is selfishness. The slower route is indifference, but it gets you to the same place.

The way to Heaven is the way of love, the way of learning to care about others and about God. Love is the greatest thing in the world for "God is love."

We wish every graduate Godspeed in the right direction.

A Child's Point of View

If you could change one thing about your Mom, what would it be?



1. She has this weird thing about me keeping my room clean. I'd get rid of that.

2. I'd make my Mom smarter. Then she would know it was my sister who did it and not me.

3. I would like for her to get rid of those invisible eyes on the back of her head.



Send Us Your Best Word

Rudyard Kipling at one time was so popular, his writings were getting the then tremendous sum of ten shillings per word.

A few college students, however, didn't appreciate Kipling's writings; they facetiously sent him a letter enclosing ten shillings. It read, "Please, send us your best word."

They got a letter back from Kipling, "Thanks."

The Importance of a Last Will and Testament

Through your Last Will and Testament you can also help those deprived and less fortunate, to learn of God's infinite love and compassion by leaving a legacy through the Church. After considering your family and friends in your Will, why not think of leaving a gift to the family of the Church? It is a way of thanking God for the blessings you have received during your life and a wonderful way of ensuring that the faith and values we cherish will be carried on in the future.

How will your bequest help? Depending on your designation(s), your gift could be used to care for the aged; the poor and those in need of any kind; to provide for the formation and training of priests; to assist poor parishes; to extend special ministries and missions; or for any purpose which the Bishop in his discretion may think fit.

Discuss these options with your financial advisor or those who assist you in these matters.

Finally, keep your Will in a safe place and make sure your family and attorney know where to find it.

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