

Being a mother will bring amongst much trouble and sorrow also a great many and deep joys. Be it at birth, when the child may lie in his mother's arms for the first time, be it the first word which the child utters, or a caress: "I love you, mother!" But where there is great love, there is also great pain. Both of these are like brother and sister and always go together. Look at Golgotha: What an absolute love and what a deep pain!

My dearly beloved, on this day do not so much show your love to the mothers with words and garlands, but rather with silent deeds. Because in most cases mothers do not think much of a great hullabaloo. The silent experience of love means much more to them. Because being allowed to receive and experience all possible love on mother's day, how great it could be, and then falling into oblivion again for a whole year, just hurts all the more. Therefore, give to your mothers what is befitting to give to them, and give to the Mother of GOD what is due to the Mother of GOD.

For all mothers, wherever they may be in the world, whoever they may be, we will wholeheartedly intercede in the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass, that they may obtain rich grace and new strength for their often so difficult task. Amen!



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**Be blessed by GOD TRINITY,
the + FATHER and the + SON
and the + HOLY GHOST. Amen!**

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Sermon

of the *Sword-Bishop*

Mother's Day Feast of the Motherhood of Mary

Being Mother of GOD, my dearly beloved, is the most precious, most beautiful and most noble crown of Mary, it is her most sublime title. So if you want to honour her, say to her: „Mother of GOD!“ Mary has lived up to this motherhood in a perfect manner. Be it during her pregnancy, be it while nursing and bringing up the Infant JESUS – and how much was she Mother when standing under the cross of her Son. Therefore, it is only fair that today we celebrate her motherhood with all “pomp and circumstance.” But what would a feast be without guests? Mary, the Mother of the LORD, is a generous host. Today she invites all mothers to celebrate this fantastic feast of motherhood with her.

It is an interesting contemplation: Mary clothed GOD in the Child JESUS with flesh and blood. Our mothers also clothe the souls of the children, who come from GOD's breath, with flesh and blood.

It is often overlooked that in addition to the bodily motherhood there is a spiritual motherhood as well, which is above the bodily one and is consequently more burdensome. – Mary does not only bear the physical motherhood, but also the spiritual motherhood. „When JESUS saw His Mother there, and the disciple whom He loved standing nearby, He said to her: ‚Woman, here is your son!‘ and to the disciple: ‚Here is your Mother!‘“ The SAVIOUR said these words when He was suffering on the cross, and by doing so raised Mary, His faithful Mother, to the high dignity of spiritual motherhood for all of GOD's children. Therefore, you, too, may go to her and say “Mamma” and she will lovingly listen to you. And if you cherish childlike love towards GOD, she will be pleased to be watching your earthly life.

Mary, Vessel of Motherhood

My dearly beloved, Mary cannot be the origin of motherliness, though. She is not GOD! I will tell you something now which may amaze you: GOD is fatherly and at the same time GOD is motherly! That this is true is revealed by the SAVIOUR Himself when He lamented: „Jerusalem, Jerusalem, ... how often I have longed to gather your children together, as a hen gathers her chicks under her wings, and you were not willing!“ – My dearly beloved, wanting to gather one’s children under one’s wings, that is motherly.

It is, however, very difficult for man to see in GOD, who is rather known as the FATHER, the motherliness as well. And what does GOD do in His love? He creates for Himself an appropriate, most pure vessel, Mary, and places in her His motherliness, so that we may recognise His motherliness in her. Because GOD IS and Mary HAS! – How great this motherliness in Mary is, can be distinguished by the extent to which she is honoured by GOD as a Mother. And we ought to follow this example.

You see, everything that comes from GOD can lead back towards GOD! A veneration that stops at a creature would be idolatry. – The Creator reveals Himself in all that is created. All you have to do is open your heart in a childlike awestruck contemplation to the glory of GOD, and the Creator of all things will be revealed to you. GOD wants to reveal Himself to us in His whole creation, so that we in the name of creation – because man is the summit of creation – may love, praise, and bless Him.

Honour Your Father and Your Mother

The veneration of Mary is often denounced as idolatry. No! It is written: „You shall honour your father and your mother, so that it may go well with you and you may live long on earth.“ And if GOD commands that we should honour our natural mother, how much more does it apply to the Mother of our Redeemer who joined in bearing so much pain and sorrow because of our sins. „Honour your father and your mother!“ – Could you imagine the Mother of GOD, after fulfilment of her earthly mission, being put aside by GOD like a worn-out tool? No, never. We pray “Who has crowned You, O Virgin, in Heaven!” and in the Magnificat it is said: „Behold, from now on all generations will call me blessed!“ If GOD gives us such a great example of veneration, it is an invitation to us to contribute whatever we can as well.

However, “so that it may go well with you” does not only mean that it should consequently go well with you just here on earth, but that it shall go well with you in Eternity. I mean, your life on earth can be compared to the life in a narrow larva of a butterfly. But in this cocoon, in which you have to go through a number of battles, you will grow wings which will in turn carry you into Heaven, when at death you hatch out of the larva. But many hatch out much too early from their cocoons, in order to live their lives “well” just for this world. And so they will not have wings to carry them into Heaven, and they will fall into eternal damnation.

The Mother of GOD Sanctified the Female Sex

When just a moment ago I was looking at the young boys here, who like real Christians are attached to GOD, GOD showed me the following picture: A man is created totally oriented towards GOD so as to stand firm like a rock and to stand up for GOD. People often mock: „Praying, going to church is women’s business!“ No, it would be a man’s business to go to GOD. – The woman is created to support the man in this respect and to help him. With Adam the Evil One would not have had a chance at all, because Adam’s eyes were absolutely focused on GOD. The woman, Eve, is more emotional and as a result more responsive to everything around her. That is also one of the reasons why GOD assigned the priesthood to the man. – So, you educators, see to it that you teach this to the boys. Look how much the Mother of GOD supported her Son in it, raising the whole female sex to such a high honour and dignity. For this, she truly deserves praise and gratitude.

Another Mother’s Day Present

My dearly beloved, do you know that we are here on earth to make GOD in his unfathomable happiness even more happy? It is true that it is a daring statement, but if you have a childlike heart, you can do it. In the morning when getting up, give Him a cheerful smile in new willingness despite hardship and suffering, and you have pleased GOD, you have enhanced His joy in Heaven. Is it not awesome to be able to do this! – Well, do you already have a mother’s day present for the Mother of GOD? How about making her happy? A happiness that will make her blessedness even deeper and more blissful? Happiness by daily making your heavenly Mother smile with a childlike loving heart, and by doing so easing her heart which is often so full of worries. – It would also be a mother’s day present!
