

Christ Our Hope Catholic Church

Faith in Laity Corner



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Reading: John 10:27-30

4th Week of Easter

Mothers Are Shepherds Too!!

Happy Mother's Day 2019!! Here we are on the fourth Sunday of Easter and celebrating the day set aside for the world to acknowledge the work and worth of a mother. No words, nor gifts can fully demonstrate the role of a mother. We try, but most times we fall short. It is hoped that we not only spend this day extolling her goodness but the other days of the year, there is a need for ongoing appreciation. For many Mother's Day is bittersweet, as many of our mothers or grandmothers or women who cared for us have died, and are now before God; we pray that He will be gracious and merciful towards them.

It has been established by neonate researchers that a mother's mental and health condition impacts the development of the unborn child. The first understanding of the world comes through the interaction or lack thereof from the mother. Babies learn the trust, comfort

and self-esteem for themselves through the nurturing words and care of the mother. There is enough documented inquiry which points to the underlying cause of mass killers, self-destructive behaviors or those who never adjusted to the human society, as being the effects of some type of trauma or negative experience that was triggered in some way by the mother.

This week we Gospel focus on the qualities of a Good Shepherds Mothers are the shepherds of their children and families. Just as a 'good shepherd' is watchful of the sheep, so is a mother over her children and other people's children too. God created most women with that nurturing gene, which allows the qualities of a good shepherd to be manifested.

Shepherds protect their sheep from wolves, going astray and danger. Yes, mothers spend most of their lives caring, protecting, praying and concern for the dangers their children may encounter. They never give up trying to help, guide or advice; even when the case appears hopeless- a mother's love is there. Mothers make countless sacrifices, without expectation or sometimes appreciation or acknowledgement for what was done. Yes, our mothers represent the 'Good Shepherds' that Jesus spoke about...

"My sheep hear my voice; I know them, and they follow me." (Jn. 10:27)

Mothers voice is the first one a baby recognizes and can smell and will obey this voice. When we become God's sheep, we will know His voice our hearts.

Happy Mother's Day with Blessings!!!

We pray for our mothers who have died, may God give them His peace and light.

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