

**The Reflection from Pastor Fr. John  
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**HAPPY MOTHER'S DAY**

If you ever watched The Passion of the Christ, one couldn't help but to be moved both emotionally and intellectually. I remember going to the theater to watch the movie back in 2004 when it was released and remember everyone leaving the theater in complete silence.

One of my most memorable moments in the movie is the interaction between Jesus and his mother, especially in the flashback scenes. St. Luke tells us that after Jesus returned home with his parents following being lost in the temple, he "was obedient to them... And Jesus advanced [in] wisdom and age and favor before God and man."

Recognizing that St. Luke most likely heard the story from the Blessed Virgin herself, it's easy to imagine the child Jesus receiving instruction from his parents, especially his mother. Mothers are typically the primary evangelizer of the family and personally my faith is in large part a product of me mother's influence.

Like Mary, mothers are diligent in transmitting their knowledge of God and their faith in the Risen Christ to their children, securing for their children, salvation. In this Sunday's Gospel Jesus announces that by allowing him to enter their hearts, people discover the fullness of life that only he can offer, a life that is not limited by death.

We give thanks to God for all mothers and those with a mother's heart, through the intercession of our Blessed Virgin Mary may God continue bless them and to keep them safe.

May the Risen Lord continue to bless us with his presence and peace during this Easter Season!

**Father John Carlos**

来自本堂神父的信息 (the message from Fr. John Carlos)

母亲节快乐

如果你曾观看过基督的苦难这部片子，你会在情感和理智上感动到不能自拔。我记得在 2004 年这部影片刚出来时我就去电影院观看了。我还记得电影结束后，每个人都肃穆地离开影院。

影片中让我记忆最深刻之一就是耶稣和他母亲的互动，特别是影片中的倒叙特写镜头。圣路加告诉我们，当耶稣父母在圣殿找到他们“丢失”的耶稣后，他便跟父母返回家中，顺服他们。耶稣的智慧，年纪，和宠爱在天主和人前逐渐增长。

据认为圣路加很可能是从童贞圣母那里打听到耶稣的故事的。我们很容易地就会想像到孩提时代的耶稣是从他的父母那里接受教育的，特别是从他的母亲那里得到教导。母亲们通常是家庭里最主要的启蒙福传师。我的信仰在很大程度上就归功于我母亲的影响。

就像圣母玛利亚，许多母亲们不遗余力地把自己对天主的知识和基督复活的信仰传授给孩子们，以保证她们的孩子们将来能得到救赎。在今天的主日福音中耶稣明确指出，如果人们接纳祂，他们生命会变得圆满而超越死亡。

透过我们的童贞荣福玛利亚的代祷，我们感谢天主并恳请上主降福所有的母亲们和那些拥有母亲般心的人们，及保佑她们平安。

在这复活季节里愿复活的主继续降幅我们，保守我们平安！

**若望卡洛斯神父**