

The Reflection from Pastor Fr. John Carlos, Holy Cross Church, Harrison, NJ, May 8, 2022

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.

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 bless us with his presence and peace during this Easter Season,

Father John Carlos