



## Motherhood: Children Are a Gift From God (part 1 of 3)

*Pope Francis was quoted in a sermon in 2014, "Children cry, they are noisy, they don't stop moving. But it really irritates me when I see a child crying in church and someone says they must go out. God's voice is in a child's tears: they must never be kicked out of church."*

As Mother's Day fast approaches, we look at the efforts of mothers in bringing their children up in the Lord. Mothers are the ones who children go to when they are in need. In church, it is the same. Mothers meet the needs of their children whether it is teaching them the faith, helping them to focus on the Liturgy, and most likely trying to keep their child from not making too much noise.

Our parish is known far and wide as a kid friendly parish. The Vicar General, Fr. Mike, made a comment: "a parish without the sound of children is one that will not be here in the near future." Children are the present and future of the parish. He continued: "Your parish is small but alive. It is truly blessed."

When we anoint infants with Chrism at their Baptism, we anoint their eyes, ears, nostrils, mouth, chest, hands, and feet saying "The seal of the gift of the Holy Spirit." These are the senses that the Holy Spirit empowers so that we learn about the world we live in and the One who made it. That learning process doesn't begin at the "age of reason." It begins at birth and it is an ongoing process. Young children take in what is around them. As we accommodate to them, they learn to adapt to the world they live in.

We are reminded of the Pharisee and Publican and how the Pharisee was a great temple person who did all the right things but for the wrong reasons. He was prideful, arrogant, and had no love for his brother. Being in the temple on a regular basis did him no good. If we are going to help young children to get in touch with that God-given desire to give glory to God, we adults need to be coming to Church with that same desire. Worship is the time to "lay aside all cares of life, that we may receive the King of All escorted invisibly by ranks of angels."

When we hear the "holy noise" of children in Church it should make us very happy because it tells us the parish has a future. We should be worried when we no longer hear that noise!

Neither should we expect young children to sit there quietly and act like adults; because they aren't adults. For a child, waiting for one minute is like ten minutes.

Now we have a good group of very little children who come to Liturgy. But, of course, they come as very little children. They're sometimes nervous, squirmy, noisy, and fussy. They fall down and hurt themselves and cry. To a large extent, we have to accept them as they are.

We are thankful to the moms as they endure the struggle of bringing their children to church. May our Lady, the Mother of our Lord be with all mothers and their children.

*The presence of children in worship is a gift from our Lord, and a reminder that our parish is growing. Any noise that our children may make during the Divine Liturgy is pleasing to God's ears, and welcomed!*



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# Our Weekly Bulletin

Week of  
May 2 to May 9, 2021

## Welcome to our Parish

Christ is Risen!  
Indeed, He is Risen!

### Divine Liturgies and Services for the Week

<b>Sunday, May 2</b>	Sunday of the Samaritan Woman	✠ Casimir Zajdel
<b>May 3</b>	No Liturgy	
<b>May 4</b>	No Liturgy	
<b>May 5</b>	No Liturgy	
<b>May 6</b>	No Liturgy	
<b>May 7</b>	No Liturgy	
<b>May 8</b>	No Liturgy	
<b>Sunday, May 9</b>	Sunday of the Man Born Blind	Millie Deskevich

*If you are looking for a closer relationship with Jesus Christ and are looking for a home, you are welcome to be part of our family in Christ. You have found your way home.*

## 5th Sunday of Pascha - The Samaritan Woman

Acts 11:19-26

John 4:5-42

*Troparion (Tone 4)*

When the disciples of the Lord learned from the angel the glorious news of the resurrection and cast off the ancestral condemnation, they proudly told the apostles: "Death has been plundered! Christ our God is risen, granting to the world great mercy."

*Troparion (Tone 8)*

At the mid-point of the Feast, O Savior, water my thirsty soul with streams of true godliness; for You cried out to all: Let any who thirst, come to Me and drink. O Savior of life, Christ our God, Glory to You!

*Kondakion (Tone 8)*

Glory be ... Drawn to the well by faith, the Samaritan woman beheld You, the Water of wisdom, and drinking abundantly of You, she inherited the heavenly Kingdom forever, becoming everlastingly glorious.

*Kondakion (Tone 4)*

Now and forever... At the mid-point of the feast according to the Law, Maker of all things and Master, You said to those present, O Christ God: Come, and draw the water of immortality. And so we fall before You crying out with faith: Grant us Your mercies, for You are the source of our life.

*Prokeimen (Tone 6)*

Sing to our God, sing; sing to our King, sing.

*verse:* Clap your hands, all you nations; shout unto God with the voice of joy.

Sing to our God, sing; sing to our King, sing.

*Alleluia*

Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia

*Verse* Poise yourself and advance in triumph and reign in the cause of truth, meekness, and justice.

Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia

*Verse* You have loved justice and hated iniquity.

Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia

*Hymn to the Mother of God*

Virginity is alien to mothers and childbearing is foreign to virgins; yet in you, O Mother of God, both of them came together. Therefore we and all the nations of the earth without ceasing magnify you.

## PARISH NEWS

**Weekly Collection** - April 25, 2021 - \$340.00. Thank you for your generosity.

**Confessions** - Father will hear confessions following Sunday Liturgies.

**Safety Precautions** - With the increase in cases of the virus and to keep our church open, remember to social distance and wear a mask

**Saturdays with Jesus** - The next meeting will be:

Saturday, May 8, 2021 - 2:00PM. - Children from 5 to 11

Saturday, May 15, 2021 - 1:00PM - adults

**Mother's Day Treat** - A lite luncheon will be served to **everyone** to honor all mothers: those who have passed, those who are and those who will be.

**Ascension Day** - There will Divine liturgy for the Ascension of our Lord May 12 at 6:00PM.

**Blessing of Graves** - May 30th is the tentative date for the blessing of graves at Holy Name Cemetery following the Sunday Liturgy. A Panakhyda will be prayer for all of the deceased families of the parishioners then the graves will be blessed for those buried at the cemetery.

### Prayer List

**Parishioners:** Michael Lutak, Kathy Ott, Michael Yendzik, Sarah Kelt, Gary Maurer, Michael Lutak Jeremiah Hunt

**Friends of the Parish:** Jennifer Maurer, Breanna Borlie, Tom and Kris, Mark Prewitt, Richard Shonk, Ryder McDermitt, Fr. Wolodymyr Woloszczuk, Steve Helsel, Patricia Dragani, Kevin Rogers, Darla Tishok, the Sherman family, the Williams family.

*To add or remove a name, place your request in the collection basket.*

### Joke of the Day

Miss Jones had just given her second-grade students a science lesson. She had explained about magnets, and showed how they would pick up nails and other bits of iron. Now it was question time.

Miss Jones said, "My name begins with the letter 'M' and I pick up things. What am I?"

A little boy in the front row proudly said, "You're a mother!"

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