

WEEKLY MEDITATION for Sixth Sunday of Easter

In today's Gospel reading, Jesus says to the apostles, "Peace I leave with you, my peace I give to you. Not as the world gives do I give it to you."

Peace is not just the absence of war or troubles. Peace is a state of inner calm, and designates right relations with God and with oth-



ers. A peace in this complete sense, a peace that surpasses all human thought, cannot be created by human effort alone. It is a gift of God.

Jesus, who is truly God and truly human, is able to offer such peace to his followers. Peace is communion with God. Jesus, who is one

with the Father, offers us communion with God, the gift of peace.

When Jesus appeared to the apostles after the Resurrection, he didn't scold them for failing him. Instead, he entered the room they had locked because of fear and he said, "Peace be with you." Fortunate are we if we taste the peace of Jesus — peace the world cannot give!

WISDOM'S CORNER

The little child's angel

A baby asked God, "They tell me that tomorrow I will be born, but how am I going to survive, being so small and helpless?"

God said, "Your angel will be waiting for you and take care of you. Your angel will sing to you and smile at you, and you will feel your angel's love and be very happy."

The baby asked, "And how am I going to be able to talk and understand when people talk to me?"

God said, "Your angel will tell you the most beautiful and sweet words you will ever hear, and with much patience and care your angel will teach you how to speak."

"And what am I going to do when I want to talk to you, Lord?"

God said, "Your angel will place your hands together and teach you how to pray."

"Who will protect me?"

God said, "Your angel will defend you even if it means risking the angel's own life."

And God added, "Your angel will always talk to you about me and will teach you the way to live that pleases me, even though I will always be close to you."

The baby hurriedly asked one more question: "God, please tell me my angel's name."

God said, "You may simply call her, 'Mom'."

THOUGHT OF THE WEEK

"The mother's heart is the child's classroom."

Dear friends,

Mother

Every one of us has memories of motherliness.

When Mother's Day arrives, it is as if the memory comes alive and we experience it all over again. My personal memories of my mother are full of beauty, love, and joy. She was a woman who loved very much, but never selfishly.

Here I share with you one particular memory. I had just come to Chicago and didn't know anyone. My brother, Fr. Ante, was suffering with cancer and was heading toward the end of life. Then my mother became ill. I visited her in October that year, and we spent 10 days together. She was very sick.

At one point, I said to her, "Mama, I will change my airline ticket and stay with you longer." In response, she smiled gently. Of course it pleased her, but after a brief pause she added, "My son, go ahead with your plans. I know that you must return to be with the people you were sent to serve. You must go. God will provide for me — he always has."

I soon returned to Chicago. God provided. My mother died peacefully 5 days before Christmas. Ever since then, whenever I think of motherhood, I always combine two concepts: love and selflessness. How wonderful to have them and have a mother — a woman who always prays — here on earth or in heaven!

Happy Mother's Day!

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"Do not let your hearts be troubled or afraid." John 14:27

THIS WEEK'S SECOND COLLECTION

Catholic Charities 2010 Mother's Day Appeal
Support Catholic Charities' life-saving work through your generosity. A hot meal, a home, professional help to become self-sufficient—all are provided through donations to the Catholic Charities. Please help.

Church attire and behavior...

There is a place that deserves our respect and dignity. Many people have an innate sense of this regard for holy places. Many people know how they should act in church, but not all!

Therefore, since the weather is growing warmer and summertime is near, please be mindful and considerate of what is proper attire and behavior in church, especially at Mass. The manner in which we dress and the ways we conduct ourselves are important!

**Mother's Day flowers
available after Masses**

Proceeds go to support the Women's Centers of Chicagoland, as they seek to help mothers with unborn children choose life. Please help support this great assistance to moms in crisis.

Book Club Meeting

Wednesday, May 12 at 7 p.m. in the Small Hall. The book is **The Piano Teacher** by Janice Y. K. Lee. All are welcome!



Mary Ruyechan, the mother of our dear former pastor, Fr. Matt Ruyechan, died suddenly last Sunday evening. Tuesday was her 82nd birthday. She was buried Wednesday in Rankin, Pennsylvania. Our sincere brotherly sympathy goes out to Fr. Matt, his brother William, and their entire family. Fr. Matt was our good and unforgettable pastor for 10 years, from 1985 until 1995. May her good soul rest in peace!

St. Jerome Events

Save the date and join us!

Friday, May 14, Daley Plaza: Croatian American Days

Sunday, May 16, Croatian American Day: Classical guitarist guest from Zagreb: Concert at University of Chicago's International House, 6 p.m. Free admission.

Monday, May 17, Chicago Cultural Center (Michigan Ave.) Book Presentation: *Croatians of Chicagoland* from 7 p.m. to 9 p.m. Bill Kurtis (Investigative Reports), Toni Kukoc (Chicago Bulls), Bill Rancic ("The Apprentice" show), Chris Zorich (Chicago Bears) and others will be in attendance. Free event, but passes needed.

Wednesday, May 19, St. Jerome School Spring Music Show at 7 p.m.

Sunday, May 23, St. Jerome Church, 1 p.m., Club Sinj annual memorial Mass & luncheon.

Thursday, May 27, Kindergarten graduation at 7 p.m.

Saturday, May 29, 8th Grade Graduation.

Sunday, May 30, Farewell reception for our former Custos, Fr. Marko Puljic.

Congratulations to 8th graders **Madeline Ecklund** and **Tristan Ochoa** for receiving the Club Maria SS. Incoronata Award. This award is given to those students who exemplify the highest standards of Catholic education and academic excellence. Congratulations!

St. Jerome Annual Golf Outing

Please reserve the date:

Monday, June 28. Silver Lakes Country Club in Orland Park. This annual Outing goes to help our School Projects.

- \$130.00 (18-hole course includes golf cart, lunch, dinner & open bar.)
- \$80.00 (9-hole course includes golf cart, lunch, dinner & open bar.)



*Forms are in this week's bulletins,
as well as in the back of our church.
Please join us to help our school.*

Please pray as a family — every night between 6 & 7 p.m.