

**Stewardship Thought**

There is a great joy in experiencing the reawaking of nature after winter. Spring is like the returning of a friend who has been away for some time. You can count on spring showing up every year at the same time and you can count on robins in the yard. You can also count on the Catholic Sharing Appeal showing up every spring. Just as spring time gives so much too so many so does the CSA.

By giving to the CSA both the giver and the receiver are blest. Let's focus

on the giver and why give. Here are just a few good reasons to give.

1. It is pleasing to God  
Hebrews 13:16 Do not neglect to do good and to share what you have, for such sacrifices are pleasing to God.
2. You will be blessed  
Proverbs 11:25 A generous person will prosper; whoever refreshes others will be refreshed.
3. We can receive by giving  
Luke 6:38 Give, and it will be given to you. A good measure, pressed

down, shaken together and running over, will be poured into your lap. For with the measure you use, it will be measured to you.

It's a little scary and it takes a lot of faith to give away our hard earned money, but God has promised us we will receive if we do so. Just like the horse goes before the cart the giving goes before the receiving, so take a leap of faith and give, for Jesus said "Give, and it will be given to you."

**The Stewardship Committee**

**Catholic 2017  
Sharing  
Appeal**

**"Give your Hands to Serve  
and your Hearts to Love"**

All gifts made to the Catholic Sharing Appeal (CSA) help fund ministries and programs that benefit the parishes, missions and schools throughout the Diocese of Wheeling-Charleston, as well as support for outreach programs through Catholic Charities West Virginia (CCWVa).

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**Sunday Masses:** 6:00 p.m. Saturday; 8:00 and 10:30 a.m. Sunday.  
**Weekday Mass:** 12:05 p.m. Monday through Friday; 9:00 a.m. Saturday.  
**Sacrament of Reconciliation:** 11:15-11:50 a.m. Friday; 5-5:45 p.m. Saturday.  
**Sacrament of the Sick and Communion to Homebound:** Call the parish office anytime to make arrangements.

*Il Corriere del Duomo*

*Weekly Journal for the Cathedral of St. Joseph*

*Loving God,  
as a mother gives life and  
nourishment to her children,  
so you watch over  
your Church.*

*Bless all mothers, that  
they may be strengthened  
in their vocation.*

*Let the example of their  
faith and love shine forth.  
Grant that their children  
may honor them always  
with a spirit of profound  
respect.*

*Grant this through Christ  
our Lord.*

*The Cathedral of St. Joseph  
wishes all of our Mothers a  
most Blessed Mother's Day*

# Mary Teaches People to Hope in Life's Darkest Moments, Pope Says

By Junno Arocho  
Esteves Catholic News Service

**VATICAN CITY (CNS)**—Mary, like many mothers throughout the world, is an example of strength and courage in accepting new life and in sharing the suffering of their children, Pope Francis said.

Although she had no idea of what awaited her when she accepted to bear God's son, "Mary in that instant appears to us like one of the many mothers in our world, courageous to the extreme," the pope said May 10 at his weekly general audience.

Her motherly love and courage is seen again at the foot of the cross, he said, where "she teaches us the virtue of waiting even when everything appears meaningless."

Just a few days before he was to visit Fatima, Portugal, to commemorate the 100th anniversary of the Marian apparitions there and as people in many countries were preparing to celebrate Mother's Day, Pope Francis used his audience talk to focus on Mary and hope.

"We are not orphans, we have a mother in heaven," he said. "In difficult moments, may Mary, the mother that Jesus has given to us all, always guide our steps."

The Gospels portray Mary mostly as a "woman of silence," but one who "meditated on every word and every event in her



CNS photo/Tony Gentile, Reuters

**Pope Francis waves as he arrives to lead his general audience in St. Peter's Square May 10 at the Vatican.**

heart," the pope said. "She is not a woman who is depressed in front of the uncertainties of life, especially when nothing seems to be going right. Instead, she is a woman who listens."

Among the 15,000 pilgrims gathered in St. Peter's Square was a group from the pope's native Argentina. Addressing Spanish-speaking pilgrims later, the pope greeted his compatriots who recently celebrated the feast of the country's patron, Our Lady of Lujan.

"My heart was in Lujan in these days. May the Lord bless you all," he said.

Continuing his series of

talks on Christian hope, Pope Francis reflected on Mary as "the mother of hope."

"Don't forget: There is always a great relationship between hope and listening. And Mary is a woman who listens, who welcomes existence as it comes to us with its happy days as well as its tragedies, which we never want to encounter," he said.

Mary's silence in the Gospel, the pope continued, is particularly evident in Jesus' final moments where her presence during Christ's passion is "eclipsed" until "she reappears at a crucial moment:

when a good number of friends vanished because of fear."

"Mothers do not betray, and in that instance, at the foot of the cross, none of us can say which one was the crueler passion: that of the innocent man who dies on the scaffold of the cross or the agony of a mother who accompanies her son in his final moments of life," he said.

Mary, he added, was "there" not just out of faithfulness to God's divine plan but also because "of her instinct as a mother who just suffers" every time her child does.

## Mass Intentions and Readings

**Sunday—May 14th—FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER**

**Mother's Day**

Sat 6:00p Mass for John Belot Jr.

8:00a Mass for the Parishioners

10:30a Mass for Ann Schlatt

Greer Baptism

RDGS: Acts 6:1-7 Ps 33:1-2, 4-5, 18-19 1Pt 2:4-9

Jn 14:1-12

**Monday—May 15th—Easter Weekday—Saint Isidore**

12:05p Mass for +Michael J Bransfield Anniversary of priesthood 1971

RDGS: Acts 14:5-18 Ps 115:1-5, 15-16 Jn 14:21-26

Isidore, died 1130; layman whose wife, Maria de la Cabeza is also a saint; farm laborer associated with miracles; patron of Madrid, of farmers, and rural communities.

**Tuesday—May 16th—Easter Weekday**

12:05p Mass for Mary Ann Gala

RDGS: Acts 14:19-28 Ps 145:10-13ab, 21

Jn 14:27-31a

5:30p Parish Council

**Wednesday—May 17th—Easter Weekday**

12:05p Mass for Frank J. Purpura

RDGS: Acts 15:1-6 Ps 122:1-5 Jn 15:1-8

5:30p Finance Council

6:00p Choir Rehearsal

**Thursday—May 18th—Easter Weekday—Saint John I, Pope, Martyr**

12:05p Mass for Hill Family

RDGS: Acts 15:7-21 Ps 96:1-3, 10 Jn 15:9-11

John I, died 526; from Tuscany; introduced the Alexandrian computation of the date of Easter; led an embassy to Constantinople to discuss Emperor Justin I's policy toward Arians in the East; not satisfying the demands of Theodoric, the Arian King in Ravenna, and not knowing his fate, he died there, a wretched man, ill and worn out from his travels; buried in Rome, his epitaph salutes him as a "victim for Christ."

**Friday—May 19th—Easter Weekday**

11:15a Confessions

12:05p Mass for Robert Burke

RDGS: Acts 15:22-31 Ps 57:8-10, 12 Jn 15:12-17

**Saturday—May 20th—Easter Weekday—Saint Bernardine of Siena, Priest**

9:00a Mass for Virginia Sacco

5:00p Confessions

6:00p Mass for the Parishioners

RDGS: Acts 16:1-10 Ps 100:1-3, 5 Jn 15:18-21

Bernardine, died 1444; O.F.M.; famous reformer and elo-

quent preacher who travelled throughout Italy; encouraged devotion to the Holy Name of Jesus; known for his use of the monogram IHS; patron of advertisers and advertising; invoked against hoarseness.

**Sunday—May 21st—FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER**

**Mother's Day**

8:00a Mass for Mary Drosieko

10:30a Mass for Mary Jane Bransfield

RDGS: Acts 8:5-8, 14-17 Ps 66:1-7, 16, 20

1Pt 3:15-18 Jn 14:15-21

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