Beginning with Easter, all of our Sunday scriptures have been about our Lord’s Resurrection and the events of the fifty days until the Holy Spirit descends at Pentecost.

The first readings the Church has given are from the Acts of the Apostles, recounting Jesus appearances to continue preparing His disciples for the coming of the Advocate.

The second readings are mostly from the letter of Saint Peter. With the courage and grace of the Holy Spirit, he has professed that all that was heard and seen of the Christ was true. Jesus Christ is the Son of God!

John’s Gospel accounts provide a most spiritual characterization of our Lord’s purpose for remaining on earth until the decent of the Holy Spirit.

The person that we don’t hear about and the most important individual to Jesus and to us also, is the BVM. We know she was being cared for by the beloved disciple since Jesus’ crucifixion, but what’s going on in her life since His Resurrection?

Her heart was pierced as she witnessed the suffering and death of her Son. Now He is alive and will be with her and the disciples for a short period.

Imagine for a moment the Joy // Relief // Exultation that was and is soaring through the Blessed Mother’s very heart and soul.
Mothers and Mother-figures are blessed with an incredibly sensitive heart that beats in tune with each of her children which brings with it also the curse of having this blessing.

Mary is the Mother of Jesus, the carpenters Son - Crucified. Mary is the Mother of the Son of God - Glorified.

Twenty years ago , on her birthday, Patty’s mother passed on to her eternal reward. She and I were very close ~I called her Mom too.

Four years ago this month, my mother joined her. I still miss what I call her “momisms”:
+Sit in the back of the bus and you’ll get a longer ride; Happy the grave the rain falls on; and the one that got me in trouble with in grade school: Blessed is he who sittith on a tack for he shall rise!

In John’s gospel today, Jesus says I am the gatekeeper. A shepherd knows his sheep and cares for them with his own life. As he leads them to shelter and nourishment, the sheep will follow only him but not any nearby sheepherders.

This is positively identical to psyche of mother figures as God created them. Nobody dare cross the mother of her child regardless of his or her age. It could be two, twenty-two or sixty-two, we are still our mother’s child. And as for recognizing their voices, a mother can tell when it’s her child that is crying three isles over in a grocery store.

I have a few thoughts, and you may have many more, of just how Christ-like mothers are.

Take these following comparisons:

Truthful:       Mom: Always saying what we need to hear, instead of just what we want to hear.
               Jesus: I AM THE TRUTH
Emotional: Mom: Feels the pain of her little child that has skinned a knee. Jesus wept at the tomb of Lazarus

Selfless: Mom: Sacrifices all her personal wants and needs to provide for us. J: Gave His life so that we could be saved.

Patient: Mom: As we push her buttons to try to find her boiling point. Jesus: While teaching the disciples who He was and how their lives would change

All Knowing: Mom: “Eyes in the back of her head” Jesus: knows all our sins and He knows when we are truly sorry for being in sin

Nurturing: M: Good meals, tasty food, great desserts Jesus: His Body and Blood for our spiritual health

Loving: The sum of all that a mother is The sum of all the Son of God is.

Today and each and every day, pray for all Mothers and Mother-figures. I’m sure it will make the Blessed Virgin Mary very happy.

Our mother, as with our Lord, will not expect perfection. She will expect, as she deserves, a continued improvement of our well-meaning intentions.

Show respect to the one that gave you physical life and by doing so, you will be honoring Jesus, who gave you eternal life.

Wishing you a BLESSED and HAPPY MOTHER’S DAY.