



May 11, 2020-Reflections for the Easter Season Ms. Albano

In the name of the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

Dear God, I acknowledge the Mississauga's of the Credit First Nation for being the ongoing stewards of this traditional territory.

A reading from the First Letter of Peter

“But you are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, God’s own people, in order that you may proclaim the mighty acts of him who called you out of darkness into his marvellous light.*

Once you were not a people, but now you are God’s people; once you had not received mercy, but now you have received mercy.”

Yesterday, most of us experienced a virtual mother's day. Some of us video chatted with them or sent a gift or meal to say we care and miss them. For most of us, we thanked the woman who carried us for nine months and or nurtured us into the people we are today.

Perhaps some of you had a mom like mine. My mom was not a stay at home, baked cookies, or showed me how to wear make-up type of mom. She was the type of mom who told you the truth, though sometimes difficult to bear, and how to cultivate my mind over my looks. She was a woman who instilled a sense of prayer and duty to the faith to experience and respect it and appreciate what the world offered, especially if I worked for it. She taught me the gift of forgiveness and empathy in the way she lives her life with a strength of character and humility in her work and personal life. An example to see and come to know that God is love, who gave His only Son Jesus Christ, and the Holy Spirit to guide us back to Him.

In good Faith and a deep appreciation for my mom, she fulfilled her baptismal promise. One which she continued when she brought my sister and I to receive the Sacrament of Baptism. A vow which included raising her children to come, know, and respond to being the “chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, God’s own people.” In her love of God, she gave me the same love, taught me how to pray, and modelled that in her life. This year, this is what I celebrate, my mom's gift of faith and passing it on to me. In her practice, she has helped me live a faith which sustains me daily.

Today, let us pray for all mom's. May the Mother of God bless them with her wisdom and understanding. May they recall the blessing given during the Sacrament of Baptism, “God the Father, through his Son, the Virgin Mary's child, has brought joy to all Christian mothers, as they see the hope of eternal life shine on their children. May he bless the mother of this child. She now thanks God for the gift of her child. May she be one with them in thanking him for ever in heaven, in Christ Jesus our Lord. In love and faith, they have helped us come to know *the words of Jesus at the Ascension*, “*Remember I am with you always till the end of days.*” Amen. *In the name of the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. Amen.*