

**Our Lady of Prompt Succor Nursing Home**  
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**Newsletter ~ May 2020**  
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***Mother's Day – May 10<sup>th</sup>***

Who of us could have known last year how we would be celebrating this Mother's Day in 2020! While it will be still be a special day of remembrance for all who have been mother to us, it will certainly take on different forms as we continue to struggle with Covid 19. Perhaps the ongoing need for social or physical distancing will call us to find other creative ways to celebrate our dear mothers.

It was in the United States over 100 years ago, that Mother's Day was nationally recognized as a holiday in 1914. Anna Jarvis, the daughter of Ann Maria Reeves Jarvis, held a memorial service to her mother on May 12, 1907. She then embarked upon a campaign to make "Mother's Day" a nationally recognized holiday. She succeeded in 1914 and trademarked the phrases "Second Sunday in May" and "Mother's Day."

Anna Jarvis never envisioned the commercialization of the holiday. She was intent on a simple and deeply heartfelt remembrance of all mothers and we are very grateful for her efforts. To all mothers, we entrust the words of Jill Churchill: "There's no way to be a perfect mother and a million ways to be a good one." Each day let us offer our mothers the most precious gift of all – the gift of prayer.

For mothers who are still living:

*Lord, I pray for my mom that she be daily guarded and guided by your holy wisdom. May she know the peace that comes from trusting wholly in You whose plans for her are only good. Open her eyes to see the blessings all around her and keep discouragement far from her doorstep. Heal all the wrongs and hurts she has experienced and help her to embrace the unique role You have entrusted to her. Please whisper to her daily of my love and gratitude. Amen.*

For mothers who are now deceased:

*Lord, I know my mother's love for me endures as I continue my journey here on earth. I ask that You listen to her fervent prayers for our family. Help us to grow into a new and deeper relationship with her now that we are freed from all that may have hindered our relationships on earth. Please tell her often of our love and gratitude. Assure her of our desire to be with her when we will be all united in your eternal embrace. Amen.*

***Happy Mother's Day to all our Moms!***

## **Navigating Uncharted Waters of Covid 19**

As we continue to live through these challenging times, we tend to look for guidance outside of ourselves. However, for the most part, the old touchstones, habits, and comforts are absent or unstable. While some leaders project a near normal summer; public health officials paint a less optimistic scenario for an imminent return to life as we knew it before the Coronavirus. In either case, the future is unknown. We wish for this time to be over; we are impatient to pass through it as quickly as possible even if early re-opening causes more cases of infection.

The voices outside are loud, disconnected, and tend to steer us in many directions all at once. However, if we have ever been in a boat, we know that we all have to be rowing in the same direction to make progress. These uncharted waters are an opportunity for us to draw on resources and possibilities we may not have used prior to the pandemic.

Perhaps it is time for all of us to be silent and listen to a deeper voice inside ourselves and to the sound of God's heart beating inside the planet. What is this experience of Covid 19 wanting to teach us? Is this the first of other unknown viruses which we will face in the future? What is this experience calling us to as individuals and as members rowing in the same boat? What do we need to learn from it for our future together on this planet?

We need to allow the experience to be our teacher, to wisely journey through this experience that is intended to open our minds and hearts to new ways of being and living together. Hopefully, there is room in the boat for us to put aside our individual needs and wants and to embrace decisions that lead us to life and lead our planet to a healthier state of being as our home.

If we take time to be quiet and listen and if we are attentive, the Spirit of God will speak to us! In this stillness, we will learn lessons that are not taught and learned in more predictable times.

***"Be still and know that I am God!" (Psalm 46:10)***

### **☪ Celebrating Birthdays in May ☪**

Sr. J. Bodin	5/21	Sr. Sophie Guidry	5/17
Sr. B. Comeaux	5/07	Sr. M. Murray	5/30
M. A. Davenport	5/10	Sr. M. E. Noel	5/09
L. Doucet	5/10	Russell Richard	5/24
M. Fray	5/21	J. C. Tauzin	5/28

### **Residents Recently Deceased**

Jo Ann Duncan	4/07/2020
Richard McDonald	4/16/2020
Mary Mayer	4/20/2020

**May they rest in the peace and joy of the Lord!**



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