**THE LOVELIEST MASTERPIECE OF THE HEART OF GOD IS THE HEART OF A MOTHER**
— ST. THERESE OF LISIEUX —

**A Mother’s Day reflection...**

This year the Coronavirus will change our ways of celebrating Mother’s Day. No brunch at a restaurant, no backyard barbecue with friends, no shared box of candy, and sadly, no family gatherings to share stories and memories about our mothers who may be deceased. Nevertheless, our human creativity, undying determination, and advanced technology, will somehow make it possible for us to pay tribute to our mothers with love.

Most people think they are in control of their love. The words, “I love you” can be given wholeheartedly, half-heartedly, or not at all. It is my love to do with what I wish. But there is no one who does not need to love or be loved. Jesus wept when he heard about the death of Lazarus his friend (John 11:35). The widow of Nain’s sorrow for her son stopped Jesus from passing her by (Luke 7:13). And it was Jesus’ love for all people that brought about his resurrection and the destruction of death. (John 15:13).

When we look closely at the ways Jesus loved, we can easily translate them into the words, “You are sacred to me!” No matter who you are. No matter what you may have done. No matter what you may or may not have accomplished. “You are sacred to me!”

Sincerely in the Risen Christ,

Fr. Bob Kelly, OP

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