



Reflection from Deacon Ross Beaudoin

Happy Mother's Day to all mothers, step-mothers, foster-mothers, grandmothers; to all women who have birthed, nurtured and sustained us. This is a day of special tribute to you.

There are many lessons for us as we reflect on our mothers. One thing we learn is that mothers love us before we can even know of their love. They love us before we can return their love. They love us before we are even born. A mother's love is involved in carrying us, birthing us, feeding and caring for us....

The scripture readings this Sixth Sunday of Easter speak of God's love and our love. For me the key statement is in the First Letter of John, 4:10: "In this is love: not that we have loved God, but that God loved us and sent his Son as an offering for our sins."

Can we ever fathom this love?

I have a mischievous thought. God chose to enter humanity through a mother because that is the best way that humans could come to understand God's uncompromising, unconditional love – through the love of a mother. And in doing that, God-in-Christ himself had to rely totally on the love, nurture and care of his mother.

In ideal circumstances a child grows up learning they are loved. It is from this base that the child learns to give love, to love others – totally secure in the love in which they have grown up.

For me, the message of the scripture today is to let ourselves be completely filled up with the unconditional love of God for us. Then let that love overflow and freely give it to others. Without conditions.

*~ Peace,
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