

## Reflection for Monday Week 9 Cycle II - Mary Mother of the Church

Universalis explains this feast: **The Blessed Virgin Mary, Mother of the Church**

The Blessed Virgin Mary is given the title of **Mother of the Church** because she gave birth to Christ, the Head of the Church, and became the Mother of the redeemed people before her Son had given up his spirit on the Cross. Pope Paul VI solemnly confirmed the title in an address at the 2<sup>nd</sup> Vatican Council on 21<sup>st</sup> November 1964 and decreed that the whole Christian people should, by the use of this beautiful title, give still greater honour to the Mother of God.

‘The joyous veneration given to the Mother of God by the contemporary Church, in light of reflection on the mystery of Christ and on his nature, cannot ignore the figure of a woman (cf. Gal 4:4), the Virgin Mary, who is both the Mother of Christ and Mother of the Church. It is believed that this was already present in the mind of the Church from the premonitory words of Saint Augustine and Saint Leo the Great. In fact the former says that Mary is the mother of the members of Christ, because with charity she cooperated in the rebirth of the faithful into the Church, while the latter says that the birth of the Head is also the birth of the body, thus indicating that Mary is at once Mother of Christ, the Son of God, and mother of the members of his Mystical Body, which is the Church’ (Decree of the Sacred Congregation for Divine Worship). And a wonderful Mother she is to us too!

Not only did Jesus give everything of himself to set us free from the power and influence of sin and evil, before he died, he gave us his own Mother to watch over us and care for us. This, Mary has done down through the ages and continues to do.

Holy Mary Mother of the Church and our Mother watch over us, guard us from all evil and please bring an end to coronavirus speedily. Mother of the Church we love you!!

Groaners . . . .!!!

What do you call a door to door bicycle salesman??

**A Peddler!!**

What does a cyclist ride in winter ???

**An I-cicle!!**

What do you call an artist who sculpts with bicycle parts??

**Cycle-angelo!!**

What’s the hardest thing about learning to ride a bike??

**The Ground!!**

**Something to think about:**

This sentence contains exactly threeeee errors!

Did you hear about the mathematician who was afraid of negative numbers?

He would stop at nothing to avoid them!!

**And finally:** Singing in the shower is all fun and games until you get shampoo in your mouth, then it just becomes a soap opera!!!!