

Surrender Like Mother Mary Did

It is not your day today. It is not your marriage. Not your breathing. Not your gift to yourself. Not your power. Not your goodness. Not your inspiration. Yep- that's right. It is His. The Risen One. Jesus, Lord, Savior and Ruler over all. Everything is His. He is just sharing it. It is His choice, his will, and his design to do so. So, how blessed are we? I would say we are Blessed by the BEST (BBTB). But how do we come into that "Blessed life"? We have got to **SURRENDER**. It is His day. His marriage. His breathing. His everything. Got to **SURRENDER** to it. That is what Mother Mary did. That is what he is waiting for us to do.

Below enjoy a reflection from a parishioner on **SURRENDER**.

I liked your homily at midnight Mass and how you made the analogy between how life for a married couple changes after a baby is born, that the baby is very demanding and calls for a response from the parents and how the birth of Jesus is demanding and calls for a response from each of us. I have to agree.....Jesus is demanding. I look back over the past 7 years and I can see that. When I look at all He has done for me, how I've experienced His incredible love and forgiveness my Life can't just be "same old same old". I have to try to follow Him.. to live by His standards, not the world's. It is like I let Him in a bit and then that opening allowed Him to show me who He wanted to be in my life if I'd let Him. And I wanted that so He has grown in me and as that has happened & I've come to know Jesus in a very personal way the demands on me have grown. But I look at demand as somewhat of a negative word--I like the word "challenges". Jesus challenges me everyday to be more like Him in how I relate, how I work, how I think, how I spend my time and everyday I have to decide if I am going to rise to the challenge. I can definitely tell when I haven't when my "me that I don't like to be" is the one responding and I'm not letting Jesus lead my response. But even in that I can see change... see growth.... not as often are alarms going off in my head that I ignore & continue to just plow ahead. I can think of times in the past weeks where my initial response has been not what Jesus would do but in the end I've given in and done it His way. What has been cool is that I've been able to have a "do-over" and I know it's a do-over" & Jesus knows it's a do-over but the situation has been such that we're the only ones that really know. In those instances it has been so clear that "I gave in" it wasn't what I wanted to do but I did it. And truth be told I was glad in the end for doing it Jesus' way. Each time I thought back to the story of when John the Baptist didn't think he should be baptizing Jesus but Jesus said to do it His way so John gave in and did it. I think about that line "John gave in" alot.... I pray to be more willing to give in & do it Jesus' way in situations when it is most definitely not how "I" want it to be-----I think I am realizing more & more how much everything is grace and depends a great deal on my willingness to seek grace and then to receive it and allow myself to be led by that grace.



May 1st

“Know Your Momma

May 12th

Teen Praise & Worship

“Were not our hearts burning within us.”

May 15th

Life Teen Mass

May 15th

Game Night



May 2nd

“What’s Your Priority”

May 9th

“WWJD: Making Good Choices”

May 15th

Life Teen Mass

