

# Saint Martin de Porres Catholic Church

*In the Kingdom of North Philadelphia*

*"The Kingdom of God is among you." Luke 17:21*

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**May 10, 2020 ~ Fifth Sunday of Easter**

*Happy Mother's Day!*



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**From 2340...**

“Do not let your hearts be troubled.” Who does not have troubles? But Jesus says that even if we *have* troubles, do not let our hearts *be troubled*. Jesus and the Father are one. Jesus is the inside track to God the Father. He is “the way, the truth and the life.” We all need to know the way, we all crave the truth, and we all want more of life. Jesus is it all: he is everything we need, everything we hope for, everything we want. Jesus is saying all these things in today’s Gospel at the Last Supper: it is the night before he would die on the cross. Talk about **troubles!** Jesus knows what is ahead, and still he is saying, “Do not let your hearts be troubled.” Jesus is anchored in life that survives death: he is the Rock, the Foundation, the unshakable bedrock of our lives. What are your troubles? What are your worries? What keeps you awake at night? What makes you dread starting another day? What hangs heavy on your heart and makes everything seem like night? Take those cares to Jesus, who opens his arms to you and says, “Do not let your heart be troubled: it is I. I am **your** way, **your** truth, **your** life. There may be a cross to carry, but I am with you. Beyond every cross is the power of the Resurrection.”

“Take my hand: don’t be afraid.”

On this **Mothers’ Day**, we salute and pray for all those mothers and “she is like a mother to me” women who have listened to us, cared for us, helped us, and always loved us in all our cares and all our troubles. Whether they are still with us or have passed to the Lord, they are in our hearts and in our prayers. **Thank you Mom, we love you!**