

Daily Homily
10 Week in Ordinary Time, Monday
The Blessed Virgin Mary, Mother of the Church
Memorial
[6 June 2022](#)

Back in 2018 Pope Francis, placed this memorial on the Universal Calendar of the Church for the all us to grow in our understanding and maturity of Mary's role within the life of the Church and our lives.

It is said, "if we want to grow and to be filled with the love of God, it is necessary to plant our life firmly on three great realities: the Cross, the Eucharist, and the Mother of God." (Cardinal Robert Sarah)

We are technically back in Ordinary Time today. But we linger still on what we have just experience through the seasons of Lent and Easter... and we linger with Mary. A good question to ask, "Where is Mary?" When it comes to the Gospels she's never far away from the important actions.

She is with her cousin Elizabeth, these two women are initially the sole keepers of being entrusted with God's plots and plans.

She is taking all things into her heart with an unlikely nativity scene that is poor and yet visited by shepherds and kings alike.

She is there in Jesus' ministry... honored as blessed.

She is there at the Cross when from the Cross, the Son gives her to us all.

She is there with the Apostles waiting and watching for Pentecost and as that room fills with the wonderous mystery of the Holy Spirit, a Spirit that she knows intimately and affectionately, she too is filled with that Spirits gift and blessing.

Where is Mary... our mother? Not too far from our lives. From the events that shape us and surround us. Her maternal care tends to us, cries for us, comforts us, soothes us, loves us ... this wonderful Mother of Jesus; Mother of God; Mother for us, the Church.

Where is Mary? Well, as we come out of Lent and Easter, linger with her today. She's close, never far away.