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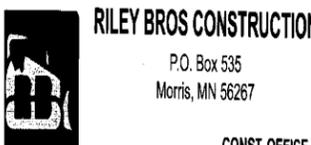
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Mother's Day, May 10th, 2020

Dear Parishioners,
Peace and joy be with you.
Happy Mother's Day!

This week I viewed a program called: **H2O the Molecule that Made Us.** The program presents how water shapes relationships between nations and peoples. Floods, storms and droughts not only shapes land, rivers, lakes and oceans, water also shapes how others live peacefully or in conflict with one another. Depending on availability of clean usable water for so many uses will even influence the communion of peace between states and nations. The program also told about a satellite called **Grace** that measures the movement of water on planet earth. I found it wonderful that the satellite was called **Grace**. It made me think of how water is a symbol of the Holy Spirit and the grace and new life we receive at Baptism. My pondering moved me to think of Blessed Virgin Mary, who the Archangel Gabriel "Full of Grace." Mary is full of the Holy Spirit.

Mary the Mother of God by the overshadowing of the Holy Spirit brings people and nations together through her son, Jesus Christ our Lord. Jesus, the Son of God incarnate, like every child lives and grows in his mother, by the grace of the Holy Spirit, swimming and flourishing in the water and blood of the womb. By the incarnation of the Son of God the dignity of each human person is more profoundly revealed. For the Son of God became Man and made his dwelling among us. The Son of God through whom water is created, enters his own creation and is shaped by blood and water in the womb of his Mother, Mary.

On this Mother's Day I am pondering how water can be a graced symbol for not only the Blessed Virgin Mary, the Mother of God, but our own mothers, and in truth every woman. Since childhood we learned the little poetic rhythm, "April showers brings May flowers." Mary is called the "God bearer." She is the bearer of water in a sense. With water being a symbol of the Holy Spirit and grace, we see just how close Mary-Full of Grace-and the Holy Spirit are espoused to one another in the bringing about Jesus Christ our Lord.

We who are baptized know that there is no such thing as "just water." From water and the Holy Spirit, we are born anew to a life of grace. The Holy Spirit burst forth from within us like a fountain of living water. I invite you to ponder the blessing prayer of water for baptism and in that Holy Font, Mother Church give us life. During May showers we can remember and thank God for our mothers.

**The Church building is open from 11:00am –7:00pm.
Monday to Sunday.**

The Parish Office is closed until Tuesday, May 19th.

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Blessing of Water and Invocation of God over the Water at Baptism

Let us pray, dear brothers and sisters, that the Lord God Almighty may bestow new life on these children by water and the Holy Spirit.

O God, who by invisible power accomplish a wonderous effect through sacramental signs and who in many ways have prepared water, your creation, to show forth the grace of Baptism;

O God, whose Spirit in the first moments of the world's creation hovered over the waters, so that the very substance of water would even then take to itself the power to sanctify;

O God, who by the outpouring of the flood foreshadowed regeneration, so that from the mystery of one and the same element of water would come an end to vice and a beginning of virtue;

O God, who caused the children of Abraham to pass dry-shod through the Red Sea, so that the chosen people, set free from slavery to Pharaoh, would prefigure the people of the baptized;

O God, whose Son, baptized by John in the waters of the Jordan, was anointed by the Holy Spirit, and, as he hung upon the Cross, gave forth water from his side along with blood, and after his Resurrection, commanded his disciples:

"Go forth, teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit,"

look now, we pray, upon the face of your Church and graciously unseal for her the fountain of Baptism.

May this water receive by the Holy Spirit the grace of your Only Begotten Son, so that human nature, created in your image and washed clean through the Sacrament of Baptism from all the squalor of the life of old, may be found worthy to rise to the life of newborn children through water and the Holy Spirit.

(The celebrant touches the water with his right hand and continues)

May the power of the Holy Spirit, O Lord, we pray, come down through your Son into the fullness of this font, so that all who have been buried with Christ by Baptism into death may rise again to life with him.

Who lives and reigns for ever and ever. Amen.



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