

# Memorial of the Blessed Virgin Mary, Mother of the Church

**Gospel text (Jn 19:25-34):** When Jesus saw his mother and the disciple there whom he loved, he said to his mother, “Woman, behold, your son.” Then he said to the disciple, “Behold, your mother.”



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Today, we remember Mary, Mother of the Church. In this sense, we contemplate the spiritual motherhood of Mary in connection with the Church, which is - in itself - Mother of the People of God, because "no one can have God as Father if he does not have the Church as Mother" (St. Cyprian). Mary is the Mother of the Son of God and at the same time Mother of those who love her Son and the "beloveds" of her Son, in conformity with that «Woman, behold, your son; disciple: Behold, your mother» (Jn 19:26-27), as Jesus said.

- By giving His body to men and returning His spirit to His Father, Jesus Christ even gave His friends to his Mother.