

## READ WHY COUNTRIES CELEBRATE MOTHER'S DAY

**Australia** began the tradition during a visit to a patient at the Newington State Home for Women, where she met many lonely and forgotten mothers. To cheer them up, she rounded up support from local school children and businesses to donate and bring gifts to the women.

**Canada** involves small celebrations and gift-giving to one's mother, grandmother, or other important female figures in one's family.

**China** 1997 Mother's Day was set as the day to help poor mothers and to remind people of the poor mothers in rural areas such as China's western region

**Egypt** Related the story of a widowed mother who devoted her whole life to raising her son until he became a doctor. The son then married and left without showing any gratitude to his mother. Hearing this, Egypt became motivated to promote "Mother's Day".

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**Germany** The holiday was seen as a means to encourage women to bear more children, which nationalists saw as a way to rejuvenate the nation.

**Israel** There are no longer mutual gifts among members of the family, and there is no longer any commercialization of the celebration.

**Italy** It was instituted by the Opera nazionale maternità e infanzia in order to publicly reward the most prolific Italian women every year.

**Mexico** to stress the importance of families as the basis for national development; to benefit from the loyalty that Mexicans felt towards their mothers; to introduce new morals to Mexican women; and to reduce the influence that the church and the Catholic right exerted over women.

**Netherlands** Catholic organizations and priests tried to Christianize the holiday, but those attempts were rendered futile around the 1960s when the church lost influence and the holiday was completely secularized.

**Pakistan** Mother's Day is celebrated for the individuals to pray and pay respect to loved ones lost.

**Portugal** In Portugal, on the "Dia da Mãe", this day is meant to be celebrated with the whole family.

**Russia** "in commemoration of the outstanding merits of Soviet women in communistic construction, in the defense of their Fatherland during the Great Patriotic War, in their heroism and selflessness at the front and in the rear, and also marking the great contribution of women to strengthening friendship between peoples, and the struggle for peace.

**Sweden** Swedes born in the early nineteen hundreds typically did not celebrate the day because of the common belief that the holiday was invented strictly for commercial purposes.

**United Kingdom** As a result of the influence of the American Mother's Day, Mothering Sunday transformed into the tradition of showing appreciation to one's mother.

**UNITED STATES** In 1872 Julia Ward Howe called for women to join in support of disarmament and asked for 2 June 1872, to be established as a "Mother's Day for Peace.

### Next Week 5:19/20

A Weekend of Welcome at all Masses. Parishioners of Saint Kateri Tekakwitha greet newcomers.

Baking Coffee and donuts provided by Saint Kateri Tekakwitha parish.

Mass Intentions Heaney, Palumbo, -- Grossi, McGrudden

Budget \$1,636.00 Thank you.

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