

## HOMILY FOR THE FEAST MARY MOTHER OF GOD

1. This feast sounds like it is focused on Mary
  - a. Reality is it reinforces the real meaning of the birth of Jesus
  - b. Jesus is truly human in every way
  - c. He is born from a woman, from Mary
  - d. He is not just God pretending to be human
  - e. So Mary is truly the mother of the person that Jesus is
2. But Jesus though He is human in every way is also God
  - a. He is God speaking His Word to us
  - b. For human our word is a reflection and revelation of who we are
  - c. It is through our words that people get to know us
  - d. For God, His Word is not just a reflection, it is the full revelation, it is God Himself
  - e. So God speaks Himself to us first in Creation
  - f. But now by the power of the Holy Spirit He has spoken that Word to us in the Person of Jesus
  - g. Jesus is God's Word telling us just how important we are to Him
  - h. Because Jesus is one Person both human and God, we can describe Mary as the Mother of God
3. The purpose of all this is that we might become adopted children
  - a. Just as God sent His Spirit so that the Word of God might take flesh
  - b. He also sent His Spirit, so that we might become not just flesh but spiritual beings
  - c. God wants us to call out to Him Abba, Father
  - d. We do not get the full sense of Abba because it is a foreign language
    - i. Best description I have read was a few years ago
    - ii. A missionary was visiting a Palestinian village where the language is very close to the Aramaic that Jesus would have spoken
    - iii. He saw a young child running after her father
    - iv. In America he would have expected her to call out daddy, daddy
    - v. But in the native language he heard her call out Abba, Abba
  - e. Paul is saying that God wants us to be so close to Him, that we would call out to Him daddy, Father
4. On this day we celebrate that God has adopted us as His children, He has made us brothers and sisters to Jesus
  - a. So in the Spirit we recognize God as our Father and rejoice that Mary is our mother as well.