



## The E-Matt

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# Jesus and moms know what's best

Father Beau's Mother's Day sermon drew parallels between a church-going Mom and God.

Father Beau said:

"Mom believes that having you in church listening to God's word and meeting Him in the breaking of the bread is fundamentally good for you.

And so she tells you that what she wants for you is to come to church as a present.

She says things like if you really loved me you'd come to church this Sunday. If you really loved me you do this for me. And really the base impulse is unselfish. Your mom has learned that living one's life according to God's will has amazing results.



*Ruth Couture chooses a Mother's Day carnation from Senior Warden Bob Couture.*

People who really hear God's word take it to heart tend to have better relationships – more compassion – more ability to give and to receive love – more able to take quiet comfort and joy in little blessings including the blessing of being in church with your mother.

If you really loved me you'd come to church Sunday really translates into if you really loved me you'd understand that meeting God and being in relationship with Him will make your life so much better.

Your life will be filled with more joy and healthy relationships that even in the hard times you will be filled with the peace of God."

# St. Matthew's family celebrates an achievement nurtured in prayer



*Deb Calhoun celebrating at coffee hour.*

Deb Calhoun graduated as valedictorian of her Nursing School class on May 6<sup>th</sup>. Her achievement was celebrated in the coffee hour following the 10 am service.

Deb credits the prayers and encouragement from her parish family for her success. She is the wife of John and the mother of Andrew.