

How Mother's Day came about

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MANILA, Philippines - Mother's Day is already on Sunday, May 9. Have you ever wondered how this day came about?

Many countries the world over will be honoring the mothers in their midst this Sunday, May 9. It's Mother's Day, and following tradition, people will send their moms flowers and gifts, cook special meals for their moms, or take their moms out to dinner.

Back in the olden times, the Greeks and Romans designated a day in spring to honor maternal goddesses.

Later on, the fourth Sunday of Lent became a day to honor the Virgin Mary during the times of the early Christians. In the 1600s, this same day came to be known as Mothering Sunday to honor all mothers. The tradition of giving moms food and gifts was started.

According to www.mothersdaycelebration.com, in 1870, activist and writer-poet Julia Ward Howe wrote the Mothers Day Proclamation, urging mothers to rise against war. Two years later, upon her suggestion, Mothers' Peace Day Observance was declared on the second Sunday of June.

Interestingly, a woman who never married and never had kids, Anna Jarvis, gets the credit for being the founder of Mother's Day. After her mother died, Jarvis felt that mothers should be honored on a special holiday. She lobbied for the official declaration of such a holiday, and in 1914, President Woodrow Wilson signed a joint resolution declaring every second Sunday of May as Mother's Day.

The idea caught on in many parts of the world, and the rest, shall we say, is history.--**abs-cbnNEWS.com**

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