

A Note from the Pastor

Dear Parishioners,

Once the month of May arrives, doesn't it seem like the flowers and green leaves suddenly burst forth from what look like dead trees and shrubs? The wonder of nature (also known as God's creation) is that this all takes place in a mysterious cycle of life, death and re-birth. God sets everything in motion and it all unfolds according to His plan.

It is no wonder that in the month of May we honor the Mother of Jesus in a special way. The beauty of nature and the coming of new life help us to commemorate the important role which Mary played in salvation history. A few Marian celebrations in May (including Our Lady of Fatima on May 13) add to the memory of the Holy Mother of Jesus, and rightly referred to as the Mother of God. There is no person in the history of the world who was and is closer to the eternal Son of God and therefore there is no more powerful intercessor for God's Children. Mary trusted in God the Father, Son and Holy Spirit completely here on earth and she is the Queen of Heaven and Earth in heaven now with her son. It is a beautiful custom to present flowers before the image of the Blessed Mother (as we will do at all the Masses today) as a sign of our love and affection. After all she is our Blessed Mother too!

Of course, today is also Mother's Day, which is a small way to honor all Mothers, living and deceased. We pray for all Moms here on Earth and for all those who have gone before us. We think of moms and grandmothers and godmothers and all mother figures. We pray for all mothers and children. We pray for all who have lost children and we entrust all those who died to the loving mercy of God and the arms of the Blessed Mother. We thank God for Mothers!

God bless all Mothers, including my own, and all families.

God Bless us all. Happy Mother's Day!

Sincerely in Christ,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Monsignor Giandurco". The signature is written in black ink and is positioned at the bottom right of the page, below the typed name.