

From the Pastor
May 10, 2020
THE FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

Dear Parishioners of Our Beloved St. Paul:

First, may I extend sincere best wishes and congratulations to all our mothers on this Mothers Day. May God reward all the sacrifices you make throughout all your lives.

It is said by anatomists and medical personnel that the muscular structure of a man's arms and a woman's arms are remarkably distinct. A man's arms are straight, while a woman's arms are curved, as if to form a cradle. That is obvious to all, for God has formed human nature. A woman carries a child within her own body for nine months and then carries a child for many years after birth. Of course, men carry a child after birth, but, even though they have stronger musculature, it is more difficult for them. Their arms are not created primarily for this.

May God bless all our mothers, living and deceased, on this their special day.

However, this Mothers Day is different from any other we have ever celebrated. The world has been shut down. It is unprecedented. Throughout the world the Church has ceased her apostolic mission at behest of the civil governments. Such a thing is not unprecedented. But this is the only time this has happened throughout the world, and with no martyrs! We pray that soon our Churches will once again provide the Holy and Life-Giving Sacraments to the Faithful.

May I remind you that our beautiful Church is open each day from 9AM to 5PM. On Sunday, the Most Blessed Sacrament is solemnly exposed for Adoration in the Monstrance from 9AM until 12PM. Then at 3PM there is a Holy Hour including the singing of the Chaplet of the Divine Mercy.

Now I understand how in the providence of God allowed our Church to be renovated last year. SO many come to pray during the day and to light candles at the various chapels and shrines. So many come each day going from one saint to the other. A dear child told me that she did not know the saints, but I told her that does not matter. The saints know you, and all of us. That is what matters. Do not refrain from keeping this month of Our Lady as a special month, filled with love and devotion for her.

Please be sure to enroll your mothers (living or deceased) in the Mother's Day Novena of Masses.

In Jesus and Mary,
Monsignor James F. Pereda