

FROM THE PASTOR

Dear Brothers and Sisters



We have several reasons to celebrate today.

We wish all moms a Happy Mother's Day, and thank them for their selfless love. Our parish is named after the Virgin Mary, under the title Mother of the Church. She became our Mother at the foot of the Cross, where she stood with the youngest of the apostles, John, when Jesus said to her 'Behold your son.' The Mother of Jesus is our mother. Today we will crown her with flowers, Queen of the Angels and Queen of the May. As we do so, we are filled with gratitude for all of our moms, the women who, like Mary, have given us life.

Moms have the capacity to love from the womb, a vocation that comes from God himself, who the scriptures say has a 'womb of mercy'. Love is intrinsic, it comes from within, from the very depth of the being. Love has an intuition for what is right, it defends the weak, encourages the downcast, raises up the fallen, forgives everything, understands everything. Love is full of hope, it has an empathy and a capacity to suffer, both with and for us.

Today we especially congratulate the moms whose children made their First Holy Communion here yesterday. We thank them for raising their children in the faith, and support them as a parish community.

Today we also acknowledge and thank a wonderful Mom, Pat Keenaghan, as she retires from her position on our Staff. We thank her for her caring, her wisdom, her humility, and for sharing her love with hundreds of children in our Faith Formation program. Pat has been a mother not only to her own family, but over many years to the faith family here in our parish. Please join us after the 10:30am Mass as we gather to wish her well in the next chapter of the motherhood of her life.

HAPPY MOTHER'S DAY

Fr. Sean