

Dear Parish Family,

On this Father's Day, we pause to remember and honor all fathers, grandfathers, and father figures — both living and deceased — who have given of themselves tirelessly and selflessly for their families, offering love that reflects the heart of God.

We've all heard sayings like, "Anyone can be a father, but it takes someone special to be a dad." There is great truth in this. While many can father a child, it takes commitment, sacrifice, and love to truly embrace the vocation of fatherhood.

A father is a pillar of strength and a source of unwavering support. He strives to provide for his family and to raise his children with a clear sense of right and wrong, grounded in sound moral values. A true father consistently places the needs of his family above his own. Through his example, he teaches the virtues of hard work, courage, honesty, and sound judgment.

Fathers also create lifelong memories through simple acts — teaching a child to ride a bike, coaching them in sports, sharing stories, and most importantly, being present. In these moments, children experience the security of a father's protective, steadfast love.

Beyond this, a father is called to nurture the spiritual life of his family. Through his words and actions, he teaches his children to cultivate a personal relationship with our Heavenly Father through prayer and faithful living. By his own witness of faith, he helps guide them along the path to their eternal home in heaven. Whether he realizes it or not, every father is called to be a living sacrament of God's fatherly love.

Let us take a moment to pray for all fathers:

Heavenly Father,  
You entrusted your Son Jesus,  
the child of Mary, to the care of Joseph.  
Bless all fathers as they care for their families.  
Grant them strength and wisdom, tenderness and patience.  
Support them in their work of protecting, providing, and guiding.  
May they be for their children a living image of Your fatherly love.  
Through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Happy Father's Day!  
God bless you all.

Fr. Rolando