

Dear Parish Family,

On this Sixth Sunday of Easter, we hear Jesus speak words that are both comforting and challenging: “If you love me, you will keep my commandments.” Love, in the Gospel, is never just a feeling—it is something lived, something shown in the way we care, forgive, serve, and remain faithful even in difficult moments.

Jesus also promises us the gift of the Holy Spirit, the Advocate, who stays with us always. We are not alone. God walks with us, strengthens us, and teaches us how to love as He loves.

This message resonates beautifully as we celebrate Mother’s Day. In a special way, we see a reflection of God’s faithful and self-giving love in our mothers. A mother’s love is patient, sacrificial, and enduring. It teaches us, often without words, what it means to give of ourselves for the good of another. In many ways, mothers embody the very commandment Jesus speaks about: to love not only in words, but in action and truth.

Today, we give thanks for all mothers—those who are with us, those who have gone before us, and those who have been spiritual mothers in our lives. We also remember that the love we receive from them is a glimpse of God’s own love, a love that never abandons us.

May this Eucharist strengthen us to live out that love more fully. And may the Holy Spirit guide our hearts, so that, like Mary, the Mother of the Church, and like our own mothers, we may be faithful witnesses of Christ’s love in the world.

Happy Mother’s Day to all our mothers, and may God bless you abundantly.

Fr. Rolando