

PASTOR'S DESK

I would like to wish everyone a truly blessed Mother's Day. For many, this day is filled with an unbelievable joy while for others it may be a bittersweet reminder of a lost loved one. Nevertheless, as we come together to worship, we are reminded that the ties of love and affection that unite us do not unravel with death, but only grow stronger. The love of Mother and Child is surely the strongest tie most of us will ever have. Please know of my thoughts and prayers for all of you.

It is interesting that the Vatican has designated this Sunday, May 11th as the 51st World Day for Vocations. The theme this year is "Vocations, Witness to the Truth" and this particular day was chosen because it is the Fourth Sunday of Easter, commonly known as "Good Shepherd Sunday. While it is just a coincidence that the day falls on the same one we Americans focus on our mother, it is a profound reminder that it is often the mother who most encourages us to search for, and live out, our vocations.

As I remember my own mother this day, along with my grandmothers and special women who have inspired, challenged, nurtured and loved me, I want to thank all of you for your prayers and support. I can't help but think that my mother, in particular, has helped guide me to where I am today. I am grateful to be with you.

God bless you.

Father George

We have been asked by several people in the parish to offer an opportunity to remember loved ones at our Mother's Day and Father's Day weekend celebrations. We will have special cards or envelopes available this week and next to remember mothers, living or deceased, and will be placing them on the altar. You are welcome to make a donation in their name that will be placed in our Memorial Fund but that is not necessary to have your loved ones remembered. Consider including grandmothers, godmothers, aunts, etc. Please let us know how you feel about this opportunity as we will try to formalize a ritual next year. May God bless all of you, especially for those who have lost a parent, child or loved one because I know this makes the day particularly poignant.