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REFLECTIONS

Mary and Mother's Day

In our Catholic tradition the month of May is associated with Mary, the Mother of Jesus; it is a time of special remembrance and veneration. The honor we give to God alone is properly called adoration, the highest honor we can bestow. The honor we give to Mary and the saints is called veneration. Appropriate veneration does not interfere with the worship due to God alone, but rather strengthens it. We venerate Mary for her role in human salvation through Christ, the one mediator between God and humanity.

As the Mother of God, the Virgin Mary has a unique position among the saints, indeed among all creatures. She is exalted, yet still is one of us. Through God's gift of grace, Mary embraces God's will and freely chooses to cooperate with God. Throughout the centuries the Church has turned to the Blessed Virgin in order to draw closer to Christ. When the Mother is venerated, the Son is rightly known, loved and glorified. The Church honors Mary as a model of discipleship and asks for her prayers to God on our behalf. In this, Mary exemplifies her title, Mother of the Church.

May is also the month in which we remember our earthly mothers. Mother's Day is a secular holiday but one which resonates at the very heart of our Christian faith. On Mother's Day we give thanks for the gift of our mothers, and indeed for all women who have played a role in our lives and our formation as individuals but especially in our formation as Christians. With our fathers, mothers are "the first and the best teachers in the ways of faith," as our Baptismal liturgy underscores. It is through the love, mercy, caring and compassion shown by mothers that we first learn what it is to be human and to live as faithful Christian witnesses. Indeed, the Church has long placed the model of Mary and the Holy Family as paramount in the success of the human family. Obedience to God is at the core of all family relationship.

Although my own Mother has gone to the Lord, she remains a significant influence in my life. In times of need, I recall her words of wisdom. In times of challenge, I remember her compassion and caring. In times of joy and success, I remember her companionship. Now that she is one with the saints in glory alongside the Blessed Mother, I continually ask her to present my needs and intentions before the Lord. As she was always a faithful advocate for me in this life, so I believe she remains forever.

In a special way during May, we have a beautiful opportunity to remember both our earthly mothers and our Blessed Mother, Mary, and give thanks to God that we have been blessed through the gift of our mothers, both human and divine. And hopefully choosing to follow that example, we choose daily to embrace faithful discipleship.

From Father Ken



My Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

This week's Gospel reading enlightens us with the message that in loving God and by keeping His commandments, He will continue His divine presence with us. By giving us His holy Spirit, He will remain always in us, and we with Him. Today Christ invites all believers to share in His divine acts of love and revelations, and remain always in His love of the Father and Him.



With this being Mother's Day, let us reflect and pray for our mothers, living and deceased. Mother's Day is more than a date on the calendar; it's a pause to remember the countless unseen moments that shaped us.

Motherhood is not just about grand gestures but about the quiet, steady love that builds a life. Today, we honor our Blessed Mother and all mothers.

REMINDER: On May 13th (Wednesday) and May 14th (Thursday) we will not have Mass in the Chapel. Father Ken, along with all Diocesan Priests will be attending Bishop Olson's Spring Presbyterial Assembly.

Jesus is Waiting for You ... Did you know that you can Adore the sacramental presence of Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament without a priest or deacon exposing the consecrated host in a monstrance? The lit candle near the tabernacle indicates that the Blessed Sacrament is present in that tabernacle. Whenever we are present before the tabernacle, even if we cannot see the Blessed Sacrament physically, we know that we are in the presence of the Blessed Sacrament and can offer our prayers in the presence of Christ. The Blessed Sacrament need not be exposed in the monstrance for us to be able to adore Christ. **Remember the SFV Catholic Chapel is open for your Adoration of Blessed Sacrament EVERYDAY – ALL DAY.**



Mark your Calendar: Join the Knights of Columbus to pray a Patriotic Rosary on Saturday May 23rd at 1:00 PM in the SFV Chapel. The Patriotic Rosary is a powerful prayer dedicated to asking God's protection, mercy and guidance for our great country.



Don't say No before you say Yes ... Visit the Secular Franciscans, get to know them, and ask yourself, Is God calling me? The Franciscan Saint Clare Fraternity invites you to attend a *Come and See* after Mass on Sunday June 14th at 11:15 AM. It will be held in the Chapel Building A&B Rooms.

Congratulations Father Bob Strittmatter on the Diamond Jubilee, the 60th Anniversary, of your Ordination to the Holy Priesthood!



A Mass of Thanksgiving commemorating Father Bob's ordination will be on Sunday May 31st at 3:00 PM. at All Saints Catholic Church (214 NW 20th St., Fort Worth, TX).

In closing this week's updates, I thought I would share a note I received about Saint Stanislaw Kazimierczyk, a Polish priest, who is known as an Apostle of the Eucharist. He had a real zeal for the Holy Eucharist. Father Stanislaw was born in the 15th Century and his whole life was bound to the Holy Eucharist. He prepared hours in silence for the Mass. It is said the most important moment of his day was when he received the Holy Eucharist. It was his utmost desire that the faithful would not be indifferent to the riches found in partaking of the Eucharist. He spoke of the graces offered to those who fully participate in the Mass. He was canonized a saint in 2010 by Pope Benedict XIV.



Jesus awaits us in the Sacrament of Love. Let us not refuse the time to go to meet him in adoration.

May Christ's will be done on earth as it is in heaven. God Give You Peace.
Mike Pierson

Mass Intentions

May 10, 2026	SFV Catholic Chapel Community
May 11, 2026	Repose of the Soul of Conzuela Valdez By The Knights of Columbus
May 12, 2026	Fr. Bob Strittmatter
May 13, 2026	NO MASS
May 14, 2026	NO MASS
May 15, 2026	Repose of the Soul of Jennifer Kemp By Tom & Ruth Kemp
May 16, 2026	Intentions of Buddy & Deborah Hartman By Connie Carter (5:00 PM Vigil Mass)