

Mass Intentions (May 13-19, 2023)

Sat. May 13/4:30 p.m.	Arnold Anthony Mercia Vaz	- Rose Anthony - Beverly Cooper
Sun. May 14/10:00 a.m.	Nick Baird Mike Broccolini Rosaria & Caterina Bertucci Joe Giancola & Giuseppe Venanzi Eileen Shanahan Pasqualina & Casimiro Boni - Angela & Giuseppe Palmarella	- Teresa Baird - Annette Broccolini - Elisabetta Nardi - Angela Venanzi - Shanahan & Scott families
Wed. May 17/10:00 a.m.	Vito Andreacchi & Rosaria Bertucci	- Elisabetta Nardi
Thu. May 18/10:00 a.m.	Pasquale Di-Murro	- Daughters
Fri. May 19/10:00 a.m.	Living & Deceased members of the Baird, Shanahan, Scott, Ryan, Malone, Faherty, McGarry & Kostner families	- Teresa Baird

SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER (Year A)

"I will not leave you orphans."

First Reading (Acts 8:5-8, 14-17)

People who hear the apostles preach welcome the message of Christ, and receive the Holy Spirit through the laying on of hands.

Second Reading (1 Peter 3:15-18)

People will hear and recognize the Gospel of Christ through actions as well as words.

Gospel (John 14:15-21)

We are not alone, or abandoned; the Spirit will be with us, to comfort us, advise and protect us.

Reflection:

The Church continues to grow.

This is obvious from our readings today. It grows through the preaching of the Gospel, the persecution of believers, the coming of the Holy Spirit. We are called to live in love, not in fear or guilt. People who really love will do things for those they love because they care for them, not because they want something back. It is the mark of true love. How much do I care if that person is in pain, afraid, sad? Can I truly put his or her needs first, without thinking about what I deserve in return?

When Jesus says, "if you love me you will keep my commandments", he is saying that we are called to act in love as well as to speak words of love. We have seen how Jesus lived his life, and even died for others. We are called to go out into the world and preach the Gospel, not just in words, but in actions. We can talk about our faith all day, but nobody will listen if the way we live shows us up.

People will recognize Christians by the way they live – do they care for people who are old, sick or poor? Do they visit prisoners, feed people who are hungry, clothe those who have nothing? Or is it all just words?

May you be ever joyful, particularly as you realize the presence of the Holy Spirit in your life, bestowing upon you the gifts of the Spirit.



Confirmation is the sacrament in which, through the laying on of hands anointing with the Chrism oil, and prayer, those already baptized are strengthened by the Holy Spirit in order that they may steadfastly profess the faith and faithfully live up to their profession.

Next Sunday May 21, our Faith First children will be celebrating their Confirmation at the 10:00 a.m. mass.

The celebrant is Episcopal Vicar Fr. Raymond Lafontaine.

The confirmation candidates are:

**Taja Butoyi
Michael Forlini
Matteo Di Lonardo
Alessio Nardi
Kiana Nardi
Teo Ricci**

Please remember them in your prayers.



**The Sanctuary Lamp will burn this week
FOR ALL MOTHER'S.**

Every Friday 9 to 10 am

**Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament
&**

Chaplet of The Divine Mercy followed by mass at 10 am.

Sick and Shut-Ins

If you have a family member or know of a friend who is shut-in and wish to receive Holy Communion or a visit from our pastoral home care team please call the parish office.

We are here to serve you.



**SUNDAY, JUNE 11
AFTER MASS**

Join our Parish Filipino Community on June 11, after the 10:00 am mass for a fundraising brunch benefitting St. Richard Parish.

Filipino Cuisine to Savor...

*Litson, Pancit, Palabok, Adobo, Apritada, Menudo,
Chopsuey, Spring & Egg Rolls,...*

including tasty and mouth watering desserts...

Leche flan, Cassava cake, Rice cake, Fruit platters etc.

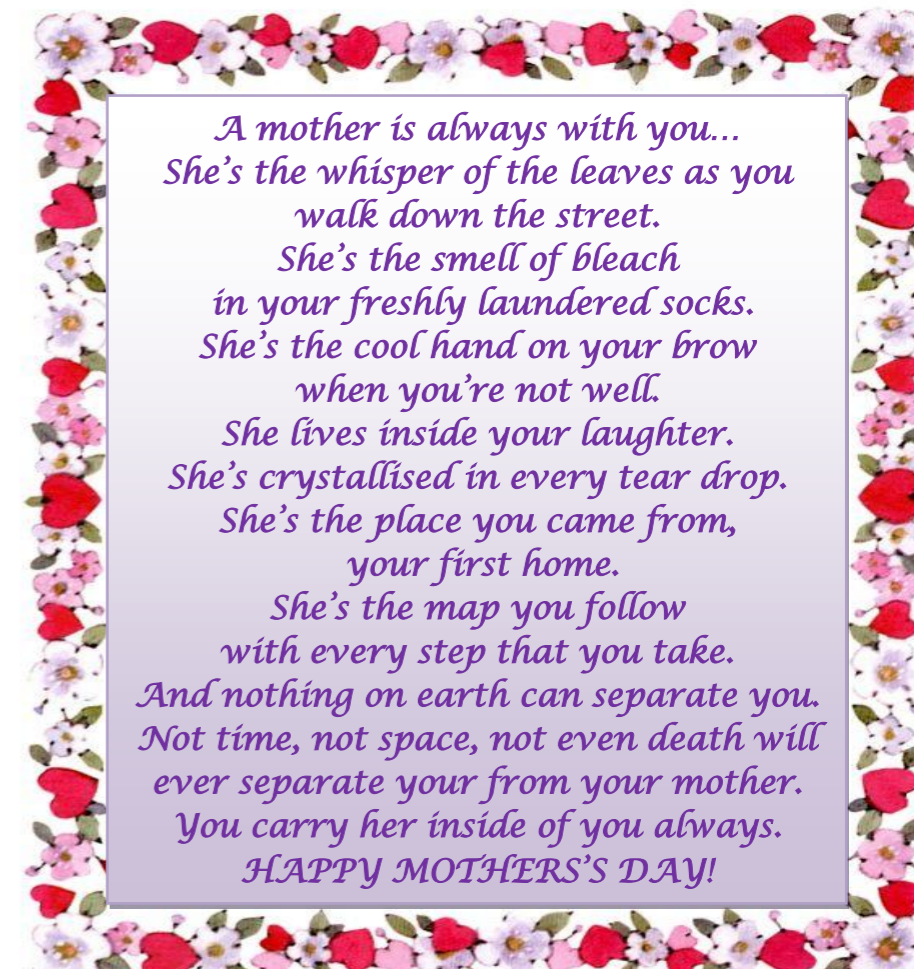
Tickets are on sale

Kids under 10 years enjoys for free...

Adults each 25\$ available for purchase after mass.

If you can help with selling tickets please see Teresa Baird.

Thank you in advance for any help!



*A mother is always with you...
She's the whisper of the leaves as you
walk down the street.
She's the smell of bleach
in your freshly laundered socks.
She's the cool hand on your brow
when you're not well.
She lives inside your laughter.
She's crystallised in every tear drop.
She's the place you came from,
your first home.
She's the map you follow
with every step that you take.
And nothing on earth can separate you.
Not time, not space, not even death will
ever separate you from your mother.
You carry her inside of you always.
HAPPY MOTHER'S DAY!*