

DEAR PILGRIMS:

Welcome to Mary Queen of the Universe in this month of May, dedicated to our Lady!

On the day after Pentecost, we celebrate the Memorial of the Blessed Virgin Mary, Mother of the Church. Eve was the mother of the living and Mary became the Mother of all those born in Christ. From the Cross, Jesus gave us the special gift of Mary as our Mother. On the Day of Pentecost, we see Mary with the disciples of Jesus, waiting for the gift of the Holy Spirit. She knew that everything is possible for God through the gift of the Holy Spirit. Her presence in the Church reminds us of and assures us of the presence of God among us.

A mother's presence is reassuring!

That is a part of the mission of this Shrine dedicated to our Blessed Mother. She was hailed by the Angel Gabriel as *full of grace*. We become God's children by adoption and grace. This Shrine tells us, beloved, that we are God's children now and if we are His children, there is nothing that He withholds from us. He gives us His Holy Spirit who abides with us forever. Just as Mary was told: *The Lord is with you*; we too are assured of this presence.

Let us bear this in mind as we commemorate International Bereaved Mother's Day on May 5 and Mother's Day on May 12. In joy and in sorrow, the Lord is with us. So, as you come to Mama Mary's Shrine this month, bring your thanksgiving, your sorrow, sin and shame. God has not abandoned you. He will accept your thanksgiving at the Eucharist, and he will strengthen you with the grace flowing from the Sacraments.

Grant Lord that through the prayers of the Blessed Virgin Mary, our Mother, we may attain the joys of everlasting life.

In Jesus and Mary,

Fr. Anny Aarms

MASS TIMES

MONDAY-FRIDAY

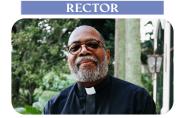
MASSES: 9:00AM | NOON CONFESSIONS: 10 AM-11:30AM | 2PM-4PM

SATURDAYS

MASSES: NOON | 6PM (CHOIR) CONFESSIONS: 10AM-4PM

SUNDAYS

MASSES: 8 AM | 10AM (CHOIR) | NOON (CHOIR) CONFESSIONS: 9AM-NOON



VERY REVEREND ANTHONY AARONS



MONDAY-FRIDAY: 9:30AM-4PM SATURDAYS: 11:30AM-7PM SUNDAYS: 8 AM-2PM

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UPCOMING EVENTS

FRIDAY, MAY 3 DIVINE MERCY CHAPLET 7 PM

SATURDAY, MAY 4 FIRST SATURDAY WITH THE BLESSED MOTHER 9 AM

SAT-SUN, MAY 11-12 FESTIVAL OF ROSES

SUNDAY, MAY 26 SOLEMNITY OF THE MOST HOLY TRINITY

THURSDAY, MAY 30 MOZART'S REQUIEM CONCERT 7:30 PM

> FRIDAY, MAY 31 FEAST OF THE VISITATION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

Mother's Day Brunch

SUNDAY, MAY 12

Join us at the Basilica to honor Mother Mary and all mothers with a Eucharistic celebration, followed by our <u>Annual Festival of Roses</u> and a <u>Mother's Day Brunch</u>.







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