



OUR LADY of the Blessed Sacrament

Catholic Church, Agaña Heights, Guam



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Pastor

Deacon Louis Agbulos, Jr.

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Monday- Wednesday
and Friday

8:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.
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MISSION STATEMENT

- * To develop and strengthen our spirituality in a vibrant parish community through the celebration of the Eucharist, the devotion to and the adoration of the Blessed Sacrament;
- * To nurture the closeness and unity of our parish families;
- * To promote involvement in various Church ministries and ensure the continuing formation of its ministers; and
- * To serve the need of the local community, island community, and the global community.

MAY SAT VIGIL: FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

13 5PM **ENBIDA/HEALING** for Deacon Louis Agbulos, Jr., Donna Jones, Richard Davis, Jacintha Marsil, Tee Sablan, Frank and Terry Indalecio and Family, Annie Untalan, Lisa Ortiz, Tom Torres, Florence Quitugua, Louisa Van Vickle, Kuma Santos, Manny Calvo, Dominic Terlaje, Thomas Taitano, Mark Cruz, David P. Aguon, Edward Pangelinan; Ricardo P. Masnayon, Maria Masnayon; **ENBIDA/HEALING/HOLY SPIRIT** for Shane McDonald, Angelica, Carolina, Julio de la Torre; **ENBIDA & Holy Spirit** Cresencia Meno, Jonathan Sablan, Venecia Chargualaf and Aponik Families; **ENBIDA/BIRTHDAY BLESSING** Kathy M. McDonald and Yvette McDonald, **For the Sick and Recovering** for Francisco Lizama and Bernadette Lizama; **For the Homebound**—Esther Lizama, **Tres Ave Maria and Thanksgiving** for Anna Teresa Indalecio Eustaquio **Holy Spirit** for Torres and Duenas Families; **Special Intentions** for Patricia RoseAnn Torres; **For those in the U.S. Armed Forces; ANIMAS** †Jose E. Mendiola, †Millie Acfalle, †Juan, †Tony, †Michelle Limtiaco, †Joseph D.M. Bamba, †Connie Iriarte, †Phillip D. Reyes, †Juan Untalan Torres, †James and †David Grantham, †Alfred V.G. Quiniones, †Jerry Hauf, †Leonard Baza, †Antonia D. Cruz, †Joseph Tydingco Jr., †Alvin P. Lorenzo, †Diane Yamashita, †Juan Benavente Castro, †Antoinette Marie Galavotti †Soledad C. Masnayon, †Frank Q. Taitano, †Jose A. Reyes, †Antonio Cruz Artero (**Birthday Memorial**), †Ruth Leon Guerrero and for the †**Holy Souls in Purgatory**

14 SUN FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

7&9 AM **ENBIDA** for all Christian Mothers in our Parish; **ENBIDA** for all mothers in our parish, both living and deceased; **ENBIDA** Annie Untalan, Pep Pangelinan, Christine Chargualaf, Marie Tenorio, Leah Manipol, Florence Gogue, Susan Rhea, Vivian Ballesta, Viola Pangelinan, Terry Perez and Anna Aflague, **ENBIDA** for Lucia McDonald, Laling, Terri, Lillian, Elaine, Frances, Sallie, Patty, Claire, Marlene and Lucilla; **ENBIDA/HEALING** for Deacon Louis Agbulos, Jr., Donna Jones, Richard Davis, Jacintha Marsil, Tee Sablan, Frank & Terry Indalecio & Family, Annie Untalan, Lisa Ortiz, Louisa Van Vickle, Juan Castro, Jr., Tom Torres, Florence Quitugua, Kuma Santos, Manny Calvo, Dominic Terlaje, Thomas Taitano, David P. Aguon, Edward Pangelinan, Ricardo P. Masnayon, Maria Masnayon, Mark Cruz, **ENBIDA/HEALING/SPECIAL INTENTIONS** for Shane McDonald, Angelica, Carolina, Julio de la Torre; **ENBIDA & Holy Spirit** Cresencia Meno, Jonathan Sablan, Venecia Chargualaf and Aponik Families; **For the Sick and Recovering** for Francisco Lizama and Bernadette Lizama; **For the Homebound**—Esther Lizama, **Holy Spirit** for Torres and Duenas Families; **Special Intentions** for Patricia RoseAnn Torres; **Tres Ave Maria and Thanksgiving** for Anna Teresa Indalecio Eustaquio; **ENBIDA and Special Intention** for all those in need, **ENBIDA and Safe Journey** Charles McDonald, **For those in the U.S. Armed Forces; ANIMAS** †Jose E. Mendiola, †Isabel C. Munoz, †Millie Acfalle, †Juan, †Tony, †Michelle Limtiaco, †Joseph D.M. Bamba, †Rodolfo de la Torre, †Teresa Hernandez, †Juan Garcia, †Juan Untalan Torres, †Phillip D. Reyes, †James and †David Grantham, †Kenneth T. Gumataotao, †Alfred V.G. Quiniones, †Jerry Hauf, †Leonard Baza, †Antonia D. Cruz, †Joseph Tydingco Jr., †John B. Castro, †Alvin P. Lorenzo, †Diane Yamashita, †Juan Benavente Castro, †Antoinette Marie Galavotti †Soledad C. Masnayon, †Frank Q. Taitano, †Jose A. Reyes, †Ana Arceo Torres, †Bernadita T. Manipol, †Vanessa S. Manipol, †Maria T. Tedaotao, †Maria T. Torres, †Maria T. Rios (**Mothers Day Remembrance**), †Josefa Torres Artero (**Mothers Day Remembrance**), †Asuncion P. Torres (**Death Anniversary**), †Ruth Leon Guerrero and for the †**Holy Souls in Purgatory**

15 MON EASTER WEEKDAY

6:00 PM **ENBIDA** for all Confirmands of our Parish; **ENBIDA/HEALING** for Deacon Louis Agbulos, Jr., Donna Jones, Richard Davis, Ruth Leon Guerrero, Sr. Jacintha Marsil, Frank & Terry Indalecio & Family, Louisa Van Vickle, Tom Torres, Florence Quitugua, Kuma Santos, Manny Calvo, Dominic Grantham, Thomas Taitano, David P. Aguon, Edward Pangelinan; Ricardo P. Masnayon, Maria Masnayon, Mark Cruz; **ENBIDA/HEALING/ST. JUDE** for Shane McDonald, Angelica, Carolina, Julio de la Torre; **Special Int** Aponik Family; **For the Sick and Recovering** for Francisco Lizama & Bernadette Lizama; **For the Homebound**—Esther Lizama, **Holy Spirit** for Torres and Duenas Families; **Special Int** for Patricia RoseAnn Torres; **ANIMAS** †Catherine C. Blas, †Millie Acfalle, †Juan, †Tony, †Michelle Limtiaco, †Joseph D.M. Bamba, †Connie Iriarte, †Juan Untalan Torres, †James and †David Grantham, †Alfred V.G. Quiniones, †Leonard Baza, †Antonia D. Cruz, †Joseph Tydingco Jr., †Alvin P. Lorenzo, †Jose E. Mendiola, †Diane Yamashita, †Antoinette Marie Galavotti †Juan Benavente Castro, †Soledad C. Masnayon, †Frank Q. Taitano, †Jose A. Reyes, †Ruth Leon Guerrero †**Holy Souls in Purgatory**

FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

PARISH INFORMATION

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM: Baptisms are celebrated on 1st and 3rd Saturdays at 4:00 p.m. Please contact the parish secretary at least three (3) weeks in advance to schedule a baptism.

SACRAMENT OF MATRIMONY: Please contact the parish office at least six months before the date of the proposed marriage.

PARISH REGISTRATION: Are you new to our parish or may-be just have not had the chance to register? If so, please stop by the parish office to register. Thank you.

GODPARENTS AND SPONSORS: Permission forms are available at the OLBS Parish Office during office hours. Sponsorship approval should be obtained from the parish where you **currently attend Mass regularly**, not from the parish where you received the Sacrament of Confirmation.

SACRAMENT CERTIFICATES: If you need a copy of your Baptism, First Holy Communion, Confirmation and/or Marriage Certificate, please contact the parish office.

PARISH BULLETIN NOTICES: All announcements for the weekly bulletin must be submitted no later than 12 NOON on Wednesday.

16 TUES EASTER WEEKDAY

6:00 PM ENBIDA/HEALING for Deacon Louis Agbulos, Jr., Donna Jones, Richard Davis, Sr. Jacintha Marsil, Frank & Terry Indalecio & Family, Tom Torres, Florence Quitugua, Louisa Van Vickle, Kuma Santos, Manny Calvo, Dominic Terlaje, Thomas Taitano, David P. Aguon, Edward Pangelinan; Ricardo Masnayan, Maria Masnayan, Mark Cruz **ENBIDA/HEALING/ST. ANTHONY** for Shane McDonald, Angelica, Carolina, Julio de la Torre; **For the Sick and Recovering** for Francisco Lizama and Bernadette Lizama; **For the Homebound**—Esther Lizama, **Special Intentions** Aponik Family; **Holy Spirit** for Torres and Duenas Families; **ANIMAS** †Millie Acfalle, †Juan, †Tony, †Michelle Limtiaco, †Joseph D.M. Bamba, †Connie Iriarte, †Juan Untalan Torres, †James and †David Grantham, †Alfred V.G. Quiniones, †Leonard Baza, †Antonia D. Cruz, †Joseph Tydingco Jr., †Alvin P. Lorenzo, † Diane Yamashita, †Juan Benavente Castro, †Antoinette Marie Galavotti, † Frank Q. Taitano, † Jose A. Reyes, †Ruth Leon Guerrero, and for **†Holy Souls in Purgatory**

17 WED EASTER WEEKDAY

6:00 PM ENBIDA/HEALING for Deacon Louis Agbulos, Jr., Donna Jones, Richard Davis, Sr. Jacintha Marsil, Frank & Terry Indalecio & Family, Tom Torres, Florence Quitugua, Louisa Van Vickle, Kuma Santos, Manny Calvo, Dominic Terlaje, Thomas Taitano, David P. Aguon, Edward Pangelinan; Ricardo Masnayan, Maria Masnayan, Mark Cruz **ENBIDA/HEALING/OUR LADY OF PERPETUAL HELP** for Shane McDonald, Angelica, Carolina, Julio de la Torre; **For the Sick and Recovering** for Francisco Lizama and Bernadette Lizama; **Special Intentions** Aponik Family; **For the Homebound**—Esther Lizama, **Holy Spirit** for Torres and Duenas Families; **Special Intentions** for Patricia RoseAnn Torres; **ANIMAS** †Millie Acfalle, †Juan, †Tony, †Michelle Limtiaco, †Joseph D.M. Bamba, †Connie Iriarte, †Juan Untalan Torres, †James and †David Grantham, †Alfred V.G. Quiniones, †Leonard Baza, †Antonia D. Cruz, †Joseph Tydingco Jr., †John Benavente Castro, †Alvin P. Lorenzo, † Diane Yamashita, †Juan Benavente Castro, †Soledad C. Masnayan, †Antoinette Marie Galavotti, † Frank Q. Taitano, † Jose A. Reyes, †Ruth Leon Guerrero, †Andrew Diaz Artero (Memorial Birthday) and for the **†Holy Souls in Purgatory**

18 THURS EASTER WEEKDAY

NO MASS: CAPUCHIN FRATERNITY DAY

19 FRI EASTER WEEKDAY

6:00 PM SPECIAL INTENTIONS for all Guardians of our Adoration Chapel; **ENBIDA/HEALING** for Deacon Louis Agbulos, Jr., Donna Jones, Richard Davis, Sr. Jacintha Marsil, Frank & Terry Indalecio & Family, Tom Torres, Florence Quitugua, Louisa Van Vickle, Kuma Santos, Manny Calvo, Dominic Terlaje, Thomas Taitano, David P. Aguon, Edward Pangelinan; Ricardo Masnayan, Maria Masnayan, Mark Cruz **ENBIDA/HEALING/SACRED HEART** for Shane McDonald, Angelica, Carolina, Julio de la Torre; **For the Sick and Recovering** for Francisco Lizama and Bernadette Lizama; **For the Homebound**—Esther Lizama, **Special Intentions** Aponik Family; **Holy Spirit** for Torres and Duenas Families; **Special Intentions** for Patricia RoseAnn Torres; **ANIMAS** †Catherine C. Blas, †Millie Acfalle, †Juan, †Tony, †Michelle Limtiaco, †Joseph D.M. Bamba, †Connie Iriarte, †Juan Untalan Torres, †James and †David Grantham, †Alfred V.G. Quiniones, †Leonard Baza, †Antonia D. Cruz, †Joseph Tydingco Jr., †Alvin P. Lorenzo, † Diane Yamashita, †Jose E. Mendiola, †Juan Benavente Castro, †Soledad C. Masnayan, †Antoinette Marie Galavotti, † Frank Q. Taitano, † Jose A. Reyes, †Ruth Leon Guerrero and for the **†Holy Souls in Purgatory**

20 SAT EASTER WEEKDAY

7:00 AM ENBIDA/HEALING for Deacon Louis Agbulos, Jr., Donna Jones, Richard Davis, Sr. Jacintha Marsil, Frank & Terry Indalecio & Family, Tom Torres, Florence Quitugua, Louisa Van Vickle, Kuma Santos, Manny Calvo, Dominic Terlaje, Thomas Taitano, David P. Aguon, Edward Pangelinan; Ricardo Masnayan, Maria Masnayan, Mark Cruz **ENBIDA/HEALING/BLESSED VIRGIN MARY** for Shane McDonald, Angelica, Carolina, Julio de la Torre; **For the Sick and Recovering** for Francisco Lizama and Bernadette Lizama; **For the Homebound**—Esther Lizama, **Special Intentions** Aponik Family; **Holy Spirit** for Torres and Duenas Families; **Special Intentions** for Patricia RoseAnn Torres; **ANIMAS** †Jose E. Mendiola, †Catherine C. Blas, †Millie Acfalle, †Juan, †Tony, †Michelle Limtiaco, †Joseph D.M. Bamba, †Connie Iriarte, †Juan Untalan Torres, †James and †David Grantham, †Alfred V.G. Quiniones, †Leonard Baza, †Antonia D. Cruz, †Joseph Tydingco Jr., †Alvin P. Lorenzo, † Diane Yamashita, †Soledad C. Masnayan, †Juan Benavente Castro, †Antoinette Marie Galavotti, † Frank Q. Taitano, † Jose A. Reyes, †Ruth Leon Guerrero and for the **†Holy Souls in Purgatory**

*I am the
way,
and
the
truth,
and
the life.*
John 14:6

FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER



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DO NOT LET YOUR HEARTS BE TROUBLED

The Gospel helps us rekindle our Easter experience by bringing us one step farther backwards—not to the empty tomb but to the upper room where Jesus broke bread with his Apostles on the night before he would die.

“Do not let your hearts be troubled,” Jesus admonishes the Twelve. He has spoken to them about his impending death, the denial of Peter, and the betrayal of another Apostle. This triple bad news spreads across the table like poison. One wonders how the Apostles manage to finish their meal.

In the face of the ominous storm, Jesus promises them the certitude of his abiding care and protection. He speaks to them about “dwelling places” in his Father’s house, and he is departing to prepare a place for everyone. Jesus’ deepest desire is to take us to himself, “so that where I am you also may be.”

Among the Twelve, only Thomas breaks the silence. He asks how he can actually get there. Faced with such a precarious situation, Thomas receives Jesus’ resolute reply: “I am the way and the truth and the life.” The Apostle does not get any road map. The only guide given by Jesus is himself.

Thomas’ courage emboldens Philip who makes a forthright and simple request: “Master, show us the Father, and that will be enough for us.” In his reply, Jesus reveals his deep intimacy and unique relationship with the heavenly Father. The Father no longer hides any secret from men and the women and has in fact revealed himself fully in the person of Jesus Christ. “Whoever has seen me has seen the Father.”



HAPPY MOTHER'S DAY

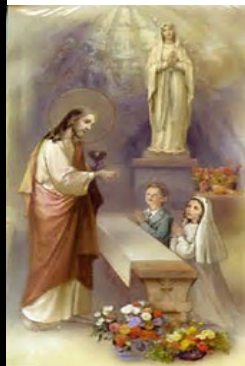
On behalf of our parish, we would like to wish all mothers a Blessed and “Happy Mother’s Day”.

Loving God,
as a mother gives life and nourishment to her children,
so you watch over your Church.

Bless these women,
that they may be strengthened as Christian mothers.
Let the example of their faith and love shine forth.

Grant that we, their sons and daughters,
may honor them always
with a spirit of profound respect.
Grant this through Christ our Lord.

Amen.



CONGRATULATIONS FIRST HOLY COMMUNION STUDENTS

We would like to congratulate the First Holy Communion students who received their Sacrament last Sunday:

1st Holy Communion Class: *Natalia-Marcella Aguon, Patrick Alvarez, Jovaien Bamba, Alise Blas, Adrian Ceraos, James Cruz, Taylor Cruz, Gavin Duenas, Khloe Gallo, AnaLuisa Garcia, Gabriella Hattig, Amarah Jean Ignacio, Anthony Ignacio, Genesis Lizama, Tristan Luai, Marii Manipol, Mea Manipol, Michael Pono, Kylee Reyes, Amyrianah Rosadino, Nathan Sablan, Nicole Sablan, Kollin San Nicolas, Bailee Santiago, Donivan Tajeron, Cabrini Taitano, Sophia Taitano, Aeviana Untalan and Lucas Villagomez*

FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

CAPUCHIN YOUTH AND FAMILY MINISTRY

The Capuchin Youth and Family Ministry (C.Y.F.M.) would like to kick off summer with the youth and their families.

The first C.Y.F.M. event will be held on Sunday, June 4, 2017 from 3:30 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. at the Social Hall. Throughout the summer, different events will be hosted for incoming freshmen to recent graduates of the Class of 2017. The upcoming activities will be posted in the parish bulletins.

The Capuchin Youth and Family Ministry looks forward to kicking off the summer with you! For more information please call the Parish Office at 472-6246 or email: olsaganaheights@gmail.com.

2017 Graduates' Mass

We will have a Mass in honor of all Graduates from our parish on Sunday, June 4, at the 9:00 a.m. Mass. Graduates are asked to wear their gowns but no caps.

For planning purposes, Graduates are asked to fill out the form below and place it in the Collection basket, drop off to Parish Office during office hours or at the Mailbox by the Parish Office **no later than Tuesday, May 31, 2017. THANK YOU.**

GRADUATE'S NAME: _____

Phone No: _____

College High School Middle School

Elementary Other

School Attended: _____

Telephone Number: _____

ARCHDIOCESAN ANNUAL APPEAL

Please support the Archdiocesan Annual Appeal which began on Sunday, March 5, 2017. **Our parish was allocated a goal of \$5,000.00. To date we have collected \$900.00.**

Archbishop Byrnes declared the purpose of the Annual Appeal is needed to help fund the various ministries, operations and archdiocesan services of our Chancery.

Archbishop Byrnes also acknowledged the "great skepticism, distrust, question and lack of confidence" many Catholics have toward the leadership of the Archdiocese, the Curia and the Chancery during these difficult times which have seen our Church rocked by controversy, division and a growing sea of clergy sexual abuse allegations and lawsuits.

He pledged to win back the trust of the faithful and our community with "earnest hearts, greater transparency and accountability."

The Annual Appeal supports six ministries and services:

1. Safe Environment,
2. Evangelization and Faith Formation
3. Chaplaincy
4. Vocation Ministry
5. Office of Communication/Umatuna Si Yu'os
6. Parish Administrative Support.

Please pick up and fill out an Archdiocesan Annual Appeal Pledge card along with your donation. Pledge cards can be picked up at the parish office.

SACRAMENT OF MARRIAGE

I would love to have a conversation with any couple in our parish who are civilly married or in a common law marriage and are interested in receiving the Sacrament of Marriage. I want to help you move forward in this process so you can experience the power of God's grace in the Sacrament. Please contact me at the parish office or email me at olsaganaheights@gmail.com to make an appointment. Thank you.

FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

ADORATION CHAPEL

Just one hour with the Lord can change your life. Our parish is blessed with a beautiful Adoration Chapel opened 24 hours a day. If you have not already signed up to be a guardian, I encourage you to visit our Lord in the Chapel and experience his love and presence. Below is the list of days and hours that are still available and in need of another guardian. **The days that are in BOLD capital letters and underlined are the hours that urgently need a guardian.** Please contact the parish office at 472-6246, stop by the office to sign up or get more information, or email olbs.adoration@gmail.com. Si Yu'os Ma'ase for your endless prayers, support and involvement for our parish.

AM

12am –1 am (Wed)
1am—2 am (Tues. Sat.)
2am-3am (Tues)
3am-4am (**SUN**, Mon., **TUES.**)
4am.-5am. (Sun., Mon., Wed., Thurs.)
5am.-6am. (Wed.)
6am.-7am. (Mon, Tues.,)
7am.-8am. (Sun., Mon., Tues., Wed., Thurs., Fri., Sat.)
8am.-9am. (Mon., Tues., Wed., Thurs., Fri)
9am.-10am (Sun., Mon.,)
10am.-11am. (Mon., Wed., Thurs., Fri.,)
11am.-12pm. (Wed., Fri.)

PM

12pm.-1pm. (Sun., Mon., Wed., Thurs., Fri., Sat.)
1pm.-2pm. (Mon., Thurs.)
2pm.-3pm. (Tues., Sat.)
3pm.-4pm. (Mon., Tues., THURS., Sat.)
4pm.-5pm. (Fri., Sat.)
6pm.-7pm. (Friday and Saturday)
7pm.-8pm. (Mon, Wed.)
8pm.-9pm. (Saturday)
9pm.-10pm. (Saturday)
10pm 11pm (Sunday)
11pm—12am (Sun., Tues., **THURS.**, Sat.)

TECHA SCHEDULE

May 14-20 Millie Artero/Natty Calvo
May 21 –28 Glorina Perez/Lucia McDonald
May 29-June 2 Emily Cruz/Letty Bartels

LAST WEEK'S COLLECTIONS

Sunday Collection: \$2463.79

ARCHDIOCESAN APPEAL

Parish Goal: \$5,000.00

Amount Received to Date: 900.00

Thank you to all who so generously and faithfully support our parish.

PLEASE PRAY....

For our Sick and/or Recovering:

Deacon Louis Agbulos, Jr., Rose Borja, Pedro C. Cruz, Doris Garrido, Mercedes Grantham, Donna Jones, Bernadette Lizama, Francisco Lizama, Sr. Jacinta Marsil, Maria P. Masnayan, James McDonald, Mark Pangilinan, Lisa Ortiz, Tee Sablan, Irene Sobrevilla, Bill Suzuki, Clarissa Taitano, Dorothy Tydingco, Annie Untalan.

For our Homebound:

Maria Aguon, Anne Calvo, Dolores F. Chargualaf, Nancy Duenas, Serafina Fejeran, Agueda (Ida) Fujikawa, Olivia Guinto, Isabel Gumataotao, Rita Gumataotao, Bernadita Hamamoto, Ester Lizama, Dolores Luzano, Terry McDonald, Virginia Portusach, Florence Sablan, Francisco San Nicolas, John and Winnie Suzuki, Rosa M. Torres and Annie Untalan.

Please remember our sick, recovering and Homebound parishioners in your daily prayers.

FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER



A MOTHER'S DAY PRAYER

We thank You for our mothers to whom You have entrusted the care of every precious human life from its very beginning in the womb.

You have given to woman the capacity of participating with You in the creation of new life. Grant that every woman may come to understand the full meaning of that blessing, which gives her an unlimited capacity for selfless love for every child she may be privileged to bear, and for all Your children.

Watch over every mother who is with child, strengthen her faith in Your fatherly care and love for her and for her unborn baby. Give her courage in times of fear or pain, understanding in times of uncertainty and doubt, and hope in times of trouble. Grant her joy in the birth of her child.

To mothers You have given the great privilege and responsibility of being a child's first teacher and spiritual guide. Grant that all mothers may worthily foster the faith of their children, following the example of Mary, Elizabeth, and other holy women who follow Christ. Help mothers to grow daily in knowledge and understanding of Your Son, Our Lord Jesus Christ, and grant them the wisdom to impart this knowledge faithfully to their children, and to all who depend upon them.

Assist all "spiritual mothers", those who, though they may have no children of their own, nevertheless selflessly care for the children of others -- of every age and state in life. Grant that they may know the joy of fulfilling this motherly calling of women, whether in teaching, nursing, religious life, or in other work which recognizes and fosters the true dignity of every human being created in Your image and likeness.

We beseech You to send Your Holy Spirit, the Comforter, to all mothers who sorrow for children that have died, are ill or estranged from their families, or who are in trouble or danger of any kind. Help grieving mothers to rely on Your tender mercy and fatherly love for all your children.

We ask your blessing on all those to whom You have entrusted motherhood. May Your Holy Spirit constantly inspire and strengthen them. May they ever follow the example of Mary, mother of Our Lord, and imitate her fidelity, her humility, and her self-giving love. May all mothers receive Your Grace abundantly in this earthly life, and may they look forward to eternal joy in Your presence in the life to come.

We ask this through our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, world without end.

AMEN.