I AM THE WAY AND THE TRUTH AND THE LIFE.

NO ONE COMES TO THE FATHER EXCEPT THROUGH ME.

John 14:6

FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER
MAY 10, 2020
Dear Friends,

First, on behalf of Fr. Durkee and the staff at Queen of Heaven, Happy Mother’s Day to all the wonderful moms, those who are still with us and those who live on in our cherished memories. We thank God for them and you, and your YES to life!

From John’s Gospel today we hear Jesus’ farewell address to his disciples. It’s not a thanks for the memories party filled with funny stories, a goodbye cake, and presents to honor his retirement. Rather, Jesus is leaving his disciples behind to be with the Father and remain with Him until the end of the ages. His mission is up, and the time has come to pass the torch. “Amen, amen, I say to you, whoever believes in me will do the works that I do, and will do greater ones than these, because I am going to the Father.”

While we consider the mission in front of us and in light of Mother’s Day, I think of the story of contemporary Saint Gianna Molla. She was a passionate Italian woman who balanced her mission and vocation as a physician, wife, and mother to three children. It was the pregnancy of her fourth child that became troublesome. She was diagnosed with a uterine tumor and was faced with a life or death decision. Before the required surgical operation, and conscious of the risk that her continued pregnancy brought, she pleaded with the surgeon to save the life of the child she was carrying and entrusted herself to prayer and God’s Providence.

A few days before the child was due, Gianna was quoted speaking to her doctor, “If you must decide be without hesitation, choose the child—I insist on it. Save the baby.” On the morning of April 21, 1962 Gianna Emanuela was born. Despite all efforts and treatments to save both of them, on the morning of April 28th, amid unspeakable pain and after repeated exclamations of “Jesus, I love you. Jesus, I love you,” Gianna died. She was 39 years old. Gianna was canonized by St. Pope John Paul II on May 16, 2004.

One could certainly look at the lives of people like Gianna Molla throughout the history of the Catholic Church and see that Jesus was telling the truth; the astonishing claim in verse 12 of today’s Gospel—that we will do greater things than He. Jesus loves us so much that He wants us to partake in His Divine mission however that we will do greater things than He. Jesus loves us so much that He wants us to partake in His Divine mission however that looks here on earth. Pope Benedict XVI’s words apply here: “The world offers comfort. But you were not made for comfort. You were made for comfort. You were made for greatness.”

So, in a special way we thank all mothers who have taken up the mission of heroic sacrifice on behalf of their families and children. We are especially grateful for the example of Mary, the Mother of God, who in her “yes” gave birth to our Savior, Jesus Christ. May we ask for her protection over the entire Church this day. Amen.

A blessed week to you all,
Steve D
**Weekly Scripture**

**Sunday, May 10**  
*Fifth Sunday of Easter*  
*Mother’s Day*  
Acts 6:1-7  
Ps 33:1-2, 4-5, 18-19  
1 Pt 2:4-9  
Jn 14:1-12

**Monday, May 11**  
*Easter Weekday*  
Acts 14:5-18  
Ps 115:1-2, 3-4, 15-16  
Jn 14:21-26

**Tuesday, May 12**  
*Easter Weekday*  
Acts 14:19-28  
Ps 145:10-11, 12-13ab, 21  
Jn 14:27-31a

**Wednesday, May 13**  
*Easter Weekday*  
*Feast of Our Lady of Fatima*  
Acts 15:1-6  
Ps 122:1-2, 3-4ab, 4cd-5  
Jn 15:1-8

**Thursday, May 14**  
*Easter Weekday*  
*Feast of St. Matthias, Apostle*  
Acts 1:15-17, 20-26  
Ps 113:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 7-8  
Jn 15:9-17

**Friday, May 15**  
*Easter Weekday*  
Acts 15:22-31  
Ps 57:8-9, 10 and 12  
Jn 15:12-17

**Saturday, May 16**  
*Easter Weekday*  
Acts 16:1-10  
Ps 100:1b-2, 3, 5  
Jn 15:18-21


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**“Master, show us the Father”**

_Gospel Reflection Based on John 14:1-12_

The readings for the last few Sundays have been about the Resurrection, but today’s Gospel takes us back in time to an event in Jesus’ life before his Passion. Jesus tells his disciples that he is going to prepare a place for them in his Father’s house. He promises that where he is going, his disciples will be able to follow. Thomas, who will later doubt the disciples’ reports that they have seen the Risen Lord, contradicts Jesus by saying that the disciples don’t know where Jesus is going or how to get there. Jesus explains that he himself is the way, the truth, and the life. In knowing and loving Jesus, the disciples now love God the Father.

Philip then makes a request that challenges Jesus’ words. Philip wants Jesus to show the Father to the disciples. Recall that Jesus has just told his disciples, “If you know me, then you will also know my Father. From now on you do know him and have seen him.” As a good teacher, Jesus responds to Philip by repeating and elaborating on what he has just told the disciples: they have seen and known Jesus, so they have seen and known the Father. Then Jesus offers another reassurance about his departure: because of faith in God and in Jesus, the disciples will do the work that Jesus has done and more.

The connection between Jesus and his Father, between Jesus’ work and the work of the Father, is made clear in today’s Gospel. Jesus is in the Father, and God the Father is in Jesus. As God spoke his name to Moses, “I am,” so too Jesus speaks his name to his disciples: “I am the way and the truth and the life.”

The revelation of the Trinity is completed in the passage that follows today’s reading, and it is the Gospel for next Sunday. Because Jesus goes away, the Father will send in Jesus’ name the Advocate, the Holy Spirit, who will continue the work of the Father and of Jesus.

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DO NOT LET YOUR HEARTS BE TROUBLED.  
YOU HAVE FAITH IN GOD; HAVE FAITH ALSO IN ME. - JN 14:1
Our Lady of Fatima
Feast Day: May 13

Between May 13 and October 13, 1917, three Portuguese children—Francisco and Jacinta Marto and their cousin Lucia dos Santos—received apparitions of Our Lady at Cova da Iria near Fatima, a city 110 miles north of Lisbon. Mary asked the children to pray the rosary for world peace, for the end of World War I, for sinners, and for the conversion of Russia. Mary gave the children three secrets. Following the deaths of Francisco and Jacinta in 1919 and 1920 respectively, Lucia revealed the first secret in 1927. It concerned devotion to the Immaculate Heart of Mary. The second secret was a vision of hell. When Lucia grew up she became a Carmelite nun and died in 2005 at the age of 97. Pope John Paul II directed the Holy See's Secretary of State to reveal the third secret in 2000; it spoke of a “bishop in white” who was shot by a group of soldiers who fired bullets and arrows into him. Many people linked this vision to the assassination attempt against Pope John Paul II in St. Peter’s Square on May 13, 1981. The feast of Our Lady of Fatima was approved by the local bishop in 1930; it was added to the Church's worldwide calendar in 2002.


An Act of Entrustment to Mary*

Blessed Virgin Mary of Fatima, with renewed gratitude for your motherly presence we join in the voice of all generations that call you blessed. We celebrate in you the great works of God, who never tires of lowering himself in mercy over humanity, afflicted by evil and wounded by sin, to heal and to save it.

Accept with the benevolence of a Mother this act of entrustment that we make in faith today, before this your image, beloved to us. We are certain that each one of us is precious in your eyes and that nothing in our hearts has estranged you. May we allow your sweet gaze to reach us and the perpetual warmth of your smile.

Guard our life with your embrace; bless and strengthen every desire for good; give new life and nourishment to faith; sustain and enlighten hope; awaken and animate charity; guide us all on the path to holiness.

Teach us your own special love for the little and the poor, for the excluded and the suffering, for sinners and the wounded of heart. Gather all people under you protection and give us all to your beloved Son, our Lord Jesus. Amen.

* Act of Entrustment to Mary, Virgin of Fatima, by Pope Francis at Saint Peter’s Square on October 13, 2013.

Prayer to St. Mary, Blessed Virgin
MOTHERHOOD

Dear Blessed Virgin Mary,
I humbly ask for your powerful prayers for God’s guidance in raising my children. By your example, I strive to be a good mother and teach my children right from wrong. I ask your Son for patience, wisdom, strength and direction in all decisions I make for my children. Sweet Mary, I need your prayers this day. Amen.

Mary is the blessed and sacred mother of Jesus and the earthly wife of Joseph. It is thought that she was born around 20 B.C. She was a perfect mother to her holy Son and raised Him in sheer bliss. God chose her for her loving and tender nature, her patience, virtue and grace.

She supported Jesus through persecution and stood by His side during His last days on earth. The Blessed Mother has many patronages but, of course, as the mother of Christ, she is most closely associated with motherhood. She is known to appear to people who are devoted and desire her prayers. [Her feast day is January 1.]

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Monday-Saturday mornings 8:30 AM

Tuesday 1:30 PM Mass celebrated at Greenview Senior Assisted Living Holy Days & Holidays Times to be announced

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Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

**OUR MISSION**

“Queen of Heaven Parish strives to be a prayerful, vibrant, and proactive community sharing Christ’s love through numerous ministries. We are dedicated to building up the Body of Christ through the sacraments, the scriptures, and the intercession of Mary.”

**BAPTISM**

Baptisms are celebrated following the 11:00 AM Mass or as scheduled. Parents having their first child are required to attend a Baptism Class prior to Baptism. Classes are held quarterly on the first Thursday of the month at 6:30 PM starting in February (announced in the bulletin) or by special arrangement. Please call the office to register; registration is required.

**MARRIAGE**

In keeping with Diocesan requirements, arrangements must be made with a Priest or Deacon at least six months before the date selected for the necessary preparation.

**PASTORAL CARE OF THE SICK**

Please notify the parish office as soon as possible regarding arrangements.

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