

# OUR LADY OF PROMPT SUCCOR CHURCH

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## *Welcome to Our Lady of Prompt Succor Catholic Church*

Thank you for joining us today. OLOPS would like to extend a warm welcome to our new families. We are delighted to have you and would like you to know that we have a special place here for you and your family. OLOPS is a place for spiritual nourishment, a place for worship, a place for learning, and a place for friendship. We hope you will find a true home with us here at Our Lady of Prompt Succor.

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### *Pastor's Message*

When St. John Chrysostom was summoned before the Roman Emperor Arcadius and threatened with banishment, he replied, "You cannot banish me, for the world is my Father's house." "Then I will kill you," exclaimed the Emperor angrily. "No, you cannot," retorted Chrysostom, "because my life is hidden with Christ in God." "Your treasures shall be confiscated," the Emperor replied grimly. "Sir, you can't do that because my treasures are in Heaven as my heart is there." "I will drive you from your people, and you shall have no friends left," threatened the Emperor. "That you cannot do either, Sir, for I have a Friend in Heaven Who has said, 'I will never leave you or forsake you.'" In today's Gospel, Jesus, the Way, the Truth and the Life, gives us the same assurance. "In my Father's house, there are many dwelling places. And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come back again and take you to myself, so that where I am you also may be."

## Happy Mother's Day

Today we thank our mothers, pray for them and honor them by celebrating Mother's Day and by offering our mothers on the altar of God.

### The role of mothers in our lives

This is a day to admit gratefully the fact that none of us is able to return, in the same measure, all the love that our mothers have given us. Their influence on their children is so great that it affects the children throughout their lives. Our mothers not only gave us birth but nursed us, nurtured us, trained us in their religious beliefs and practices, taught us good manners and ideal behavior, disciplined us as best as they could and made us good citizens of our country, our Church and our society. There is a beautiful Spanish proverb: "An ounce of mother is better than a pound of clergy." Hence, it is highly proper for us to express our love and gratitude to our mothers by our presence, gifts and prayers on Mother's Day. We offer this Eucharistic celebration on Mother's Day for all the mothers in our congregation, whether they are alive or have gone for their eternal reward. The word "mom" is synonymous with sacrificial, agápe love in its purest form, as given by Jesus in his farewell speech: "Love one another as I have loved you." Hence, let us lavish our love on our mothers and express our gratitude for them in the form of fervent prayers offered for them before God.

On Mother's Day, let us acknowledge the truth that we have two mothers: our earthly mother and our Heavenly Mother, the Mother of Jesus. The Catholic Church proclaims the great nobility of the Mother of Jesus, Mary most holy, and presents her as the supreme model for all mothers. Let us show our love and appreciation for both of our mothers, and let us ask our Heavenly Mother to take care of our earthly mothers.



Fr. John

thank you!