

Dear Brothers & Sisters,

May 1, 2021

“A great sign appeared in the sky, a woman clothed with the sun, with the moon under her feet, and on her head a crown of twelve stars.” (Revelation 12:1) The month of May is a month that is devoted in a special way by the Church to the Blessed Virgin Mary. It is customary during this month to conduct what is popularly known as a May crowning ceremony for the Blessed Virgin Mary. From the book of revelation, we know that Mary is indeed the Queen of Heaven & Earth... that she is the *woman clothed with the sun, with the moon under her feet, and on her head a crown of twelve stars*. It is the Holy Trinity who has crowned Mary as our Queen. By conducting a crowning ceremony during the month of May, we are once again acknowledging this unique title & role of Mary as our Queen & Mother. At our parish of St. Theresa, we will do this at the beginning of the 9am Mass on *Sunday, May 9th*, which is also Mother’s Day. The crowned statue of Our Lady will remain on display in the Church throughout the month of May. I invite you to stop by and visit Our Lady’s statue and once again call upon her most powerful intercession by entrusting all of our petitions to her maternal heart.



In the Church’s liturgical calendar, we also continue our celebration of the *glorious Season of Easter*. As we celebrate the Eucharist as a community of believers, our faith in the Risen Lord continues to grow and shape our daily lives. In the liturgy, we are approaching the celebration of the Lord’s *Ascension & Pentecost*, which each year brings the glorious season of Easter to a culmination & conclusion. In our parish this year, we will be celebrating the *Sacrament of Confirmation* for six adults who are currently preparing with us to receive this Sacrament. This will take place at the *Pentecost Vigil Mass on Saturday, May 22nd*. It will be a great blessing to



seal & confirm these adults with the gift of the Holy Spirit on the very day that the universal Church celebrates the *original outpouring of the Holy Spirit at Pentecost*. As we continue to observe the Easter Season and make our way towards *Pentecost*, may we continue to pray those simple, yet incredibly powerful words... **“Veni Sancte Spiritus!”**

Easter Blessings,



Father John Large