

Week 7

Welcome to the Merry, Merry month of May. May is here although most of us I am sure do not feel very merry! Yet May is a wonderful month, the temperatures are getting warmer, the days are getting longer, and during this month we honor all our mothers (those living and those who have gone on before us). We know that next Sunday May 10th, is Mother's Day and of course on that day our mothers will be remembered at the celebration of the Eucharist, which you can watch and pray with us on You Tube or Facebook. Also know that Fr. Hyacinth and I will be praying for all our mothers during the whole month of May.

On Friday May 1st, (yesterday as I write this) *Archbishop Jose Gomez, the Archbishop of Los Angeles and the President of the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops*, along with the *Bishops of the Canadian Conference of Catholic Bishops*, joined together (via the internet) to renew both countries' consecration to **Mary the Mother of the Church**. As they shared with us, "*This moment of unified prayer will give the Church the occasion to pray for Our Lady's continued protection of the vulnerable, healing of the sick and wisdom for those who work to cure COVID-19.*" This is a renewal for us in the United States because it was first done in 1792 when the first Bishop of the United States, *Bishop John Carroll*, promoted devotion to the Blessed Mother and placed the new nation under her protection. Later, in 1846 at the *Sixth Provincial Council the U.S. Bishops* decided to name the Blessed Mother under the title of the *Immaculate Conception* as the Patron Saint of the United States.

It is with great hope and love of Jesus and His Holy Mother that this situation will end sooner than later. Once again thank you for your continued support of our Food Pantry, so many people are using it now because of their great need. Thank you also for your continued support of Saint Edward's with your prayers, best wishes, and your financial support. We need to keep Saint Edward's financially strong, so we will be ready for the time we can reopen. I wish I could tell you when that will happen, no one has told me, even though I have inquired. But I promise you when I know you will know!

Know that you are always in my prayers, and I do want to see you as soon as possible when we can join together to celebrate the Eucharist. God bless you always.

Fr. Mike