## Fr. Martin's Reflection – May 12, 2024

Dear Sisters and Brothers,

I want to take this opportunity to wish all our moms a very happy and blessed Mother's Day. May Mary, our Mother, bless you and guide you in your vocation as a mother; may that be biological, adoptive, fostering or simply having a maternal spirit towards all God's children.

"Thank you, God, that you are tender and loving as a mother, as well as strong as a father. You give us life, and care for us like a mother who will not forsake her children. We pray for our mothers today, putting them into your hands for time and for eternity; and we ask your blessing on all our relationships in the families of our homes, our churches, and our communities."

This coming week many of our young people will be confirming their faith in God through the understanding of their Catholic faith when they receive the Sacrament of Confirmation. I want to wish them every blessing and best wishes. I truly hope that you will open your hearts to the love of God and have a willingness to accept the beautiful gift of the Holy Spirit. I truly hope that you will always feel at home in your Church and here in Mary, Mother of the Church Parish.

I would like to thank all who have given of their time in helping in the educating of all our young people in the Catholic faith; may God always bless you and keep you forever in His heart.

## The Ascension of the Lord

Ascended Christ, we worship you; Christ, present with us now, we ask for your Spirit to make us brave in following your way. Reign as Savior in our hearts, and, in the foolishness of the divine love, make us wiser than the ambitions and power-games of the world. Sing to the Lord, who ascended above the heaven of heavens, our Christ, our Sunrise, our Joy, our Savior, crowned in glory – Alleluia!

May God bless you and to all our mom's and those with maternal qualities, have a wonderful weekend.

Fr. Martín