Notes from Fr. Nick

Mothers’ Day

We give thanks this weekend for our mothers and grandmothers — women who brought children into the world and nurtured us to maturity. As children, we relied on them for support, nourishment, protection and encouragement. As adolescents we took mothers for granted, abused their kindness, and ignored their council. In our adulthood, mothers often become our friends and confidants. In their old age, many mothers begin to rely on their children.

While most of this can be said of fathers, there is a unique bond between mother and child that lasts a lifetime. Understanding this bond gives us a glimpse of our relationship with God — the feminine side of God. Like our mothers, God receives whatever we dish out. No matter what we do, God has an inexhaustible supply of grace for us. While mothers are finite and there is a limit to their strength, they share this receiving characteristic with God.

Through the course of this pandemic, mothers have occupied a special place for most of us: They have taken us back into their households when our schools and colleges have closed. They have spurred us into more productive pursuits than playing video games or other forms of indolence. They have cheered us on when our plans have been disrupted. They will be there to send us back into the world when normality resumes.

This Mothers’ Day let’s reflect on how our mothers accept us unconditionally and thank them for their love.