

Mother's Day Homily

Sixth Sunday of Easter

By Fr. Carlos.

Today's readings remind us that love is not merely a feeling; love is proven by what we do. Jesus says clearly, "If you love me, you will keep my commandments" (John 14:15). And again, "They who have my commandments and keep them are those who love me" (John 14:21).

Saint Augustine of Hippo once said, "My love is my weight; by it I am carried wherever I am carried."

What we truly love shapes how we live.

John Calvin, commenting on this passage, wrote that obedience is the true proof of love. In other words, love is not measured by words alone, but by sacrifice, fidelity, and action.

That is why Mother's Day fits so beautifully with today's Gospel.

A mother's love is revealed in sleepless nights, countless meals prepared, tears shed, prayers whispered, and years of sacrifice.

A mother may spend thousands of hours caring for her children before they reach adulthood.

We have all heard stories of mothers who work multiple jobs, donate organs, or risk their own lives for their children.

Their love is not abstract; it is concrete and costly.

In recent years, the United States has seen historically low birth rates, around 1.6 children per woman—well below the level needed to replace the population.

Many couples are afraid to welcome children into the world.

Yet Saint Paul reminds us that God "gives to all mortals life and breath and all things" (Acts 17:25).

Children are not burdens; they are gifts and signs of hope.

They are the future of our families, our society, and our Church.

Jesus also promises, "I will not leave you orphaned" (John 14:18).

In Christ, no sacrifice made in love is ever wasted.

Every diaper changed, every prayer offered, every child lovingly raised becomes a witness to the Gospel.

Today we thank God for mothers and for all who show love through deeds.

And we ask for the grace to use the gifts God has given us to bring life into the world, to build faithful families, and to raise a new generation that will know, love, and serve the Lord.

Amen.