

**Mother's Day
May 9, 2010**

This Sunday we will be celebrating our mothers, or honoring their memories. Certainly we will all be thinking of our own mothers and praying for them at Mass. But there are some other mothers I ask that we pray for in a special way at Mass today. They are:

The mothers of the members of our armed services who suffer the long term absence of their children, and constant worry and anxiety for their safety.

The mothers who lose their children to senseless violence and gang warfare in our city.

The mothers who sit in hospitals or at home, watching over and praying for their seriously ill children.

The mothers in our country and other countries who raise their children in severe poverty and/or homelessness.

The mothers who watch their children, despite their own best efforts to raise them well, turn to drugs or crime or anti-social behavior.

The mothers who grieve the deep hurt of a child preceding them in death.

These mothers need our special help and support, and they are many in number. Let us hold them up in special prayer today.

God bless you.

Fr. Pat