



## **Abundant Life**

What a wonderful promise we have from Jesus: He came that we might have life and have it more abundantly! Our Gospel today reminds us that Jesus only wants what is good for people. He desires that people be happy and content in life. He does not promise that our lives will be free of problems, but that His presence and love will be enough to sustain us through the difficult times.

Some people go through life never really satisfied. They are always looking for something more. They have a restless spirit and do not know how to satisfy their deepest longings. If people accept Jesus Christ into their lives and adhere to what He asks of them, they can be assured that their lives will be lived abundantly; not just tolerating existence, but having a zest for life in this world with their minds and hearts focused on the life to come.

The zest for life character from the “Auntie Mame” movie, once said, “Life is a banquet and most people are starving to death.” She said this from a secular viewpoint, but how well we can apply this to living a life of faith with Jesus. Our Lord offers us so much, and yet so few people really accept all that He wishes to give us. Let us enter the gate that Jesus opens for us, and accept the abundant life that He offers us. Life without Jesus can only bring pain, unhappiness and dissatisfaction. Let us remember the words of our Lord, “Whoever enters through Me will be saved, and will come in and go out and find pasture.” (John 10:9)

*Father David*

## **May Crowning Next Weekend**

Next weekend, after all the Masses, our parish May Crowning will be held outside (weather permitting) at our outdoor Marian shrine. All are invited to gather around the shrine for a brief prayer service, including the Litany of the Blessed Virgin Mary. This is a beautiful tradition honoring our Blessed Mother and May is the month when we pay tribute to her in this special way. Mary, Mother of God, pray for us!

*Father David*