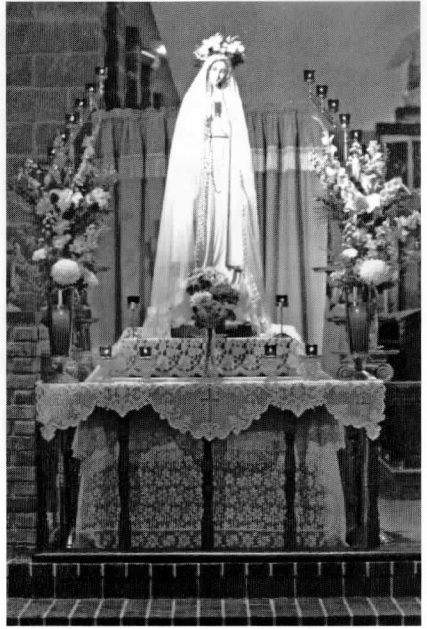
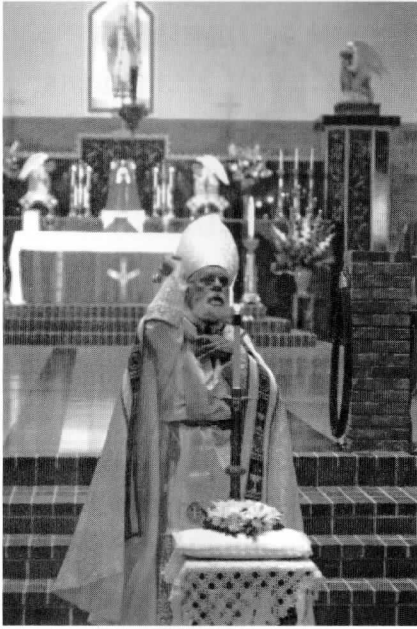


MAY CROWNING ~ MOTHERS' DAY



DO NOT BE AFRAID

When old Zachary entered into the temple of God to offer incense to the Lord God, there appeared to him an angel of the Lord, and Zachary seeing him was troubled, and fear fell upon him. But the angel said to him, "Fear not, Zachary, for thy prayer is heard."

When the angel Gabriel appeared to the young girl whose name was Mary, she was frightened and did not at first understand what was being said to her. Quite quickly we hear the angel Gabriel say, "Do not be afraid, Mary."

Later, when Joseph found Mary to be with Child, he was deeply troubled, and was of a mind to put her away. But in a dream an angel of the Lord appeared to him and said, "Do not be afraid, Joseph, son of David."

When, in the middle of that most marvelous night, an angel appeared to a group of shepherds who were keeping watch over their flock, they were very much startled, for the appearance of the heavenly host was truly astonishing, and they feared exceedingly. Did not the angel then say to them, "Do not be afraid"?

When the disciples saw Jesus come walking to them upon the waters of Lake Genesareth, they failed to recognize Him and were seized with terror, taking Him for a phantom. Until they heard the words, "Fear not ... it is I."