

# LIVING FAITH

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THE GOSPEL FOR TODAY—The question about the Resurrection  
Luke 20:27-38

Some Sadducees, those who say there is no resurrection, came to him and asked him a question, 'Teacher, Moses wrote for us that if a man's brother dies, leaving a wife but no children, the man shall marry the widow and raise up children for his brother. Now there were seven brothers; the first married, and died childless; then the second and the third married her, and so in the same way all seven died childless. Finally the woman also died. In the resurrection, therefore, whose wife will the woman be? For the seven had married her.'

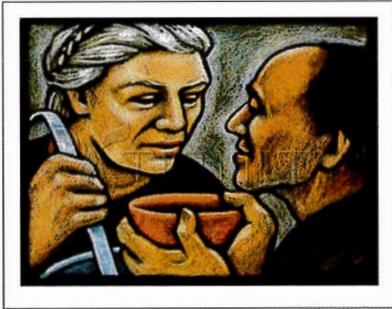
Jesus said to them, 'Those who belong to this age marry and are given in marriage; but those who are considered worthy of a place in that age and in the resurrection from the dead neither marry nor are given in marriage. Indeed they cannot die anymore, because they are like angels and are children of God, being children of the resurrection. And the fact that the dead are raised Moses himself showed, in the story about the bush, where he speaks of the Lord as the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob. Now he is God not of the dead, but of the living; for to him all of them are alive.'

### REFLECTION ON THE GOSPEL

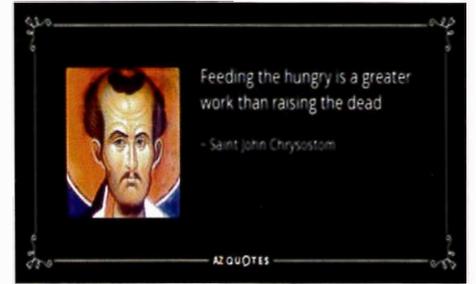
We are nearing the conclusion of the Liturgical (Church) Year and so, for the next few Sundays, the Gospel readings will focus our minds on the second coming of Christ at the end of time. It's easy to get all caught up in the specifics, but for today, let's focus on the Good News in this Gospel. There is a wonderful, hopeful and reassuring message here. Lots of times, when we encounter hardship, failure, cruelty or violence in our world, we are tempted to ask, "Is this all there is?" Today, Jesus says that there is more. Jesus says that God is, "God not of the dead, but of the living." So, this life on earth is important. How we love and care for others and earth itself matters, for God acts through us. But this is not all there is. We come from God and we are called home to God at the end of our lives. God calls us to eternal life. This is our hope and our faith.

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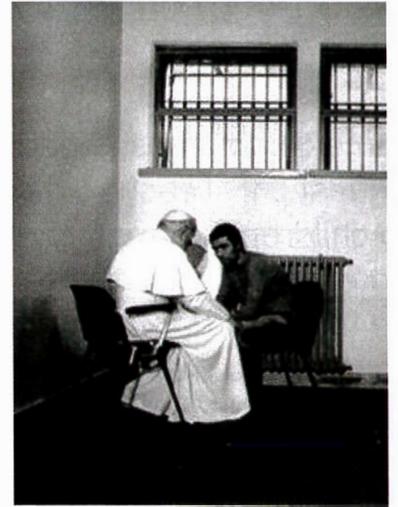
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## SAINTS IN THE FAMILY

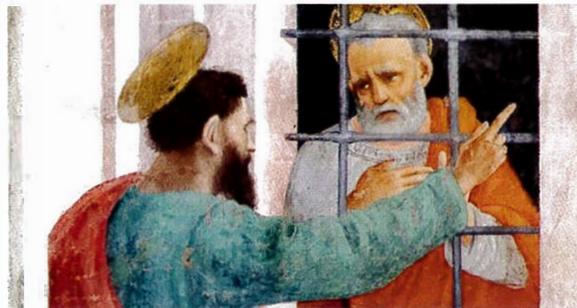


The Catholic Church defines a saint as a person in heaven who has led a life of great charity and heroic virtue. The Catechism recommends that saints serve as models of charity for the Catholic family and states that children named after saints will be assured of that saint's intercession. You can honor your family's patron saints through activities such as conversations, doing a bit of research together, crafts, skits and celebrations. Many families have saints of their own—holy people who have gone home to God and now can speak to God on our behalf. Who are the saints your family prays through?



### DO SOME RESEARCH

Are any of the people in your family named for a saint? Google the name of each person, and see if it's the name of a saint. You could talk together about what you find out. You could also post their pictures on the fridge this week, and ask them to pray for you if you have particular needs—medical tests, exams, stressful times, etc.



### TELL SOME STORIES

Do you have someone in your family who has died? Does anybody have a good story to tell about that person... something you remember fondly about them, a story they used to tell, something funny they said or did? Were they kind? Did they help others? Did they have a special gift or talent?

Take some time to share their stories.

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## THE CHURCH TEACHES THIS IS NOT ALL THERE IS—ETERNAL LIFE

### From the *Prayer of Commendation*

Go forth, Christian soul, from this world  
in the name of God the almighty Father, who created you,  
in the name of Jesus Christ, the Son of the living God, who suffered for you,  
in the name of the Holy Spirit, who was poured out upon you.

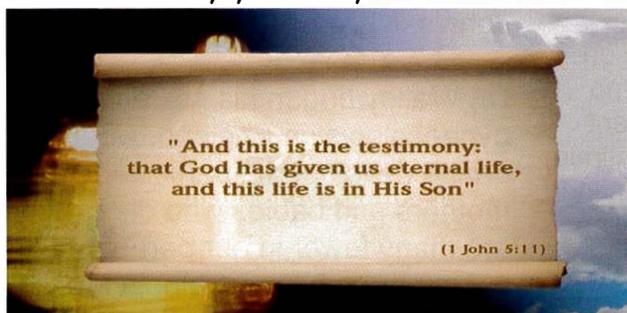
Go forth, faithful Christian!

May you live in peace this day, may your home be with God in Zion,  
with Mary, the virgin Mother of God, with Joseph,  
and all the angels and saints.

May you return to your Creator who formed you from the dust of the earth.

May holy Mary, the angels, and all the saints come to meet you  
as you go forth from this life. . . .

May you see your Redeemer face to face.



### From the *Catechism of the Catholic Church*

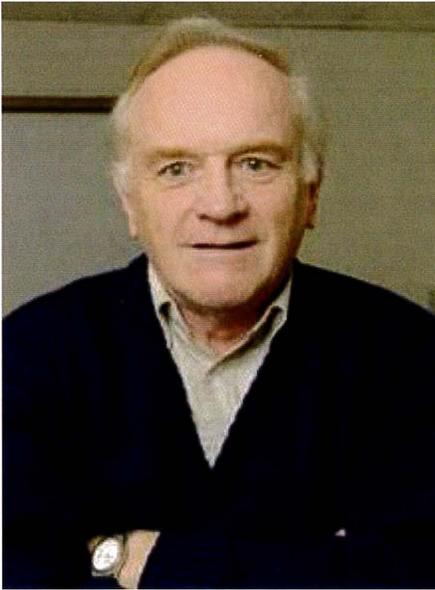
**1023** Those who die in God's grace and friendship and are perfectly purified live forever with Christ. They are like God for ever, for they "see him as he is," face to face.

**1024** This perfect life with the Most Holy Trinity - this communion of life and love with the Trinity, with the Virgin Mary, the angels and all the blessed - is called "heaven." Heaven is the ultimate end and fulfillment of the deepest human longings, the state of supreme, definitive happiness.

**1026** By his death and Resurrection, Jesus Christ has "opened" heaven to us. The life of the blessed consists in the full and perfect possession of the fruits of the redemption accomplished by Christ. He makes partners in his heavenly glorification those who have believed in him and remained faithful to his will. Heaven is the blessed community of all who are perfectly incorporated into Christ.

**1030** All who die in God's grace and friendship, but still imperfectly purified, are indeed assured of their eternal salvation; but after death they undergo purification, so as to achieve the holiness necessary to enter the joy of heaven.

**1031** The Church gives the name *Purgatory* to this final purification of the elect, which is entirely different from the punishment of the damned. The Church formulated her doctrine of faith on Purgatory especially at the Councils of Florence and Trent.



## MATERCARE INTERNATIONAL HOW ONE LOCAL PERSON IS MAKING A DIFFERENCE

Dr. Robert L. (Bob) Walley, founder and executive director of MaterCare International, is an emeritus Professor of Obstetrics and Gynaecology at Memorial University of Newfoundland. He is a Fellow of the Royal College of Physicians & Surgeons of Canada, a Fellow of the Royal College of Obstetricians & Gynaecologists of Canada, a Fellow of the Royal College of Obstetricians & Gynaecologists of England, and has a Masters degree in International Health from Harvard University.

All of that sounds very impressive. And it is! And... Bob is also husband of Susan, a nurse, and together they have seven grown children and, at last count, fourteen grandchildren. Bob and Susan are active parishioners at St. Pius X Parish in St. John's, NL. He is a friend to many people.

Dr. Walley began his practice as an obstetrician and gynaecologist in England, where he was born and raised. Early on, he developed a particular concern about the numbers of mothers and babies who die or are injured in childbirth. There are many fewer in our part of the world than there once were, but in parts of the developing world, the numbers are often very high. This led him to the work in which he has been involved in West Africa since 1981.

In 1995, moved by a need to do more in an organized way about his concern for the health and well-being of mothers and babies in areas of the world where death and illness related to childbirth are very high, Dr. Walley formed MaterCare International (MCI). This organization of obstetricians, gynecologists, midwives and general practitioners is dedicated to reducing the tragically high rates of maternal mortality and morbidity throughout the world, through new initiatives of service, training, research, and advocacy.

### HOW CAN YOU HELP? DONATE

MaterCare operates solely on charitable donations, with no assistance from Government agencies. Please help us continue providing support to mothers and babies internationally by giving generously through one of our many methods available.

**BECOME A MEMBER. View here:**  
<http://www.matercare.org/>

Your role could be anything from giving a donation, being a voting member to being a worker in the field. Most importantly whether you join or not your prayers are needed.

### VOLUNTEER AS A PROFESSIONAL

MaterCare International welcomes obstetricians, nurses, midwives, and other allied health professionals that are faithful to MCI's mission statement to join. MaterCare's projects involve sending professional volunteers for its projects in developing countries.

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