

LIVING FAITH

*Sixth
Sunday of
Easter*

May 6, 2018

THE GOSPEL FOR
TODAY John 10:9-17



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I am the gate. Whoever enters by me will be saved, and will come in and go out and find pasture. The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy. I came that they may have life, and have it abundantly.

'I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep. The hired hand, who is not the shepherd and does not own the sheep, sees the wolf coming and leaves the sheep and runs away—and the wolf snatches them and scatters them. The hired hand runs away because a hired hand does not care for the sheep. I am the good shepherd. I know my own and my own know me, just as the Father knows me and I know the Father. And I lay down my life for the sheep. I have other sheep that do not belong to this fold. I must bring them also, and they will listen to my voice. So there will be one flock, one shepherd. For this reason the Father loves me, because I lay down my life in order to take it up again.

TAKING THE GOSPEL HOME

Imagine Jesus saying these words to you: "I came that you may have life, and have it abundantly." There are so many things that keep us from living full lives.

Sometimes we feel limited by the expectations of others, or by our own poor self-image. Sometimes we feel limited by poverty, or by geography. Sometimes we feel limited by addictions. Jesus promises life to the full.

CONVERSATION STARTERS....

- What does "living a full life," or "abundant life" mean to you?
- What keeps you from living that full life, promised by Jesus?
- How can you call someone around you to fullness of life this week?

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Family Prayer for this week...

prayer to the Good Shepherd

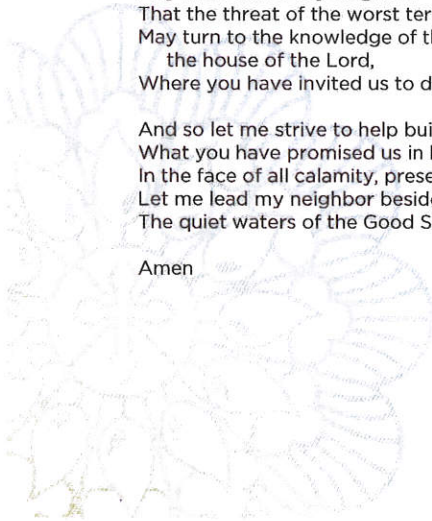
Lord of the 23rd Psalm,
I have known death,
and you have refreshed my soul.
I have known fear,
and you have comforted me.
I have known hunger,
and you have set a feast before me.
In the darkest valley
no calamity of humankind or nature has separated us.

Teach me to walk as you walk
Beside those in mourning
so that they will know joy,
Beside those in fear
that they will know comfort,
Beside those in hunger
that they will feast until their cup overflows.

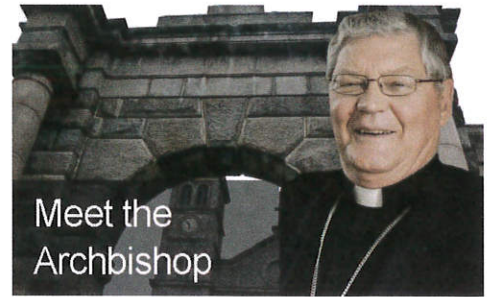
As your goodness and love follow me,
May mine follow my neighbor
That the threat of the worst terrors
May turn to the knowledge of the comforts of
the house of the Lord,
Where you have invited us to dwell forever.

And so let me strive to help build on earth
What you have promised us in heaven.
In the face of all calamity, present and yet to come,
Let me lead my neighbor beside quiet waters,
The quiet waters of the Good Shepherd.

Amen



Congratulations to Archbishop Currie who marks his 50th Anniversary of Ordination this week. He has also been our Local Shepherd in the Archdiocese for the past 10 years. We thank God for the Archbishop and pray for God's continued blessings on him as he celebrates these milestones of his Vocation.



GOLDEN JUBILEE OF ORDINATION TO THE PRIESTHOOD

The Archdiocese of St. John's invite you to come and celebrate a Mass of Thanksgiving on the special occasion of Archbishop Currie's 50th Anniversary of Ordination to the Priesthood.

Date: Friday, May 11th, 2018, 4:00 p.m.

Location: The Basilica Cathedral of St. John the Baptist

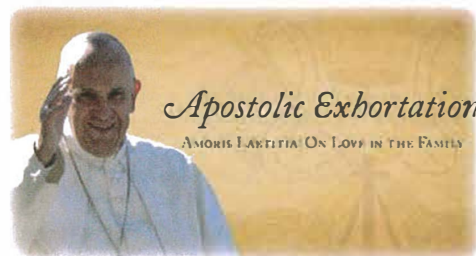
200 Military Rd., St. John's, NL

Reception to follow at The Gathering Place

All are welcome

THE CHURCH TEACHES

LOVE IN THE FAMILY EXPLORING POPE FRANCIS' APOSTOLIC EXHORTATION, *AMORIS LAETITIA*



On March 19, 2016, Pope Francis published *Amoris Laetitia* (The Joy of Love). Over the next 12 weeks, we will be exploring this letter section by section. You can certainly get a good flavour of the document by following what we will present here over the next twelve weeks. But you might also like to have a copy of *Amoris Laetitia* on hand, so that you can read sections yourself. You can find it at the Vatican website, www.vatican.va. Today, we begin with a short summary.

Amoris Laetitia (AL), "The Joy of Love", the Apostolic Exhortation "on Love in the Family", was signed on March 19th, 2016. The choice of this date was not an accident! It's the Feast of St. Joseph.

The document brings together the results of the two Synods on the family that were convoked by Pope Francis in 2014 and 2015. In *Amoris Laetitia* Pope Francis often refers to the two final reports of these synods, as well as documents and teachings of the popes who came before him, and his own catecheses on the family (Pope Francis often speaks on themes taken from family life). In addition, in *Amoris Laetitia*, Pope Francis quotes the letters and documents of various Conferences of Bishops around the world (for example: Kenya, Australia, Argentina). He quotes from other authors and sources as well. This means that *Amoris Laetitia* is well-researched, and well-prepared, the product of a lot of thought, prayer and consultation by many, many people over a number of years.



WORLD MEETING OF FAMILIES DUBLIN, IRELAND AUGUST 21-26, 2018

“The Gospel of the Family: Joy for the World”

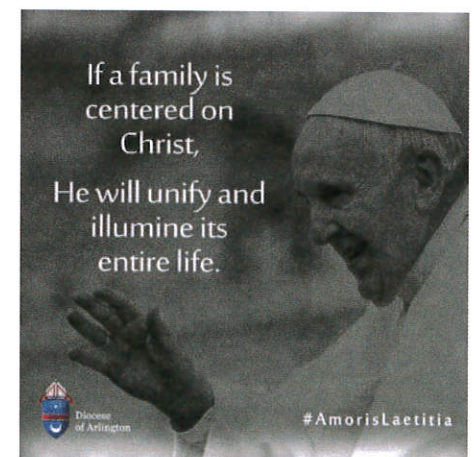
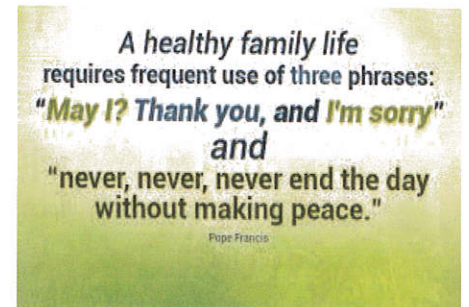
WHAT HAPPENS AT THE WORLD MEETING OF FAMILIES?

Held every three years, this major international event brings together families from across the world to celebrate, pray and reflect upon the central importance of marriage and the family as the cornerstone of our lives, of society and of the Church. The event has at its heart the following key moments:

21 August 2018, a National Opening of WMOF2018, which will take place simultaneously in all the different dioceses of Ireland.

22 to the 24 August 2018, a three-day Congress. Each day will reflect on the theme “The Gospel of the Family: Joy for the World” chosen by the Holy Father and will include an enriching programme for adults of keynote speakers, workshops, talks, testimonies and discussions; an engaging and exciting programme for young people as well as fun activities for children. The Congress will also include daily celebration of the Eucharist, prayerful activities, exhibitions, cultural events and musical performances.

Saturday 25 August 2018, a Festival of Families, comprising a reflective concert style event within a prayerful and joyful atmosphere, in which personal stories of faith will be shared by families from all continents.



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