

LIVING FAITH

*Trinity
Sunday*



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THE GOSPEL FOR TODAY
Matthew 28:16-20



Now the eleven disciples went to Galilee, to the mountain to which Jesus had directed them. When they saw him, they worshipped him; but some doubted. And Jesus came and said to them, 'All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything that I have commanded you. And remember, I am with you always, to the end of the age.'

TAKING THE GOSPEL HOME

We are made in the image and likeness of God, and God is a Trinity—a Trinity of Persons and a Trinity of Relationships. This means something wonderful and mysterious and transformative. Although we often think of ourselves as separate, independent, autonomous beings, we are really not. We are created in and for relationships, and we can never think of ourselves apart from or outside of relationships. We are connected to one another. We need one another. And this was in God's plan from the very beginning.

CONVERSATION STARTERS....

- Our mission as disciples of Jesus Christ is to "Go... and make disciples of all nations." We are sent not to a place, but to people.
- To whom are you sent?
- How are you a missionary disciple, in your everyday life and place?

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As a family, reflect on The Apostles' Creed.
Trinity: Father, Son and Holy Spirit



*I believe in God,
the Father Almighty,
Creator of heaven and earth,
and in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the Virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died and was buried;
He descended into hell;
on the third day He rose again from the dead;
He ascended into heaven,
and is seated at the right hand of God the Father Almighty;
from there He will come to judge the living and the dead.
I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the Holy Catholic Church,
the communion of Saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and life everlasting.*

Creed Wordsearch

S D F C R U C I F I E D V D	ALMIGHTY	JESUS
J E S U S E V E I L E B D I	AROSE	JUDGE
Q V S A I N T S P D P C E E	ASCENDED	PILATE
V I C Y T H G I M L A O T D	BELIEVE	PONTIUS
P E H A S C E N D E D M A V	BURIED	RIGHT
O C R Z N G R D R E P M E F	CATHOLIC	SAINTS
N N I S A O E E S I R U S C	CHRIST	SEATED
T O S B T I S C L Q I N J I	COMMUNION	SUFFERED
I C T A R O E A W X G I U L	CONCEIVED	VIRGIN
U W E U R N T O V K H O D O	CREATOR	
S R B A D E M H U K T N G H	CRUCIFIED	
C Z J E D E R E F F U S E T	DESCENDED	
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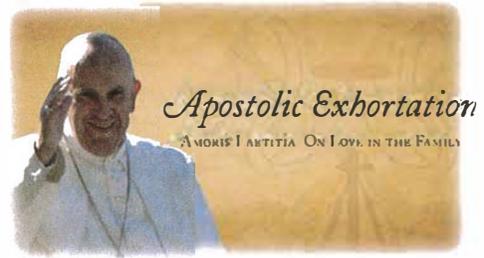
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THE CHURCH TEACHES

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



Chapter two: "The experiences and challenges of families" (paragraphs 31-57)

Building on the biblical foundation prepared in Chapter 1, in this second chapter Pope Francis looks at the current situation of families. Keeping "firmly grounded in the reality" of family experiences (paragraph 6), Pope Francis draws heavily on the final Reports of the two Synods, which clearly describe how families face many challenges-- including migration, the effects of ideological denial of differences between the sexes (paragraph 56); attitudes about family size and availability of abortion, and the impact of reproductive technology, the lack of housing and work, pornography and abuse of minors, inattention to persons with disabilities, lack of respect for the elderly, the legal dismantling of the family, and violence against women. He covers a lot of ground! It is a very realistic and thorough analysis.

Pope Francis says that, if we don't listen to reality, we won't understand the needs of the present or the presence and activity of the Holy Spirit. He notes that today many factors, including individualism and selfishness, make it challenging for a person to give himself or herself generously to another (paragraph 33). He says, "The fear of loneliness and the desire for stability and fidelity exist side by side with a growing fear of entrapment in a relationship that could hamper the achievement of one's personal goals" (paragraph 34).

Pope Francis raises an important issue—the primacy of conscience, when properly formed. He says, "We have been called to form consciences, not to replace them" (paragraph 37). Jesus proposed a demanding ideal but "never failed to show compassion and closeness to the frailty of individuals like the Samaritan woman or the woman caught in adultery" (paragraph 38).

For a copy of Amoris Laetitia click here:

http://w2.vatican.va/content/francesco/en/apost_exhortations/documents/papa-francesco_esortazione-ap_20160319_amoris-laetitia.html



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OF THE FAMILY
Joy for the World

The theme for each World Meeting of Families is chosen by the Pope. In choosing *The Gospel of the Family: Joy for the World*, as the theme for the ninth World Meeting of Families in Dublin, Ireland, Pope Francis invites us to reflect on a theme that was central to the Synodal process that led to his post-Synodal Apostolic Exhortation *Amoris Laetitia: On Love in the Family*.

WHAT DO WE MEAN BY “THE GOSPEL OF THE FAMILY”?

- The family, founded on the marriage of a man and woman, is part of God’s plan from the beginning. The ‘Good News’ of the family is therefore an indispensable part of the joyful message of the Gospel that the Church proclaims.
- The family is the principal agent of evangelization of its own members. As the first school of faith and love, the Christian family is often where we ourselves first come to know Jesus and his love.

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