

LIVING FAITH

*10th
Sunday
Ordinary
Time*



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June 10, 2018

THE GOSPEL FOR
TODAY Mark 3.20-25

THE GOSPEL FOR TODAY

The crowd came together again, so that they could not even eat. When his family heard it, they went out to restrain him, for people were saying, 'He has gone out of his mind.' And the scribes who came down from Jerusalem said, 'He has Beelzebul, and by the ruler of the demons he casts out demons.' And he called them to him, and spoke to them in parables, 'How can Satan cast out Satan? If a kingdom is divided against itself, that kingdom cannot stand. And if a house is divided against itself, that house will not be able to stand.

TAKING THE GOSPEL HOME

In Today's Gospel, the people see the wonders that Jesus is able to work, and they begin to speculate about the source of Jesus' power. Is it from God? Is it good? Is it from the Devil? Is it evil?

Jesus challenges people to think clearly and see Him and His actions for what they are. And Jesus uses a very simple question—can evil cast out evil? No! Of course not! Only God can cast out evil.

Today, people will often look suspiciously at good people. They will look for flaws, for weak points, for chinks in the armour. But the old saying is true: "By their fruits you will know them." If you want to know if someone is truly good, look at what they do. By their fruits, you will know them. By *your* fruits, others will know you.

CONVERSATION STARTERS....

- Do you know anyone who you would say is truly good, in whom the working of God is obvious?
- Who is this? Talk about why you see this person in this light.

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A Family Activity for this week: Recall people found in the New Testament. Do you remember anything particular about each person? Share your thoughts and stories with one another...

New Testament Word Search Puzzles

Find these New Testament names in the puzzle.

E J A M E S S I M E O N Q G
 P U S R S U T I T M D S F F
 L A Y A S I M O N Y L U A P
 Y E P W M S U E A D D A H T
 N H L I E O W E H T T A M H
 O B T I L M H F R C H H Z B
 M P A O Z I O T N O S A E W
 E E M A M A H L A J K J C J
 L T N M H I B P O N Y I H T
 I E J G A T T E Z H N B A P
 H R X Y I R R S T F T A R I
 P O M A R Y K A T H N R I I
 U Q A N D R E W M G K P A A
 I E S A D U J O H N H V H B

ABIJAH
 ANDREW
 ANNA
 BARTHOLOMEW
 ELIZABETH
 JAMES
 JOHN
 JUDAS
 MARK
 MARTHA
 MARY
 MATTHEW
 PAUL
 PETER
 PHILEMON
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 THOMAS
 TIMOTHY
 TITUS
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The 27 Books of the New Testament

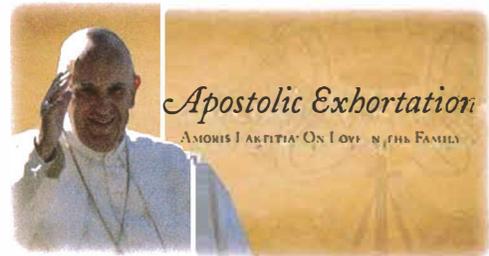
NEW TESTAMENT		
• Matthew	• Ephesians	• Hebrews
• Mark	• Philippians	• James
• Luke	• Colossians	• 1 Peter
• John	• 1 Thessalonians	• 2 Peter
• Acts	• 2 Thessalonians	• 1 John
• Romans	• 1 Timothy	• 2 John
• 1 Corinthians	• 2 Timothy	• 3 John
• 2 Corinthians	• Titus	• Jude
• Galatians	• Philemon	• Revelation

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THE CHURCH TEACHES

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



Chapter four: "Love in marriage" (paragraphs 89-164)

This fourth chapter of *Amoris Laetitia* deals with love in marriage. Pope Francis begins by providing a meditation on St. Paul's words in 1 Corinthians 13:4-7 ("Love is patient, love is kind..."), a description of love which is both poetic and very concrete and understandable.

Pope Francis' reflection on and opening up of 1 Corinthians 13:4-7 is a beautiful and valuable contribution to our understanding of Christian married life. As in the previous chapter, he presents an ideal and the real. Pope Francis says this about the ideal standards of marriage which are often held up for people: "There is no need to lay upon two limited persons the tremendous burden of having to reproduce perfectly the union existing between Christ and his Church, for marriage as a sign entails 'a dynamic process..., one which advances gradually with the progressive integration of the gifts of God'" (paragraph 122). On the other hand, Pope Francis stresses the fact that marital love by its very nature joins the partners in a deep and lasting union (paragraph 123), made up of a "mixture of enjoyment and struggles, tensions and repose, pain and relief, satisfactions and longings, annoyances and pleasures" (paragraph 126) which make up a marriage.

The chapter concludes with a very important reflection on the "transformation of love" because "Longer life spans now mean that close and exclusive relationships must last for four, five or even six decades; consequently, the initial decision has to be frequently renewed" (paragraph 163). As physical appearance alters, the loving attraction does not lessen but changes. Pope Francis writes, "There is no guarantee that we will feel the same way all through life. Yet if a couple can come up with a shared and lasting life project, they can love one another and live as one until death do them part, enjoying an enriching intimacy" (paragraph 163).

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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WORLD MEETING OF FAMILIES DUBLIN, IRELAND AUGUST 21-26, 2018 “The Gospel of the Family: Joy for the World”

OFFICIAL FAMILY PRAYER FOR WORLD MEETING OF FAMILIES 2018

God, our Father,
We are brothers and sisters in Jesus your Son,
One family, in the Spirit of your love.
Bless us with the joy of love.
Make us patient and kind,
gentle and generous,
welcoming to those in need.
Help us to live your forgiveness and peace.
Protect all families with your loving care,
Especially those for whom we now pray:
[We pause and remember family members
and others by name].
Increase our faith,
Strengthen our hope,
Keep us safe in your love,
Make us always grateful
for the gift of life that we share.
This we ask, through Christ our Lord,

Amen

*Mary, mother and guide, pray for us.
Saint Joseph, father and protector, pray for
us.*

*Saints Joachim and Anne, pray for us.
Saints Louis and Zélie Martin, pray for us.*

