

# LIVING FAITH

## *Solemnity of Corpus Christi*

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### THE GOSPEL FOR TODAY

Mark 14: 12-16, 22-26

While they were eating, he took a loaf of bread, and after blessing it he broke it, gave it to them, and said, 'Take; this is my body.' Then he took a cup, and after giving thanks he gave it to them, and all of them drank from it. He said to them, 'This is my blood of the covenant, which is poured out for many. Truly I tell you, I will never again drink of the fruit of the vine until that day when I drink it new in the kingdom of God.'

### TAKING THE GOSPEL HOME

Bread and wine, wheat and grapes, fishermen—simple people and simple things. But in Jesus' hands, they are transformed into the means by which the Good News is announced, the Reign of God is proclaimed, and we are fed, nourished and transformed into God's partners in transforming the world.

The Eucharist is the Real Presence of Jesus Christ here in our world today. It is Bread for the World. Through the Eucharist, we too become bread for the world. When you were a child, you were told, "You are what you eat." In Christian terms, this is a powerful statement! When we eat of the Lord, and we drink of the Lord, we are transformed and become like Jesus, ready to offer ourselves for the life of the world.

### CONVERSATION STARTERS....

- How are you fed by the Body and Blood of Christ?
- How are you food for others?

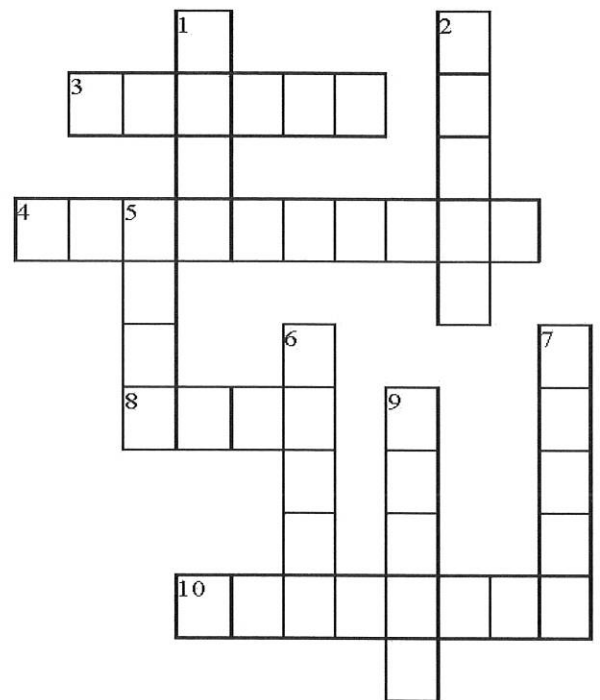
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Family activity. Read Mark 14:12-16, 22-26 and complete this crossword...



**This is my body  
Mark 14:12-16, 22-26**

<http://www.nccbuscc.org/nab/bible/mark/mark14.htm#v12>



**Across**

- 3. A small mountain or a fruit.
- 4. Bread without yeast.
- 8. The bread.
- 10. The disciples went to the city to prepare this meal.

**Down**

- 1. Wine is the fruit of the \_\_\_\_\_.
- 2. The type of room the disciples found for the meal.
- 5. What was sacrificed on the first day of the Feast of Unleavened Bread?
- 6. At the Passover, Jesus and the disciples sang this type of songs.
- 7. The man the disciples met in the city was carrying a jar of \_\_\_\_\_.
- 9. The wine.

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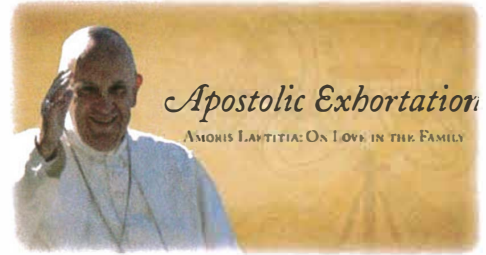
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# THE CHURCH TEACHES

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



### **Chapter three: "Looking to Jesus: The vocation of the family" (paragraphs 58-88)**

The third chapter of *Amoris Laetitia* lays out some important elements of the Church's teaching on marriage and the family. It presents the vocation of the family, rooted in the Gospel, and affirmed by the Church over centuries. Above all, this chapter stresses the sacramental nature of marriage, the indissolubility of marriage, the transmission of life and the education of children. In this chapter, Pope Francis often refers to certain documents of the Church, especially *Gaudium et Spes* (Vatican II), *Humanae Vitae* (Paul VI), and *Familiaris Consortio* (John Paul II). The chapter presents an ideal, and touches on "imperfect situations" as well.

Pope Francis reflects with sensitivity on "wounded families," saying that "it is always necessary to recall this general principle: 'Pastors must know that, for the sake of truth, they are obliged to exercise careful discernment of situations.'" The degree of responsibility is not equal in all cases, and factors may exist which limit the ability to make a decision. Therefore, while clearly stating the Church's teaching, pastors are to avoid judgements that do not take into account the complexity of various situations, and they are encouraged to be attentive "to how people experience and endure distress because of their condition" (paragraph 79). This is the principle of accompaniment, which is a major theme in the life and writings of Pope Francis.

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



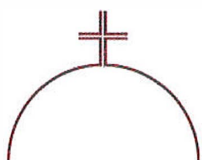
# WORLD MEETING OF FAMILIES DUBLIN, IRELAND AUGUST 21-26, 2018

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



At the heart of the logo is the family. Family members are represented in different ages and roles while walking together in communion and love, helping one another through the journey of life. No one is excluded, no one is left behind. Couples, elderly, single, widowed, consecrated, clergy, children, all are important members of our families and all are invited to participate of WMOF2018.

The map of the world shows that families from all around the globe will come to Ireland for what will be a truly international event. While we see only a glimpse of the continents, they represent the whole world: the common home of all families, entrusted to us by God. In his encyclical letter, *Laudato Si*, Pope Francis reminds us that families have a vital role to play in caring for our common home. He reminds us that Saint Francis of Assisi described our earth itself as “like a sister with whom we share our life and a beautiful mother who opens her arms to embrace us. The World Meeting of Families in Dublin, Ireland, will explore how families, as our first home, can help us to care for our common home.



The red semicircle with the cross on the top echoes the logo of the Archdiocese of Dublin, which is the host diocese for WMOF2018. As well as representing God's love, flowing from the cross, embracing all the families of the world, the semicircle and cross also represent the 'dome' of the Church, “a family of families, constantly enriched by the lives of all those domestic churches”. In the logo, as in real life, the Church embraces the family, protects the family and supports the family. When our families are stronger, society is stronger, and the Church is stronger.



In the *Joy of Love*, Pope Francis speaks several times of marriage and the family as the “living icon” of the Most Holy Trinity. As the family comes together in mutual self-giving, communion and love, it reflects the mystery of the Holy Trinity.