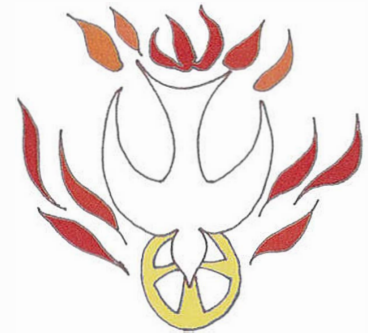


# LIVING FAITH

## *Pentecost*



ROMAN CATHOLIC  
ARCHDIOCESE OF ST. JOHN'S



May 20, 2018

THE GOSPEL FOR  
TODAY John 20:19-23

### THE GOSPEL FOR TODAY

When it was evening on that day, the first day of the week, and the doors of the house where the disciples had met were locked for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said, 'Peace be with you.' After he said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord. Jesus said to them again, 'Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you.' When he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, 'Receive the Holy Spirit. If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained.'

### TAKING THE GOSPEL HOME

Pentecost is sometimes called "the birthday of the Church," because on that day, the disciples, gathered in the Upper Room, encountered the Risen Jesus and were commissioned by Him to carry His mission of announcing the Good News to the whole world. The power and strength of the Holy Spirit gave the disciples the tools, the language and the drive to go out and change the world. And from there, those disciples fanned out, proclaiming the Good News by deed and by word. Many of them faced tremendous hardship and adversity, and most were actually killed for their faith. Their encounter with Jesus and His message changed their lives. Through them, untold others were afforded the opportunity to have a life-changing encounter with the Risen Jesus. The world was changed, one heart at a time.

### CONVERSATION STARTERS....

- Have you had an encounter with Jesus Christ?
- How has this encounter changed your life?
- How do you share the Good News with others?

Visit @ [www.rcsj.org](http://www.rcsj.org)



Family Activity for this week...



John 20.19-23

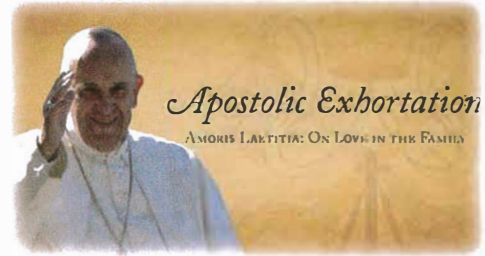
I	M	P	L	X	R	Q	G	V	F	F	Z	F	J	F	E	C	W
O	P	U	A	K	S	E	H	T	O	S	F	A	T	H	E	R	O
C	R	D	G	D	X	E	J	B	R	P	I	F	E	H	A	A	G
G	E	S	F	S	I	H	N	O	G	E	B	D	H	O	R	W	J
L	C	S	L	M	S	S	E	T	I	A	M	M	E	U	H	K	C
Y	E	P	P	L	G	E	C	C	V	C	R	S	J	S	A	S	B
C	I	X	F	I	M	Q	N	I	E	E	E	E	I	E	N	U	B
G	V	X	D	A	R	P	R	D	P	M	H	D	T	N	D	Q	T
F	E	C	J	R	W	I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

Find the following words in the puzzle.  
Words are hidden → ↓ and ↘ .

- |           |          |        |
|-----------|----------|--------|
| BREATHED  | HOLY     | SENT   |
| DISCIPLES | HOUSE    | SIDE   |
| DOORS     | PEACE    | SINS   |
| FATHER    | RECEIVE  | SPIRIT |
| FEAR      | REJOICED |        |
| FORGIVE   | RETAIN   |        |
| HANDS     | SEND     |        |

# THE CHURCH TEACHES

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



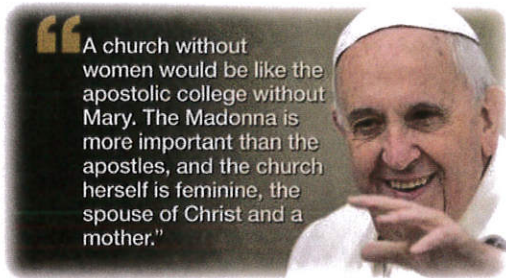
### Chapter One: "In the light of the Word" (paragraphs 8-30)

Pope Francis begins his reflections with a meditation on Psalm 128—this Psalm appears in the Jewish wedding liturgy as well as in the texts for Christian celebrations of marriage. Pope Francis reminds us that the Bible "is full of families, births, love stories and family crises" (paragraph 8). This invites us to meditate on how learning to love in a family is not an abstract ideal, but more like learning a trade, or skill (paragraph 16).

Pope Francis reminds us that family love, in the ideal, is characterized by tenderness, patience and understanding (paragraph 28), but it has been confronted with sin from the beginning, when the relationship of love turned into domination (paragraph 19), with people trying to rule over or control others. So, there is an ideal of family life, and there is the reality of family life, and sometimes these are very, very different. To respond to this, Pope Francis tells us that, the Word of God "is not a series of abstract ideas but rather a source of comfort and companionship for every family that experiences difficulties or suffering. For it shows them the goal of their journey..." (AL 22).

*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)



## NEW FEAST DAY



# MEMORIAL OF MARY, MOTHER OF THE CHURCH MONDAY, MAY 21, 2018

This new feast was inserted into the Universal Calendar for the Latin Church earlier this year by Pope Francis, in a decree dated 11 February 2018 – the 160<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the apparition of Mary at Lourdes. The title of “Mother of the Church” was famously bestowed on the Blessed Virgin Mary by Blessed Pope Paul VI during the Second Vatican Council. The understanding of Mary’s motherhood has developed in the decades following Vatican II, especially as the Church has reflected on the Council’s teaching about Mary in chapter 8 of the Dogmatic Constitution on the Church (*Lumen gentium*).

With the new decree, devotion to Mary as Mother of the Church now becomes an approved feast for the universal Church. “Having attentively considered how greatly the promotion of this devotion might encourage the growth of the maternal sense of the Church in the pastors, religious and faithful, as well as a growth of genuine Marian piety, Pope Francis has decreed that the Memorial of the Blessed Virgin Mary, Mother of the Church, should be inscribed in the Roman Calendar on the Monday after Pentecost and be now celebrated every year,” the document said.

“This celebration will help us to remember that growth in the Christian life must be anchored to the Mystery of the Cross, to the oblation of Christ in the Eucharistic Banquet and to the Mother of the Redeemer and Mother of the Redeemed, the Virgin who makes her offering to God,” it said. The decree stipulated that the feast should appear in all calendars and liturgical books. It also said that once translations of the texts for the new feast are approved by bishops’ conferences, they will be published after the congregation gives its confirmation.



*During May we pay special homage to Mary. On May 22, 7:30pm at the Basilica, the Knights of Columbus of NL will host the 16th annual praying of the Rosary and light procession, dedicated to Archbishop Currie on his 50th anniversary of Ordination to the Priesthood. All are encouraged to attend!*

Subscribe to our weekly catechetical Resource. E-mail: [Familycatechesis@rcsj.org](mailto:Familycatechesis@rcsj.org) or click here: <http://www.eepurl.com/cimDOL>