

LIVING FAITH

SIXTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



THE GOSPEL FOR TODAY

Luke 10:38-42

Now as they went on their way, he entered a certain village, where a woman named Martha welcomed him into her home. She had a sister named Mary, who sat at the Lord's feet and listened to what he was saying.

But Martha was distracted by her many tasks; so she came to him and asked,

'Lord, do you not care that my sister has left me to do all the work by myself? Tell her then to help me.'

But the Lord answered her, 'Martha, Martha, you are worried and distracted by many things; there is need of only one thing.

Mary has chosen the better part, which will not be taken away from her.'

TAKING THE GOSPEL HOME

Some people think that, in this Gospel reading, Jesus gives Martha very hard time. She was a hard worker, and Mary, her sister, was just sitting there, not helping her sister with the housework. Martha asks Jesus to tell Mary to help her. To her surprise, Jesus defends Mary. Why? Perhaps there is a time for everything. There's a time to do all the work, but perhaps it's not while your guest is there with you. Maybe at that moment, it's more important to sit with your guest, spend time with him or her, and let them know how happy you are that they have come to visit.

PONDER AND DISCUSS

- How do you spend time with Jesus?
- How do you make your guests feel that they are special, and that you want to spend time with them?
- How does it feel when people let you know that you are important, that they want to spend time with you?

The Most Important Thing

But the Lord said to her, "My dear Martha, you are worried and upset over all these details!" Luke 10:41 (NLT)

Each number represents a letter of the alphabet. Substitute the correct letter for the numbers to reveal the coded words.



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

1. 6-4-5-1-26-12 _____

2. 21-5-7-19 _____

3. 1-25-1-22-26-7 _____

4. 21-5-7-7-25-26-2 _____

5. 9-20-1-26-22 _____

6. 17-25-13-13-10-23-26 _____

7. 3-26-22-22-26-7 _____

8. 21-5-16-10-12 _____

WOMAN	UPSET	SISTER	VILLAGE
WORRIED	CHOSEN	WORK	BETTER

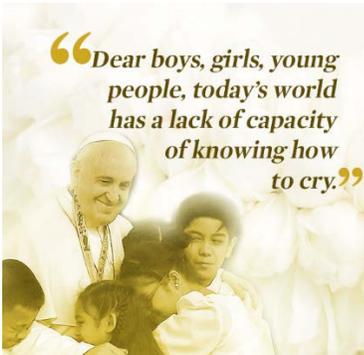
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A POST-SYNODAL EXHORTATION FROM POPE FRANCIS
TO YOUNG PEOPLE AND THE WHOLE PEOPLE OF GOD
MARCH 25, 2019**

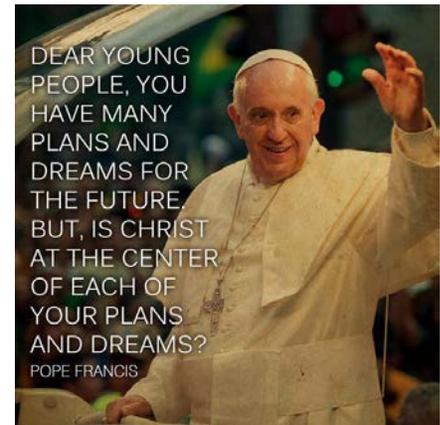
CHAPTER 3

You are the “now” of God

In this chapter, Pope Francis tells us that young people are not the future of the Church—young people are the young Church of today, and so, as young people, they must be invited to take on roles and responsibilities appropriate to the age and gifts. Chapter 3 describes the young people of today, their positive aspects and gifts that they bring, as well as the challenges they pose. There is no one profile of a young person, and young people are not a homogeneous group.



The Synod Fathers acknowledged with sorrow that “many young people today live in war zones and experience violence in countless different forms.” They name violence, abuse, exploitation addiction as major factors that keep young people from living full and productive lives. They talk about young people who are marginalized. Pope Francis says, “As a Church, may we never fail to weep before these tragedies of our young.” This chapter also explores the opportunities and challenges of the digital world. Pope Francis commits to ending abuse, particularly abuse in the Church, which has eroded trust.



Pope Francis encourages young people to turn to Jesus, saying, “Whenever you are enthused about life in common, you are capable of great sacrifices for others and for the community. Isolation, on the other hand, saps our strength and exposes us to the worst evils of our time.”

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SAINTS ANNE AND JOACHIM
JULY 26
PARENTS OF MARY
GRANDPARENTS OF JESUS

The New Testament contains no specific information about the lives of the Virgin Mary's parents, but other documents outside of the Biblical canon do provide some details.

The "Protoevangelium of James," which was probably put into its final written form in the early second century, describes Mary's father Joachim as a wealthy member of one of the Twelve Tribes of Israel.

St. Joachim and St. Anne have been a part of the Church's liturgical calendar for many centuries. They are revered in many First Nations communities as wise elders, the grandparents of Jesus.



St. Anne and St. Joachim, I am an anxious grandparent who worries and prays for my grandchildren. They are confronted with a life full of obstacles, dangers and difficult issues. They are not always aware of them. I beg you to take them under your maternal protection, because you took such good care of your Grandson, Jesus.

Now I entrust my grandchildren to you. Bless them all. Help them discover the importance of prayer, the beauty of Christian values and love of the Lord! Keep them from danger, harm, temptations, and all obstacles to their true happiness! Amen

Watch a video about St. Anne and St. Joachim [here](#).