

## FAMILY PERSPECTIVES

**May 7, 2017**

**Fourth Sunday of Easter**

The baptized belong to Jesus the good Shepherd. Take time to bring out the baptism pictures (or videos) of the children. Light a white or baptismal candle at the dinner table and have each person say their baptismal name: "I am N\_\_\_\_\_, a disciple of Jesus Christ.

**May 14, 2017**

**Fifth Sunday of Easter**

Philip said: "Show us the Father." Jesus responded, "I am in the Father and the Father is in me." God is in each of us, in our relationships and in our homes. The vocation of the Christian family is to live the unity with God that is already there so that all the Philips of the world will recognize the presence of God in their lives also.

**May 21, 2017**

**Sixth Sunday of Easter**

Jesus reminds Christian families, "If you love me, you will keep my commandments." We are to remind and exhort family members to do this, but always with gentleness and reverence. No matter what the problems, pray for the Holy Spirit's guidance and the way will be revealed to you.

**May 28, 2017**

**Seventh Sunday of Easter**

Catholic families seek eternal life by knowing and teaching what Jesus tells us: "Now this is eternal life, that they should know you, the only true God, and the one whom you sent, Jesus Christ." Remember to pray, and to talk about God, Jesus, faith and eternal life often so children learn the ways and language of faith.

## GENERAL INTERCESSIONS

May 7, 2017

That parents will have the courage, wisdom and help to shepherd and protect their children and homes from violence. We pray to the Lord.

May 14, 2017

For our state and local governments, that they will find the resources to assist families that struggle for food, clothing, and dignity. We pray to the Lord.

May 21, 2017

For single parents who struggle in their daily demands, that they will be guided by the Holy Spirit's wisdom to teach their children and keep them safe. We pray to the Lord.

May 28, 2017

That our families will live the Gospel and speak about God regularly at home. We pray to the Lord.