

# FAMILY PERSPECTIVES

**June 4, 2017**  
**Pentecost Sunday**

We want to be perfect, but we aren't. We are all wounded. What annoys us in another is often something that pains us about ourselves. In our families, let's take a tip from today's gospel and forgive our imperfections. Then we will experience the peace that Jesus promises in today's reading.

**June 11, 2017**  
**The Most Holy Trinity**

God the Father so loved the world that he gave his only Son that we might believe and have eternal life. The Christian family is a *church of the home* that is an icon of the Trinity. Mothers, fathers and grandparents can model love and virtue in such a way that all family members see the ways of God and can imitate them. Seeing is believing.

**June 18, 2017**  
**The Most Holy Body & Blood of Christ**

Family meals are essential for the cohesion and growth of families. Nourishing food, conversation, laughter, disagreements, prayer and ritual all give life and promote growth. The Sunday Eucharist is the gathering meal for all parish families. Here we encounter community. We more fully become what we receive: The Body of Christ! The two most important family rituals are Sunday Eucharist and regular family meals. Be sure to honor fathers, grandfathers, stepfathers, and godfathers on this Father's Day at your family meal.

**June 25, 2017**  
**Twelfth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

In our families, we receive what we haven't earned. That is the beauty of family life. We don't have to earn affection or care. It is freely given.

## GENERAL INTERCESSIONS

**June 4, 2017**

May all the gifts and fruits of the Holy Spirit be seen, heard and felt in our families, we pray to the Lord.

**June 11, 2017**

May our family meals be times where families gratefully gather for prayer, nourishment and peaceful fellowship free of animosity or fear, we pray to the Lord.

**June 18, 2017**

On this Father's Day we ask God to bless and strengthen all fathers, stepfathers, grandfathers, and godfathers, we pray to the Lord.

**June 25, 2017**

For gratitude in families for the love and concern they share, that they will open their hearts and homes to all those in need, we pray to the Lord.