

Family Perspectives

Ordinary Time (Year B) 2021

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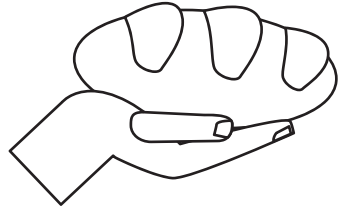


Amoris Laetitia
Family

Year 2021 - 2022

1 August- 18th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Pope Francis reminds Christian families to guard against being swept away by a hectic, competitive, throw-away society. As the domestic church, families have a responsibility to center their lives in Him-the bread of life! Make sure to make time for family meals, Sabbath rest, prayer, and conversation that includes God.

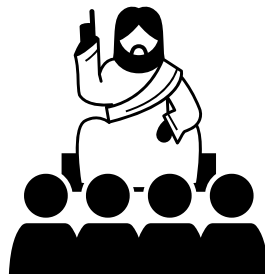


Intercession: That busy families will make time to pray and listen to Jesus, . . .

8 August- 19th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Listen to Jesus in today's gospel: "Stop murmuring among yourselves!" What good does it do? Similarly, Pope Francis invites us to encounter each other with reverence the way Jesus did. If we have a concern, state it honestly, clearly, with affection, and at the appropriate time. Constant complaining becomes nagging.

We might momentarily feel better, but others could become bitter.



Intercession: For individuals with a heavy heart, that God may give them words to express themselves healthily, with love and respect . . .

15 August- Solemnity of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary

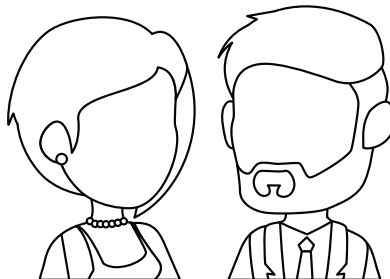
Our bodies are meant for immortality. That's what we believe when we profess in the Creed "We believe in...the resurrection of the body and life everlasting." Mary already shares in the resurrection of her Son and Our Lord Jesus as we will, too, at the end of the world. Our bodies are temples of the Holy Spirit and should be cared for and treated with respect. We strive to fill our bodies with good things and to live a life that proclaims or magnifies the greatness of the Lord. The virtues of chastity, modesty, and moderation are learned by children as they are taught how to care for and talk about their bodies. Families promote positive body image and holiness in these daily actions.



Intercession: For families who model and teach the virtues of chastity, modesty, and moderation to their children . . .

22 August- 21st Sunday in Ordinary Time

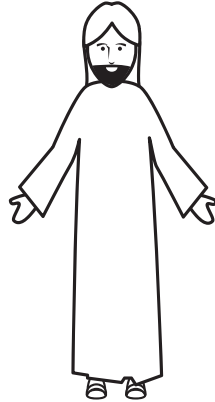
Today's second reading, from Ephesians, makes today "nudge Sunday." Husbands nudge their wives when they hear "wives should be subordinate to their husbands." Wives return the nudge at the words "husbands love your wives as Christ loves the Church." The key to this reading is all in the first line: "be subordinate to one another out of reverence for Christ." When love is mutual, freely, and generously shared between husband and wife, marriage goes to a whole new, wonderful level!



Intercession: For a more mutual and generous love between husbands and wives in our homes, parishes and communities . . .

29 August- 22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

Today Jesus teaches us what really matters are the intentions of our hearts. Bad intentions lead to angry outbursts with name-calling and put-downs. These are violent acts that “defile” our relationships. No one wins; everyone loses. Examine your heart and open it to God’s love and grace.



Intercession: For families in conflict, that the healing power of Christ might open their ears and hearts to each other so that reconciliation, harmony and respect might reign in their homes . . .

5 September- 23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

The deaf man in today’s gospel had friends who brought him to Jesus for help. We are often deaf to one another and don’t know it. We hurt others when we listen but do not hear. Take a tip from the deaf man and his friends - recognize our deafness and then ask God to heal us.



Intercession: That parents will foster safety and a safe space for their children and the whole family to truly hear and support one another. . .

12 September- 24th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Calling ourselves Christian is not sufficient. Allowing Jesus to lead as the Lord is necessary. Instead of praying for and pleading for what we want, sometimes we will need to suffer and take up our crosses in order to find abundant life.



Intercession: May families who are suffering find Christ in their midst, compassion for each other, and support from friends and parish. . . .

19 September- 25th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Today, Jesus tells us “whoever welcomes a child, welcomes me.” Pope Francis reminds us of the importance of families for children, “The family is important, and it is necessary for the survival of humanity. Without the family, the cultural survival of the human race would be at risk. The family, whether we like it or not, is the foundation.” As we celebrate the Year of the Family, let us remember to provide supportive communities where families with children can grow.



Intercession: For abandoned children, that they might find a caring home where they can heal the scars of neglect and grow as cherished children of God . . .

26 September- 26th Sunday in Ordinary Time

In today's reading, Jesus tells us “whoever gives a cup of water will be rewarded.” We may consider bringing a glass of water to a child at night or pouring cups of Kool-Aid for parched, sweaty five-year-olds a simple, and even monotonous, action. Yet these and many other simple, daily acts of parents are also sacred actions.



Intercession: For parents, that they might recognize that the simple tasks of parenting are all seen, blessed and appreciated by a loving Father