

FAMILY PERSPECTIVES

April 7, 2019
Fifth Sunday of Lent

Before Jesus faced the attacks of the scribes and Pharisees, he spent the night in the quiet of the Mount of Olives. Technology increases the demands on us and we all need a quiet place to refuel our spirit, otherwise all we share in our homes are fatigue and bitterness. Where can you find a few minutes each day to refresh your spirit?

April 14, 2019
Palm Sunday of the Lord's Passion

When Jesus died, Mary grieved alone. Most friends and followers had fled to safety except for a few acquaintances. We have friends and neighbors who have lost a loved one and feel alone in their grief. Resist the urge to avoid them. Even when we don't know what to say, we can comfort the sorrowing by just listening and compassionately being with them.

April 21, 2019
Easter Sunday of the Resurrection of the Lord

Wrapped in grief, the family of Jesus went to the tomb to anoint His body. They saw only death until two strangers announced His resurrection. Like the strangers, we are called to be "Alleluia" people who affirm life to others. The resurrection bids us to bring light to darkness, hope to the despairing and comfort to the sorrowful. Alleluia! He is risen!

April 28, 2019
Second Sunday of Easter (Divine Mercy Sun)

"As the Father has sent Me, so I send you!" As Jesus gives witness to God's love and forgiveness, each of us is called to live this same mission. Parents and spouses have the opportunity to give witness to the faithful love of God for each other. They do this in the ways they hold each other accountable to live the Gospel and in the times they mercifully forgive and reconcile.

GENERAL INTERCESSIONS

- April 7, 2019 That families will make the time and effort to renew one another and offer heartfelt joy and hope for the future. Let us pray to the Lord.
- April 14, 2019 That those bound by grief and loss may be comforted and set free by the encouraging words and actions of this parish. Let us pray to the Lord
- April 21, 2019 That families will take time to share the joy and hope of the Resurrection of Jesus when they gather this Easter. Let us pray to the Lord.
- April 28, 2019 For parents who will authentically model forgiveness and mercy in families, we pray to the Lord.