

FAMILY PERSPECTIVES

October 4, 2020

Twenty-Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

The landowner in today's gospel entrusted his land to the tenants. They did not own the land. Our children are entrusted to us. We do not own them. They belong to God. Tend to them well so God will be pleased with our parenting efforts.

October 11, 2020

Twenty-Eighth Sunday in OT

The king in today's gospel sent wedding invitations to all his close friends...people like himself. But the party wasn't successful until he opened the doors to everyone...to people not like himself. The Christian family opens its heart and doors to everyone because we know that joy happens through sharing with others beyond our own family. Charity begins and extends beyond home and truly sets an inclusive spirit.

October 18, 2020

Twenty-Ninth Sunday in OT

Differences are inevitable in family life. But don't be like the Pharisees in today's gospel who were trying to trap Jesus. They did not care about the truth. They just wanted to win! To be right! Peace can exist only when we pursue the truth with love without ulterior motives.

October 25, 2020

Thirtieth Sunday in OT

Today Jesus tells us love of God and neighbor are two parts of the greatest commandment. Loving families do both. They express their love of God as a family knowing this will help them love each other. What energizes their love? Loving God through loving people. How are we loving one another through the COVID-19 pandemic?

GENERAL INTERCESSIONS

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| October 4, 2020 | For those experiencing a difficult pregnancy, that their present anxiety will be transformed into abundant joy with the birth of a healthy child. Let us pray to the Lord. |
| October 11, 2020 | For pregnant mothers, that these months of expectation will be a time of joy, health and preparation for the serious role of parenting. Let us pray to the Lord. |
| October 18, 2020 | For families hurt by divorce, may they find understanding, forgiveness, peace and healing. Let us pray to the Lord. |
| October 25, 2020 | For families affected by addiction or abuse, that they will find help, freedom from fear and a new beginning. Let us pray to the Lord. |