

Family Perspectives



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June 6 - The Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ

In his words over the bread and wine at the Last Supper, Jesus reveals his desire to become a complete self-gift in a sacrifice of his body and blood. Today, this gift is still present to us in the Body and Blood of Jesus consecrated at the altar, consumed by the faithful, and reserved for adoration and worship. Week after week we encounter Jesus with us always as food and drink to nourish, heal, and sustain us “until the end of the age.” How does your family, as members of the Body of Christ alive in the world, seek to be bread that is broken and wine that is poured out for others?



Intercession: For all who suffer from food insecurity and poverty, especially children and the elderly, may their needs be provided for today and every day . . .

June 13 - 11th Sunday in Ordinary Time

We find a familiar refrain in today’s gospel where the one that was considered least turns into the greatest. Once again, Jesus calls us to look with new eyes at the world that surrounds us. Just as the tiny mustard seed can grow to provide shelter for “the birds of the sky,” we should not underestimate the power and potential of the small to become mighty. In the gospel, the mustard seed grows to become a plant that can provide shelter. How does your family offer shelter an safe haven for others?



Intercession: For migrant workers who plant and harvest, may they labor in safe working conditions and receive a just wage . . .

June 20th - 12th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Jesus's question to the disciples in the boat seem a bit harsh. Of course, they respond with terror when a "violent squall" threatens to sink the small boat they are using to traverse the Sea of Galilee! Jesus's ability to sleep through their travail no doubt astonished and maybe even angered his friends who ask him, "Teacher, do you not care that we are perishing?" The disciples then come to know Jesus as a healer and teacher and they are now introduced to the one that "even the winds and sea obey." St. Paul tells us, "Whoever is in Christ is a new creation." How does your family practice the newness of life in Christ?



Intercession: For the peoples of the world, by the revelation of creation may all come to know the Creator God who loves and sustains them . . .

June 27th - 13th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Today's gospel contains the healings of two individuals - one, the daughter of a synagogue official who is "at the point of death," and the other; an unnamed woman who has been "afflicted with hemorrhages for twelve years." Jesus is approached by Jairus, the distraught father of the twelve-year-old girl, who pleads with Jesus that he might come "lay your hands on her / that she may get well and live." The woman with the hemorrhage is equally certain of Jesus's ability to heal with a touch. Through their faith and persistence, both Jesus and the unnamed woman proclaim Jesus to be the one whose presence and touch brings renewal and healing. St. Paul lists several areas of "excelling" to the Corinthians: faith, discourse, knowledge, earnestness, and love. Which one of these do you feel most comfortable with? Which are you being called to grow into as a family?



Intercession: For parents of children who are gravely ill, may they know the comfort of God's tender care and the support of their family and community . . .

July 4th - 14th Sunday in Ordinary Time

When Jesus returned home to evangelize he was met with much opposition and found it difficult to perform mighty deeds. Coming home to a place where people knew him intimately made sharing the good news and his true self harder. Are there times in the life of your family where your intimate knowledge of one another hinders growth, good news, and authenticity? How can we create a family dynamic that embraces the growth and authenticity of one another?



Intercession: For those whose homes have become a place of opposition, may they have the courage to share authentically . . .

July 11th - 15th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Today's gospel reminds us that we have been given authority over the unclean spirits that constantly invade our homes and families. The list of unclean spirits includes contempt, envy, deceit, violence, substance abuse, hatred, pornography, and disrespect. The gospel makes it clear that we don't need a lot of equipment to speak out against these evils...we already have the Holy Spirit as our advocate and guide.



Intercession: That families and their caring neighbors might have the courage to speak out firmly against the unclean spirits of domestic abuse and violence. . .

July 18th - 16th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Pattern your family life after that of Jesus and the apostles. They took time out to go to a deserted place and rest with Jesus. Renewed, they were able to attend to the multitudes who came looking for Jesus. The Christian life has a rhythm alternating between activity and rest & prayer. Be sure to find time for rest and renewal.



Intercession: That busy families will make time for each other, especially at regular family meals. . .

July 25th - 17th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Jesus went to the mountain for some quiet time with the disciples. When 5000 people arrived unexpectedly, he put aside his agenda, welcomed and fed them. Jesus teaches us to be people of hospitality who welcome the stranger and cheerfully give time and nourishment to others.



Intercession: For families that struggle to find shelter and food, that we might be moved by the example of Jesus feeding the thousands and reach out and assist those in need. . .