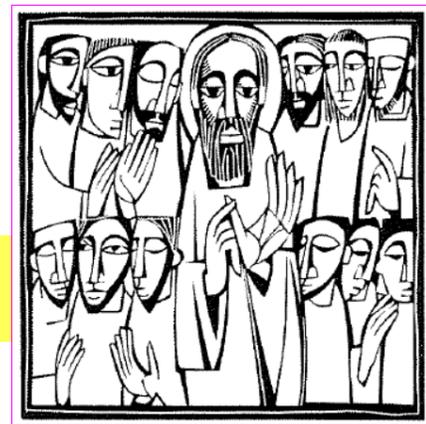


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Jeremiah 20:10-13; psalms 69:8-10, 14, 17, 33-35;
Romans 5:12-15; Matthew 10:26-33

Someone once said that every Christian occupies some kind of pulpit and preaches some kind of sermon every day. This is especially true when it comes to parents in the home.

In April 1987, the *Catholic Digest* carried an interview of a couple who had just celebrated their 25th year of marriage. In the course of the interview, the couple revealed that they had prayed together every night since their wedding night. At first they simply recited prayers like the Our Father or the Hail Mary. As time went on, they read Scripture together and shared reflections on what they read.

Another way they prayed together was spontaneously from the heart. Sometimes this involved asking God's help for a problem that they were both having. Each spouse admitted that praying this way was not easy at first. But they also admitted that this kind of honest prayer from the heart was a tremendous source of grace to them.

Commenting on this the husband said, "I'd sometimes not pray about something because I wouldn't want to say it to my wife." He said he eventually overcame his reluctance when he realized that this was being dishonest not only with his wife but also with God. When he finally got over the reluctance, this form of prayer became a great help in getting them through some tough times, especially in the first seven years of their marriage.

The couple explained that they got the idea of praying together from his wife's parents. "In my family, when I was growing up," she said, "we didn't close doors much. I could hear my parents praying at night. It was a very comforting sound. Sometimes they'd invite us in, and we'd all go sit on their bed. They read from the Bible and from a book called *The Upper Room*."

This is the kind of witness, especially in the home, that Jesus is talking about in today's gospel. It is the kind of witness that, perhaps, we are not used to. It is, however, the kind of witness that Jesus invites us to make. It is the kind of witness that, if we implement it, can change our family relationships and lives in a most remarkable way.

And what keeps us from this kind of witness?

CCC 165 (Catechism)

"It is then we must turn to the *witness of faith*; to Abraham, who 'in hope ... believed against hope', to the Virgin Mary, who, in 'her pilgrimage of faith, walked into the 'night of faith' in sharing the darkness of her son's suffering and death; and to so many others: Therefore, since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us also lay aside every weight, and sin which clings to closely, and let us run with perseverance the race that is set before us, looking to Jesus the pioneer and perfecter of our faith."

On this Father's Day celebration, let us pray for those father's who give their all in service to their family and country, eternal rest to them and we give thanks for the gift of their lives for all of us.

A truly rich man is one whose children run into his arms, even when his hands are empty

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future events

July 7—SJ Parish Council
July 9—OLPH Parish Council
Oct 6—SJ Parish Council
Oct 8—OLPH Parish Council
Aug 1—Hysten-Morgan Wedding SJ
Aug 15—Confirmation and First Eucharist at St Jude's
Sept 27-30—Fall Priest Meeting
Jan 12 2021—SJ Parish Council
Jan 14 2021—OLPH Parish Council

Two caterpillars were sunning themselves in a garden when they spotted a butterfly overhead. It fluttered, swooped, rose again and floated on the air currents. One caterpillar turned to the other and said, "There's no way you'll ever get me up in one of those contraptions!"

In the teaching of the Koran, the sacred

"Everyone who acknowledges me before others I will acknowledge before my heavenly Father." MATTHEW 10:32

Would others know that you are Catholic by the way you act and speak? Do you share your Catholic faith with others? Do you defend your Catholic faith when the situation arises or do you remain silent? Do you pray in public before meals? Pray for the strength and courage to be a joyful witness of our Catholic faith when the opportunity presents itself. Let us become the radiant light and bold witness that we are called to be!

scriptures of Islam, Adam and Eve do not get the blame for all the evil in this world. Instead it is the serpent, the devil, who is the one to blame. As an old joke puts it, "After the Fall in the garden of Eden, Adam blamed Eve, Eve blamed the serpent, and the serpent did not have a leg to stand on."



The pastor was interviewing a young man for the job of director of the parish's youth ministry. "Remember," he told the man, "we care a great deal about cleanliness here and it's something we want to teach our young people. Did you wipe your feet on the mat before coming in the door?" Absolutely," said the candidate. The pastor looked at him and said, "We also want to teach our youth about honesty here. There is no mat at the door."



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