

KEEPING FAITH FIRST- FAMILY FUN

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PROCLAIM
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Catechizing Corner!

Matthews Jesus uses Greek images when he speaks of the body being deprived of life but not the soul. The Greeks believe that people were made-up of the body, which will eventually decay, and soul, which will live forever. Matthew's Jesus makes the point that living the life of a prophet and promoting the gospel of Christ in the world may be quite costly--perhaps even costing a person his or her earthly life. Missionaries may end up giving their bodies lives for a mission: but their souls will live on forever. Enemies can kill the body, but in and through God, the soul lives on. Inherent in this dialogue about body and soul are hints of the future resurrection of the body promised to the righteous. Disciples are not to fear death of the body, but rather, they are to fear Gehenna, the post life place where body and soul resides in constant torment for the sin of alienation. There is nothing to fear in death except to be lost and cut off from God. What does it matter if the body is dead? Life in Christ offers eternal life. Jesus admonishes his disciples not to fear death, but to remain steadfast and maintain their faith under pressure. Matthew exhorts the faint hearted among his listeners to stand their ground and be strong.

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Disciple's Reflection

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Question of the Week

Twelfth Sunday in Ordinary Time
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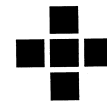
A Call to Prayer

The Word of God
Matthew 10:26-33

Faith Sharing
Questions of the week

Closing Prayer

5:1-12a



HOLY FAMILY CHURCH

Holy Family is a welcoming Catholic Eucharistic community of disciples of Jesus Christ connecting faith with life and reaching out to those in need!

Call to Prayer

Begin by calling upon God: In the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit, Amen.

Let us pause for a moment and listen attentively to this week's passage.

The Word of God Matthew 10:26-33

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew

Jesus said to the Twelve: "Fear no one. Nothing is **concealed** that will not be **revealed**, What I say to you in the darkness, speak in the light; what you hear whispered, proclaim on the housetops. And do not be afraid of those who kill the body but cannot kill the soul; rather, be afraid of the one who can destroy both soul and body in **Gehenna**. Are not two sparrows sold for a small coin? Yet not one of them falls to the ground without your Father's knowledge. Even all the hairs of your head are counted. So do not be afraid; you are worth more than many sparrows. Everyone who

Gospel Glossary

Concealed means hidden.

Revealed means shown or made known.

Gehenna refers to hell.

To **acknowledge** means to recognize someone or something as genuine or true.

acknowledges me before others I will acknowledge before my heavenly Father. But whoever **denies** me before others, I will deny before my heavenly Father."

The Gospel of the Lord



To **deny** means to say that you don't know someone or something

Faith Sharing

Questions of the Week:

Adults: Share about ways you have learned to trust God's hand in your life, ways in which you have replaced fear with trust.

Teens: Jesus tells us that he will remember us to his Father if we proclaim him to others. How easy is it for you to talk about your faith with your friends? How about your family or people you don't know very well?

Children: Who do you trust?

Families: What signs does God send you to assure you of his love?

Closing Prayer

Lord, You have called us to be your disciples, to live in faith, walking always in your footsteps. By your suffering, death, and resurrection, you have made us children of God. As you have loved us and asked us to love one another, help us to love and embrace everyone in our lives.

Fill us with love, compassion, forgiveness, patience, understanding, and tolerance, even when we face the pain of hatred, rejection, and failure.

Guide us to be good disciples. May we seek always the praise and glory of God and the good of all people. We make this prayer through Christ our Lord. Amen.

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