

KEEPING FAITH FIRST- FAMILY FUN

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FATHER	REVEAL
JESUS	SPIRIT
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Catechizing Corner!

John's gospel exhorts us to follow the great commandment of love. Our Easter faith empowers us to experience what the Opening Prayer asks of God: “. . . help us to celebrate our joy in the resurrection of the Lord and to express in our lives the love we celebrate.” Through the eucharist we actualize and make tangible the indwelling Spirit. We are thus empowered to go out and live the law of love, to evangelize and give witness to the saving power of God. “Strengthen us by this Easter sacrament; may we feel its saving power in our lives”

The Lord asks us to be with his brothers and sisters in the world. When we receive the Spirit of God, we too become defenders of the people. We become God's advocate for those who cannot defend themselves in a hostile world. In his surrender, Jesus gave us life. This gift from the Lord should make us respect and welcome our neighbors with their needs, their suffering, and their life projects. All of this makes up the good conduct in Christ to which Peter is calling us (3:16). We cannot, therefore, allow people to set themselves up as masters of the lives of others. The right to life is the primary right of the human person.

The season of Easter is an extended meditation on the paschal mystery. It is the time in which the entire church is to engage in mythological reflection. Today's liturgy takes us right into the heart of Easter's purpose.

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Disciple's Reflection

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Question of the Week

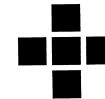
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A Call to Prayer

The Word of God
John 14:15-21

Faith Sharing
Questions of the week

Closing Prayer



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 John 14:15-21

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John

Jesus said to his disciples:

“If you love me, you will keep my commandments.

And I will ask the Father,

and he will give you another *Advocate* to be with you always,

the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot accept,

because it neither sees nor knows him.

But you know him, because he re-

mains with you,
and will be in you.

I will not leave you *orphans*;

I will come to you.

In a little while the world will no longer see me,

but you will see me, because I live and you will live.

On that day you will realize that I am in my Father

and you are in me and I in you.

Whoever has my commandments and observes them

is the one who loves me.

And whoever loves me will be loved by my Father,

and I will love him and reveal myself to him.”

The
Gospel
of the
Lord



Orphans are children who no longer have their parents, either because they were aban-

Faith Sharing

Questions of the Week:

Jesus promises to be our friend forever. How do friends treat each other?

Jesus promised us that the Holy Spirit (the Advocate) would remain with us always. When have you experienced the Spirit?

Which one of the promises in today's Gospel gives you the most hope?

Have you ever felt orphaned by God?

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.

Sixth Sunday of Easter

Gospel Glossary

Jesus called the Holy Spirit *Advocate*. An advocate is someone who defends and speaks up for someone.