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IDEAS FOR LIVING BETTER FROM THE FAMILY LIFE

FAMILY RITUAL

Display or Make a Divine Mercy for your household.



Divine Mercy Sunday –April 7

Praising His Mercy

From all that dwell below the skies
Let the Creator's praise arise: Alleluia.

Let the Redeemer's name be sung
Through every land by every tongue. Alleluia.

Eternal are your mercies, Lord:
Eternal truth attends your word. Alleluia.

Your praise shall sound from shore to shore
Till suns shall rise and set no more. Alleluia.

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Our Place in the History of the Wireless

by Maureen Roberts

In 1925 few people owned an expensive radio set. Pittsburgh's KDKA (1st commercial broadcast station) was only 5 years old.

Thankfully a for us a Johnstown owned station wanted a live broadcast of Sunday Mass for shut-ins in the area.

They asked Fr. James Cox of Old St. Patrick's (Pittsburgh's Strip District) if he would be willing to broadcast his Masses. Fr. Cox created homilies especially for radio. His voice colored the airwaves with Christ's words. For 33 years Fr. Cox championed the poor, infirmed and jobless of all creeds.

All thanks to a Johnstown wish for Mass on the airwaves! I recently read this story in *A History of the Church in 100 Objects*.

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Aquilina, Mark & Grace, *A History of the Church in 100 Objects*. Notre Dame, IN, Ave Maria Press, 2017

Families and the Gospel

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April 7 Second Sunday of Easter (John 20:19-31)
In today's gospel Jesus teaches, "Blessed are those who have not seen and believe." Accepting someone as they are, without demanding they prove themselves or meet our expectations, creates a rich relationship. Without acceptance a home is only a house and a family is just a group of house mates.

April 14 Third Sunday of Easter (Luke 24: 35-48)
The apostles were afraid of Jesus until He ate with them and they touched Him. In your family the ordinary acts of eating together, touching, embracing not only confirm our love for each other, but also celebrate God's presence in your family. These 'ordinary' moments contain the 'Extraordinary.'

April 21 Fourth Sunday of Easter (John 10:11-18)
Today's gospel is a job description for Christian parents. For most people the most influential shepherds in their lives are their PARENTS. Every parent is called to be a "good shepherd" to "freely lay down their life" for their children, to "love" and "know" their children and to "lead" them so "they know your voice."

April 28 Fifth Sunday of Easter (John 15:1-8)
Like the vine grower in today's gospel, parents must "prune and cleanse" the branches in their family if their children are going to be rooted. Discipline, limits and setting goals are a necessary part of parenting so our children will grow and "bear fruit."



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"The human heart is always drawn by love."
St. Catherine of Siena 1347-1380

The "Keep or Not-to-Keep" Test for a Spring Clean

Have I used this item in the past year?
If yes, keep it if you *really* want it.
If no, ask:

Does it have value to me sentimental or monetary?
If yes, keep it if you *really* want it.
If no, put in throwaway/giveaway box.
If no, but still not sure, ask:

Might it come in handy someday?
If yes or no, put in throwaway/giveaway box.

Note: A "yes" answer to this question *almost always* indicates you are hanging on to clutter!

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