

1st Reading: Acts 14:21-27
Responsorial: Ps 145:8-9, 10-11, 12-13
2nd Reading: Rev 21:1-5a
Gospel: Jn 13:31-33a, 34-35

The Fifth Sunday of Easter - Love and Service

How do we show love to one another? In his gospel, John shares an important statement Jesus said at the Last Supper, *I give you a new commandment: love one another. As I have loved you, so you also should love one another.* Let's take a look at the context of this reading by beginning a little earlier in John 13. This was the Last Supper narrative in the Gospel of John. It begins with Jesus washing the feet of the disciples, then the prediction of Judas' betrayal. Jesus then shares that he will come into glory through his death, and the disciples will glorify Jesus in the love they show. "John's Gospel does not present a sentimental view of love. This is a type of love that is shown in service and sacrifice. - Jesus tells the disciples that all will know that they are his disciples because of the love they show for one another. This description of the early Christian community will be repeated in the Acts of the Apostles: "See how they love one another." Christian love is the hallmark of Christianity." (Loyola Press, Sunday Connection)

Jesus doesn't just tell us to love one another. He shows us *how* to love one another. In what other ways does Jesus show us how to love in the bible? What ways do you show love to one another in your family?

ACT OF LOVE

Pray this everyday as a family!

O my God, I love you above all things with my whole heart and soul, because you are all good and worthy of all my love. I love my neighbor as myself for the love of you. I forgive all who have injured me and I ask pardon of those whom I have injured.

Amen.

Cut & Pray!

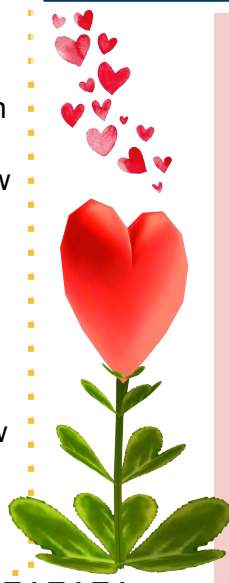


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Easter 5C
Rev 21:1-5
A NEW CITY



Catholic Kids Media:
"The child is the beauty of God, present in the world, that greatest gift to a family. - Mother Teresa
 (www.patreon.com/catholickidsmedia)



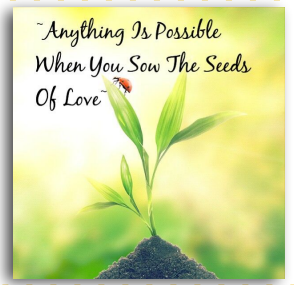
May 15 - International Day of Families!
Celebrate YOUR Family!
 Here are some ideas:
 Spend some time looking at old photos and sharing stories —take some new photos, too!
 Go on a family picnic.
 Have a family game night.
 Plant and bless a **family** tree in your yard and share stories of your own family ancestors. Pray for those who are no longer with us.
 Plan a family service project to share the love of Jesus with others.
 What other ways can you celebrate your family?
"Love begins at home, and it is not how much we do...but how much love we put in that action." (Mother Teresa)



May 18 - St. John Paul II Birthday Anniversary
 Celebrate with his FAVORITE cake. It might end up as a favorite for your family, too!
 See below for more information.

Links for More Resources, Ideas and Activities

- [Parents.com](https://www.parents.com) - How to Make Family Trees with kids
- [Franciscanmedia.org](https://www.franciscanmedia.org) - May 15 St. Isidore the Farmer
- [Catholicrurallife.com](https://www.catholicrurallife.com) - Celebrating St. Isidore's Feast Day: Resources and Ideas
- [Youtube.com](https://www.youtube.com) - Love in Action by Life Kids (Children's Faith Builder)
- [Youtube.com](https://www.youtube.com) - Pope John Paul II's Favorite Food; a baker's miracle!
- [Catholiccuisine.blogspot.com](https://www.catholiccuisine.blogspot.com) - Kremówka Papieska : Papal Cream Cake (the recipe!)



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