

**HOMESCHOOLING THE FAITH**  
**6th Sunday of Easter: May 25, 2014**

The religious traditions that you set up in your home will tell children the faith is important to you. Your greatest gift to your children will be an appreciation of the Faith as a totally new way of looking at life. If we are to live forever with God, we walk thru a passing world with hearts set on a world that will we never end. Jesus teaches us that life is not easy – it is worthwhile! W.W.J.T. (What Would Jesus Think) and W.W.J.D. (What Would Jesus Do) become our way managing life in God's name.

The home is the first church in which a child worships. The home and parents have 90% more impact on children than either the Church or the School. At this time, we will make a renewed effort to share the faith with future generations by beginning where a child's faith begins – in the Home.

Our Thinkabouts are based on the Daily Mass Readings

**Sun. May 25: 6<sup>th</sup> Sun. of Easter: Acts 8:5-17; 1 Pt. 3:15-18; Jn. 14:15-21**

Philip spoke of Jesus. It was his transformed life that earned credibility. Does my life make God credible for others. Peter tells us to imitate Christ and Jesus and the Father will dwell within us. How does God abide in my life? Jesus calls us to mend the disconnect between our belief and our behavior. Are my words obviously important in my life?

**Mon. May 26: Acts 16:11 – 15; Jn. 15:26 – 16:4**

Coming to Philippi, Paul and companions spoke to the women at the river who responded and one invited them to stay at her home. Are we welcoming to those who are seeking Jesus? How does it show? Jesus tells his followers that they will not be understood, rejected by the world. Does the world approve of my life? Should this worry me?

**Tues. May 27: Acts 16: 22-34; Jn. 16:5-11**

Paul and Silas were brought into court and ordered to be whipped and imprisoned. An earthquake tore open the cages. The two kept the jailor from suicide by assuring him they were still jailed. The jailor's entire family became believers. Paul and Silas imitated Christ. Would I do the same? Jesus promised the Spirit. Do I call on the Spirit?

**Wed. May 28: Acts: 17:15 – 18: 1; Jn. 16: 12 – 15**

Paul preached to the followers of the statue of the unknown God in their temple and presented Christ as the One. He did fine until he came to Resurrection of the Dead. Then they put him off. Resurrection is center of our Faith – Christ's and ours. How much does it mean to us at home? Jesus is with us always. How has this changed my life?

**Thurs. May 29: Acts: 18: 1-8; Jn. 16: 16-20**

Paul went to Corinth and met with Aquila and Priscilla and worked with them as tentmakers. When the Jewish group turned against him, he went to the Gentiles who came to love Christ. A closed door opened to an opening one. Is this my posture in following Christ? Do I know that I may grieve for a time but it will be turned into joy?

**Fri. May 30: Acts: 18 – 9 – 18; Jn. 16: 20 – 23**

In Corinth, Jesus experienced rejection. As it grew, he left and sailed for Syria. He read God's will in the signs of the times. How well do I do this? In comparing life on earth to pregnancy Christ indicates that being faithful to the Gospel is not easy – IT IS WORTH IT. Do I know this? How is it reflected in my life?

**Sat. May 31<sup>st</sup>: Visitation of Mary: Zeph. 3:14 – Is. 12:2-3; Lk. 1:30-56**

The Feast of the Visitation of Mary is a powerful reminder that giving is better than receiving and that we are to seek to love rather than to be loved. The honor given Mary made her more eager to serve others. How might this show in my life? Mary trusted God at a time when she did not know. Do I trust God as much? as totally?