



TO TEACH AS JESUS DID

MAY 2017

Sacred Space

A Summer Prayer

Long warm days...

The pace of life slows...

A time for picnics and rest in the shade...

Lord, help me to rest awhile

in the cooling shade of your presence.

Slow down my restless heart and fill me

with gentle compassion for all your people. Amen.

- Author unknown



Catechesis in the Home: Send home these ideas from

<http://catholicmom.com/2016/06/13/summer-survival-faith-based-ideas-summer-fun/>



Add more Prayer. Summer provides more flexibility, but that does not mean we should take a break from our relationship with God. In fact, summer allows *more* opportunity for prayer. As a family, why not add at least one daily Mass, if not more, into the summer schedule? Other ideas include adding an additional Rosary to family prayer time, scheduling a weekly family Bible study, or signing up for a summer holy hour with older children. **Host a Staycation.** If there is not a parish near you that offers VBS, why not host your own? Materials can easily be found online that teach children about the Church, the Bible and the sacraments. Add some fun snacks, and you are all set for a fun week of faith-based learning! **Visit a Shrine.** Wherever you are traveling this summer, consider adding a visit to a shrine, cathedral or other Catholic site to your itinerary. Search online to find a Catholic shrine or historic church near your home or vacation destination, and add it to your itinerary. **Pack It.** On your family's road trip, or even as you run from soccer camp to the library, make sure to have faith-based CDs to listen to in the car. Children will enjoy listening to these, and parents will appreciate the quality of what their children are learning. **Plant a Mary Garden.** Mary gardens have been part of our Catholic tradition for a long time. They can be elaborate or simple, depending on your gardening skills. A Mary garden can even be created in large flowerpots by adding a small statue or holy card of Our Blessed Mother among the flowers. **Don't Forget You.** As we focus on making sure our children have a fun summer, it's important not to neglect our own spiritual growth. This summer, make it a priority to read at least one faith-enriching book.

Saints of Summer:

Continue your study of the saints by reading about these saints on their feast days!

May 8: St. Maria Magdalen of Canossa

http://www.catholic.org/saints/saint.php?saint_id=4484

June 3: St. John XXIII

http://www.catholic.org/saints/saint.php?saint_id=7305

July 1: St. Junipero Serra

http://www.catholic.org/saints/saint.php?saint_id=401

August 14: St. Maximilian Kolbe

http://www.catholic.org/saints/saint.php?saint_id=370

Catechist Formation: Pick Up a Good Book In God's Hands: The Spiritual Diaries of Pope John Paul II by *Pope Saint John Paul II*

Available for the first time in English, the private reflections of the modern pope recently elevated to sainthood—deeply personal writings that reveal a spiritual leader who agonized over his service to God, continually questioning whether he was doing enough.



That Nothing May Be Lost: Reflections on Catholic Doctrine and Devotion by Paul Scalia

Fr. Paul Scalia reveals a scholar's mind and a pastor's heart in these inspiring reflections on a wide range of Catholic teachings and practices. Rooted in Scripture, the beauty and truth of these insights places the reader on a path to a deeper, more meaningful relationship with God.

30 challenges for Teens to Have a Fun, Happy, Holy Summer:

1. Spend more time out of your bed than in your bed.
2. Sleep outside once a week and invite more and more friends to join the camp out each week. "And in the mornin' (you're) making' waffles!!!"
3. Stop trying to get a beach-bod and instead challenge yourself to make 3 healthy changes this summer.
4. To start with: stop. drinking. soda.
5. Learn a new prayer. Consider the [St. Michael prayer](#) for your future soda cravings.
6. Memorize a new Bible verse every week.
7. Memorize all the dialogue in Wizard of Oz. My aunt did. It's not impossible.
8. Put on a backyard musical of the Wizard of Oz and become a YouTube sensation.
9. Road trip to the closest state line and make a really big deal about crossing it. Like, a really. big. deal. The more confetti the better.
10. Pray a 54-day rosary novena. Trust me, you've got the time.
11. Watch documentaries instead of PG-13 or R rated movies.
12. Clean the bathroom every Saturday morning for you parents without being asked or complaining about it.
13. Learn how to do your own laundry.
14. And then do it. Every week.
15. Hurray you're on your way to adulthood. Now eat a popsicle and never forget your precious, precious, fleeting childhood.

<http://lifeteen.com/blog/30-challenges-to-make-this-the-best-summer-of-your-life/>

From the Education Resource Center (ERC)

May 13, 2017, marks the 100th Anniversary of Our Lady's first apparition in Fatima, Portugal to three young shepherd children. The subsequent appearances on the thirteenth of every month until October, and the events that followed were extraordinary. The ERC has media for lending as well as readily-accessible online resources for all ages to learn about, live, and celebrate the beautiful gift of Mary's appearance and message to people of all generations. Browse our Fatima Pinterest Board at <https://www.pinterest.com/dbqarch/saints-our-lady-of-fatima> or the pdf listings at <https://www.dbqarch.org/offices/education-resource-center/new-media-media-picks>. Below is a sampling of the resources you will find. Contact the ERC (dbqmed1@dbqarch.org or 563-556-2580 X214) for further assistance.

 <p>Fatima Craft - Miracle of the Sun Spinner Saved from catholicicing.com</p>	<p>Fatima Craft: Miracle of the Sun Spinner (http://www.catholicicing.com/fatima-craft-miracle-of-sun-spinner/) Simple and inexpensive, this craft from Catholic Icing is also a ton-of-fun toy and an absolutely attention-getting tool to teach children about the Miracle of the Sun that took place at Fatima before an estimated 50,000 witnesses.</p>
<p>Do You Know? Fatima (https://safeshare.tv/x/FcUTFueHJIY) Saint Benedict Press offers this less-than-four-minutes, fast-paced online video appropriate for youth and adults. Viewers will receive a good overview of the details on the apparitions at Fatima and the three witnesses to the apparitions.</p>	 <p>Do You Know? Fatima Video by Saint Benedict Press Download from safeshare.tv</p>
 <p>Fatima Prayer Cards Download from cccofamerica.com</p>	<p>Downloadable Fatima Prayer Cards (https://www.cccofamerica.com/printables/) CCC of America offers six prayer cards on one sheet for you to download and print. Included are the Pardon Prayer, Sacrifice Prayer, Glory Be, Hail Mary, Fatima Prayer and Angel Prayer. Help students apply the message of Fatima: Pray, pray, pray.</p>
<p>New Saints And Heroes: The Day The Sun Danced - The True Story Of Fatima (ERC DV #31882) This animated DVD is the inspiring story of the young children Lucia, Francisco, and Jacinta, whose great faith and courage brought the message of <i>Our Lady of Fatima</i> to the world.</p>	
<p>Remember to check out these resources and many more at the following Pinterest Board or Website:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • https://www.pinterest.com/dbqarch/saints-our-lady-of-fatima • https://www.dbqarch.org/offices/education-resource-center/new-media-media-picks 	