

January 8, 2021

Good Morning All,

First winter storm but all we have is cold rain! However, in abundance of caution, the Friday morning Bible Study at the Shook Center has been cancelled.

A reader has shared that Ascension Press has a daily podcast with Fr. Mike Schmitz. Reading the Bible in one year! It just started last week so if you are interested you can catch up and then listen once daily. [All Bible in a Year Episodes - Ascension Press Media](#)

1. Today's Readings: [Friday after Epiphany | USCCB](#)

2. ***The RE Corner with Jan Heithaus:*** You may have heard discussions about the "Domestic Church". Attached is an article listing tools for creating your home domestic church from the USCCB. The Knights of Columbus prepared a pamphlet with information regarding the Domestic Church with specific activities by month - the link is included as an additional resource. [Domestic 6 \(kofc.org\)](#)

3. Quote of the Day: "Catholic parents must learn to form their family as a "domestic church," a church in the home as it were, where God is honored, his law is respected, prayer is a normal event, virtue is transmitted by word and example, and everyone shares the hopes, the problems and sufferings of everyone else. All this is not to advocate a return to some outdated style of living: It is to return to the roots of human development and human happiness!" *St. John Paul II, Pope*

Have a great Friday - stay warm, safe, and healthy!

***St. Joseph, Pray for Us!***



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## Tools for Building a Domestic Church

According to the Second Vatican Council's Dogmatic Constitution on the Church: "The family, is so to speak, the domestic church." (*Lumen Gentium* #11) This means that it is in the context of the family that we first learn who God is and to prayerfully seek His will for us. In the following bullet points you will find some suggestions on how to build your "domestic church" through a life of prayer that can help all the members of your family.

- Begin praying as a family and reading from Scripture daily, certainly before meals, but also first thing in the morning or before bed. Find a time that works for your family. Use the liturgy of the Church as a model for prayer, and try to include heartfelt unstructured prayer as well.
- Pray a Family Rosary (each member leads a decade, and everyone shares intentions).
- Have a crucifix in a prominent place in the home, and in every bedroom.
- Make the Sacraments a regular celebration – take the whole family to Confession and Mass!
- Begin family traditions based on the seasons celebrated in the liturgical calendar.
- Make your vacation a holy pilgrimage by visiting the shrines and saints of our land and the world.
- Make worshiping God a priority. Never miss Mass, even while traveling – go to: [www.MassTimes.org](http://www.MassTimes.org) to find a church near you!
- Teach stewardship and charity to your children, through word and example.
- Demonstrate love for your spouse, your children, your neighbors, and the world. Remind their children that they are loved by God and have been given gifts to serve others.
- Talk freely about the presence of God in the joys and sorrows of your life.
- Welcome into your home and support priests, brothers, sisters, deacons, and lay ministers in the Church.
- Participate in the lay ministries and activities of your parish community.
- Allow your children to witness you in private prayer. Encourage your children to pray daily on their own, to listen for God's call, and if heard, to respond.