

FAMILY LOVE MIRRORS GOD'S LOVE

By BEV McDONALD AUGUST 2017

Start your meeting with the Sign of the Cross and prayer.

Someone read: Hosea 11: 1, 3-4

“When Israel was a child, I loved him... I took them up in my arms... I led them with cords of compassion, with the bands of love, and I became to them as one who eases the yoke on their jaws, and I bent down to them and fed them.”



Listen to the CD or read the Script.

The Music this month is *Lullaby Blessing* by Helen Funnel from the Album *Walking on Water*

Share from these reflection starters:

- ◇ Pope Francis states that *‘the joy of love experienced by families is also the joy of the church’* - what are some ways you experience joy in your family?
- ◇ Does it seem easy or difficult to sense God tenderly loving you like a mother holding a child? What are some other ways you experience God's tenderness?
- ◇ How does being Marist (*seeking to be a disciple like Mary*) help you respond to God's tenderness?
- ◇ What is it like for you to pray using a Scripture verse like Ps 131 or Hosea 11 and imagining God speaking personally to you?
- ◇ Share one of your own memories of God acting in your life. How can memories like that help you in difficult times?

August Marist Dates

Thu 2nd: St Peter Julian Eymard

Fri 3rd: St John Mary Vianney

Sat 5th: Dedication Basilica St Mary Major

Sun 6th: Feast of Transfiguration

Tues 15th: Assumption of the BVM

Tues 22nd: The Queenship of Mary

Thu. 24th: (1834) 1st Papal approval of Marist Laity & feast St Bartholomew



Pope Francis' Prayer Intentions

August:
For Artists

That artists of our time, through their ingenuity, may help everyone discover the beauty of creation.

Pray for your needs and Intentions and **Conclude** with this prayer together:

Let us make this journey as families, let us keep walking together. What we have been promised is greater than we can imagine.

May we never lose heart because of our limitations, or ever stop seeking that fullness of love and communion which God holds out before us.

Jesus, Mary and Joseph, in you we contemplate the splendour of true love; to you we turn with trust.

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