

## Homily Notes / Suggestions

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One or more of these notes might be incorporated into the homily for the given Sunday.

- In a world filled so much bad news and fake news, what we really need is Good News. The Gospel is good news. Pope Francis tells us that “the joy of the gospel fills the hearts and lives of all who encounter Jesus” (*Evangelii Gaudium*, 1).
- St. Boniface asks “Can there be a more fitting pursuit in youth or a more valuable possession in old age than a knowledge of sacred scripture?” St. Jerome famously said “Ignorance of the Scriptures is ignorance of Christ.”
- Pope Francis reminds us that through our gospel encounter with Jesus “we have received the love which restores meaning to our lives, how can we fail to share that love with others?” (*Evangelii Gaudium*, 8). A true gospel encounter leads us to be evangelists by spreading the good news.
- The gift of faith that we have receive through Christ’s saving gospel is meant to be nourished by the Word of God. Taking time to read the Bible daily is a faith enriching exercise.
- There are many ways that God speaks to us. The Bible is like a letter of love from God to us.
- Give a short lesson on *Lectio Divina* (Divine Reading) and the four steps involved: read, meditate, pray, and contemplate.
- There is a saying “The family that prays together, stays together.” Listening to the Gospel as a family is a concrete way of praying together.