

July 25, 2021

Good Morning All,

Divine Mercy Chaplet at 3:00 PM today.

1. Today's Readings: <https://bible.usccb.org/bible/readings/072521.cfm>

2. The RE Corner with Jan Heithaus: In January of this year, Pope Francis declared the last Sunday of July as World Day for Grandparents and Elderly. Why the last Sunday of July? It is the closest Sunday to the celebration of the memorial of Ss. Joachim and Ann, parents of the Blessed Virgin Mary (which by the way is tomorrow, July 26---more to come then).

3. Quote of the Day:

~ " Do not cast me off in the time of old age;  
Do not forsake me when my strength fails." **Psalm 7 1:9**

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

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## **Pope Francis Proclaims World Day for Grandparents and the Elderly**



Pope Francis, shown visiting the San Raffaele Borona assisted living home in Rieti, Italy, on Oct. 4, 2016, has proclaimed a special day to honor grandparents and the elderly. (photo: Vatican Media/National Catholic Register)

The World Day of Grandparents and the Elderly will be celebrated annually on the fourth Sunday of July.

Pope Francis announced in January of this year, the establishment of an international day to honor grandparents and the elderly to take place each year in July.

“The Holy Spirit ... arouses thoughts and words of wisdom in the elderly today: Their voice is precious because it sings the praises of God and guards the roots of peoples. They remind us that old age is a gift and that grandparents are the link between generations, to transmit to young people an experience of life and faith,” Pope Francis said in the library of the Vatican’s Apostolic Palace Jan. 31.

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“Grandparents are often forgotten, and we forget this wealth of preserving and passing on the roots. For this reason, I have decided to establish the World Day of Grandparents and the Elderly,” the Pope said.

The World Day for the Grandparents and the Elderly will take place annually on the fourth Sunday of July, close to the feast of the grandparents of Jesus, Saints Joachim and Anne.

This year it will take place on Sunday, July 25, and Pope Francis will offer a special Mass to mark the occasion, according to the Vatican Dicastery for Laity, Family and Life.

In his Angelus address — offered via a live video broadcast due to the COVID-19 pandemic — the Pope recalled the upcoming liturgical celebration of the Presentation of Jesus in the Temple by Mary and Joseph.

“On Feb. 2, we will celebrate the feast of the Presentation of Jesus in the Temple, when Simeon and Anna, both elderly, enlightened by the Holy Spirit, recognized Jesus as the Messiah,” the Pope said.

Pope Francis also pointed to the example of the Virgin Mary, who “always kept Jesus’ words and gestures in her heart and followed him with total willingness and faithfulness.”

“May she help us, too, to listen to him and follow him, to experience the signs of his salvation in our life,” he prayed.

The Pope said that Jesus “speaks not with human authority, but with divine authority, because he has the power to be the definitive prophet, that is, the Son of God who saves us, heals us all.”

He asked: “Do we listen to the words of Jesus which are authoritative?”

“Always — do not forget — carry a small Gospel in your pocket or bag, to read it during the day, to listen to that authoritative word of Jesus,” he said.

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