

*St. John Paul II Parish, Sellersburg IN*  
*The First Fifteen*

The Spiritual Life and Evangelization Commission asked that all parish meetings begin with a program we are calling “The First Fifteen.” We are asking all parish meetings to begin with a few minutes of faith sharing. One person in the group reads the reading provided below (which corresponds with this next week’s weekend readings) and everyone is given an opportunity to reflect and share on the readings. The questions below are simply a way to stimulate your reflection. You can use them or anything that strikes you about the word of God.

**Sunday, May 27, 2018**

**Second Reading - Romans 8:14-17**

Brothers and sisters:

Those who are led by the spirit of God are children of God. For you did not receive a spirit of slavery to fall back into fear, but you received a spirit of adoption, through whom we cry, “Abba, Father!”

The Spirit himself bears witness with our spirit that we are children of God, and if children, then heirs with Christ, if only we suffer with him so that we may also be glorified with him.

**Gospel – Matthew 28: 16-20**

The eleven disciples went to Galilee, to the mountain to which Jesus had ordered them. When they all saw him, they worshiped, but they doubted. Then Jesus approached and said to them, “All power in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Go, therefore, and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you. And behold, I am with you always until the end of the age.

**Questions to Ponder:**

1. “Abba” in Hebrew means “Daddy” a familiar name for Father. What was your “familiar” name for your father? Can you remember a “Daddy” moment with your Father?
2. These readings empower the disciples as adopted children of God making them brothers of the savior. Does God the Father remind you of your own father? In what ways?
3. With all that they had seen and been told by Jesus at his appearance hear the disciples doubted? What do you think of this statement? Do you ever still doubt?

End with the “**Glory Be**” “**Glory be to the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit, as it was in the beginning is now and ever shall be, world without end. Amen**”