## MARRIAGE AND FAMILY LIFE BOOK CLUB

Six Week Series: Tuesdays at 6:30 PM

Join Fr. Christian and Pres. Victoria as they discuss themes from the homilies of St. John Chrysostom on marriage and family life. Join us via Zoom and Facebook Live. Email <a href="mailto:frchristian@htgo.org">frchristian@htgo.org</a> to request the login information

August 18 - Marriage Helps with Virtue (pg. 25-42)

August 25 - Respect Between Spouses (pg. 43-64)

September 1 - Child Rearing (pg. 65-72)

September 8 - Marriage as Union with Christ (pg. 73-80)

September 15 - What is Marriage? (pg. 81-88)

September 22 - How to Choose a Wife (pg. 89-114)

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## **Synopsis**

Christian tradition often seems to give only grudging approval to the married life, particularly its sexual aspect. In these sermons of St John Chrysostom we find an important corrective to this view. Although himself a monk, Chrysostom had a profound understanding of the needs of his congregation. Inspired by the epistles to the Corinthians and Ephesians, he discusses the reasons God instituted marriage--primarily to promote holiness of the husband and wife, and only secondarily to produce children. Chrysostom goes on to discuss sexual relations, the mutual responsibilities of marriage, and parenting. While parts of Chrysostom's sermons may seem limited to his own time, the vast majority of his advice has timeless relevance for the Christian family.

