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HOLY FAMILY OF JESUS DECEMBER 27, 2020

Journey OF Faith

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In Word & Deed

Sometimes it seems odd to listen to politicians talk about family values as though no one has ever heard of them.

People live family values every day, often heroically, helping one another achieve greatness and success. The family value is love. It carries us through, and helps bring us together as one. It supports and affirms, it heals and nourishes, and it forgives and accepts.

With the focus on Jesus, the role of the Holy Family can sometimes be forgotten. Joseph, as husband and father, protects and guides. Mary, as wife and mother, nourishes and supports. Jesus, as a son, obeys and grows in holiness and wisdom. Despite their unique roles in salvation history, the members of this family are
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*Jesus was born in a humble stable, into a poor family.
Simple shepherds were the first witnesses to this event.
In this poverty heaven's glory was made manifest.
The Church never tires of singing the glory of this night.*



Mass Intentions for the Week

Saturday, December 26

5:00pm **Alan Dodd**
by his family

Sunday, December 27

7:30am **Joseph Gillis**
by Clare & Stan Tozeski

9:00am **Richard Brown**
by his family

11:00am **William Colwell**
by Paula Sparks

BAPTISM: CELESTE ADRIANA WOOD

Monday, December 28

9:00am **Fred Tarr**
by his family

Tuesday, December 29

9:00am Barbara Brogie
by her family

Wednesday, December 30

9:00am St. Luke's Parish

Thursday, December 31

9:00am St. Luke's Parish

Friday, January 1, 2021

9:00am Solemnity of Mary,
Mother of God

Saturday, January 2

5:00pm **Joan Coveney**
by Tari & Tom Shea

Sunday, January 3

7:30am **Joseph Gillis**
by Forever Young Senior Adults

9:00am **Ida & Randy Laino**
by their family

11:00am **James T. Hyland**
by his family



Please pray for...

Bob Grady, Elise Ollman-Kahle, Patricia Amorelli, Carol Aloisi, Michael, Kim Evans, Ann Martin, Mickie Aylward, Tuyen Tran, Mary Mahan, James Wright, Evelyn Croteau, Beth Lambert, Shirley DePalma, Cheri McGee, Agnes Limberger, Zachary Collins, Elise Renee, Ann Tisbert, Patrick, Christine, Robert Coutinho, Sharon Beaulieu, Toby Claufon, Becky Rawson, Paul Fallon, Teresa Putnam, Carmelia Potenti, Elisa Korb, George Beecher, , Leanne McCann, Ellie Carlson, Epifania Soto, Jane Burke, Hayleigh Scott, Kellan Keough, Dorothy Clinton, Sr. Pamela Philbin, Karen Mooney, Andrea Furtado, Luis Ferreria, Helen Galica, Erik Olsen, Vicki Foley, Richard Kane, Grace Roche, Jack Curtin, Jim Bennett, Neil Kenny, Debbie Giroux, Carole & Pam Laino, Gregg Merloni, Tome Valadao, Maryann Bisco, Susan Garry, Melvin Boucher, T.J. Bautz, Joan Fallon, Marie Wilson, David Perry, Lucia Engdahl, John Durnan, Linda Darby, Kirolos Gergis, Beverly Taylor, Judy Melfa, Claire Kennedy, Maria Matejko, Mary Savelloni, Peter Rose, Kevin & Donna Brennan, Luz Chavez, Pamela Meehan, James Thomas, Christina Narensky, Lynn St. Jean, Michael Berthuime, Trisha Suzi, Norman Beland, Margaret Markert, Hailie McLatchey, Barbara Auger, Barbara Barnes, Doris Biedermann, Joan Bunnell, Joan Finnerty, Jeanne Amendola, Jack Walker, Daniel Baker, Rebecca Coax, Robert Trant, Michael McAndless, Michael Del Pozzo, Susanne Ollman, Lucy Hamburger, David Carrera, Joel Rivera, Pat & John Lusek, Michael Zancewicz, John Lynch, Kristy Cautello, Joseph Malzone, Lois Kerbel, Carol Guarino, Michael Turpin, Connor Blaney, Debbie Krikler, Sally Gagliardi, Sam Mozley, Austin Tomalewski, Gary Shults, Erin Magrane

Names of individuals on the Prayer Line are not published in the bulletin
Let us remember to pray for all the men and women and their families who are serving in Iraq and Afghanistan

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Please contact a Priest at least six months in advance

VISITATION OF THE SICK

Our extraordinary ministers are always pleased to bring the Eucharist to parishioners who are unable to join us for weekly worship. If you or a family member would like to receive Communion, please call the Rectory. If you know of someone from the parish who is in the hospital, please let us know.

SUNDAY MASS SCHEDULE

Weekend Masses **Saturday at 5:00 PM in English and 7:00 PM in Spanish.**

Sunday Masses will be at **7:30 AM, 9:00 AM and 11:00 AM.**
There will be no 6:30 PM Mass on Sunday until further notice.

Scripture Readings

Sunday

December 27

Gn 15:1-6; 21:1-3/Heb 11:8, 11-12, 17-19/ Lk 2:22-40 or 2:22, 39-40

Monday

December 28

1 Jn 1:5—2:2/Mt 2:13-18

Tuesday

December 29

1 Jn 2:3-11/Lk 2:22-35

Wednesday

December 30

1 Jn 2:12-17/Lk 2:36-40

Thursday

December 31

1 Jn 2:18-21/Jn 1:1-18

Friday

January 1

Nm 6:22-27/Gal 4:4-7/Lk 2:16-21

Saturday

January 2

1 Jn 2:22-28/Jn 1:19-28

Sunday

January 3

Is 60:1-6/Eph 3:2-3a, 5-6/Mt 2:1-12

In Word & Deed

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pretty much like the rest of us: living together in faith, hope and love.

The Christmas Season gives us many opportunities to express our love and appreciation for our family. Time spent together is so precious and we should try to include everyone, even those who over time and events have grown a bit distant. Pray for the grace of the Holy Family and let others know how much they are loved.

~Jim Gaffney

FAMILY LIFE:

TO WALK AS ONE

Are you old enough to remember Art Linkletter or Bill Cosby doing a show called “Kids Say the Darndest Things”? It featured young kids being asked questions about themselves or their friends or their families, especially their parents. Inevitably, one of the kids would say something that would reveal a secret, misinterpret events or cause parents a bit of embarrassment. The comments were especially funny when we knew that the same things could be said of our families.

The family is the school of life and faith. We learn about God, how to live our faith, how to love and accept others, how to

share, forgive, get along, be hopeful. We learn about sin and grace, about triumph and defeat. We learn how to trust and be trusted. The people we call our own teach us who we are and who we can become. They celebrate our strengths and support our weaknesses. They keep our secrets and trumpet our successes. In good times and in bad, through thick and thin, family needs to be together, one for all and all for one. And that is the darndest thing!

~Jim Gaffney



Wonderful the dignity you bestowed, O God, on human nature when you created it; more wonderful still its condition when you recreated it. Grant, we pray, that as Jesus Christ, your Son, stooped to share our human nature, so we may share the lot of his divine nature. Through that same Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord, who with you and the Holy Spirit has shared one life and kingly power, one godhead, from all eternity.

~ Leonine Sacramentary, Early sixth century

Men and women of today, humanity come of age yet often still so frail in mind and will, let the Child of Bethlehem take you by the hand! Do not fear; put your trust in him! The life-giving power of his light is an incentive for building a new world order based on just ethical and economic relationships.

~ Pope Benedict XVI, Christmas Message, Dec. 25, 2005



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CHRISTMAS 2020

My dear brothers and sisters in Christ,

As Advent gives way to Christmas, we find ourselves in a continued state of waiting, longing and expectation for a promised vaccine. How our world has changed in a year!

Last Christmas, none of us had heard of COVID-19. Since then our lives, jobs, recreation and worship have been shaped by it. COVID precautions have led to COVID-fatigue as we long for a return to normal life.

Anxious waiting and expectation for the vaccine marks and impacts our celebrations. Gatherings in church and at home will be smaller, travel truncated, carols fewer, precautions increased and parties cancelled.

But Christmas is not cancelled. Our way of celebrating has changed, but our reason for celebrating remains the same. While the world awaits the arrival of a vaccine, we celebrate the arrival of the world's Savior.

We hope for a vaccine that for a time will ward off illness and death. The Divine Savior whose birth we celebrate gives us resurrection and reunion. We pray the vaccine will restore normal life on earth. The grace Christ offers promises eternal life in Heaven.

For two millennia Christians throughout the world have celebrated Christ's birth. Many of these Christmas-es have been marked by famine, plagues and wars. Through those hardships and others, Christians have found in Christ the strength, hope and joy to persevere, endure and triumph over all of life's uncertainties.

As we wait for the vaccine to come, let us rejoice, give thanks and find peace in the Savior who has already come, defeated sin and death and will come again to share His definitive triumph of eternal life.

With every prayerful best wish for a Blessed and Merry Christmas, I remain

Sincerely yours in Christ,

Most Reverend Robert J. McManus
Bishop of Worcester



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FILL IN THE GAPS

The sentences below are missing key words. Can you find the correct ones? (They are all in today's readings.)

1. He _____ up _____ who _____ his mother.
2. My son, take care of your _____ when he is old; _____ him not as _____ as he lives.
3. Children, _____ your parents in _____, for this is _____ to the Lord.
4. They _____ him up to _____ to _____ him to the Lord.
5. The child grew and became _____, filled with _____; and the _____ of God was upon him.

ANSWERS

1. stores, riches, reveres 2. father, grieve, long
3. obey, everything, pleasing 4. took, Jerusalem, present
5. strong, wisdom, favor

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BIBLE DETECTIVE

See what you can discover for yourself about the background to the readings.

THE BOOK OF SIRACH

Where in the Bible is the Book of Sirach to be found? Is it known by any other title as well? Do we know who wrote this book, and when?

THE GOSPEL ACCORDING TO LUKE

Mary and Joseph took the baby Jesus to the temple in Jerusalem. Find out what the temple looked like at that time. When was the temple built, and what happened to it?

This visit to Jerusalem forms one of the joyful mysteries of the rosary. What is this mystery called? How many other joyful mysteries are there, and what are their names?

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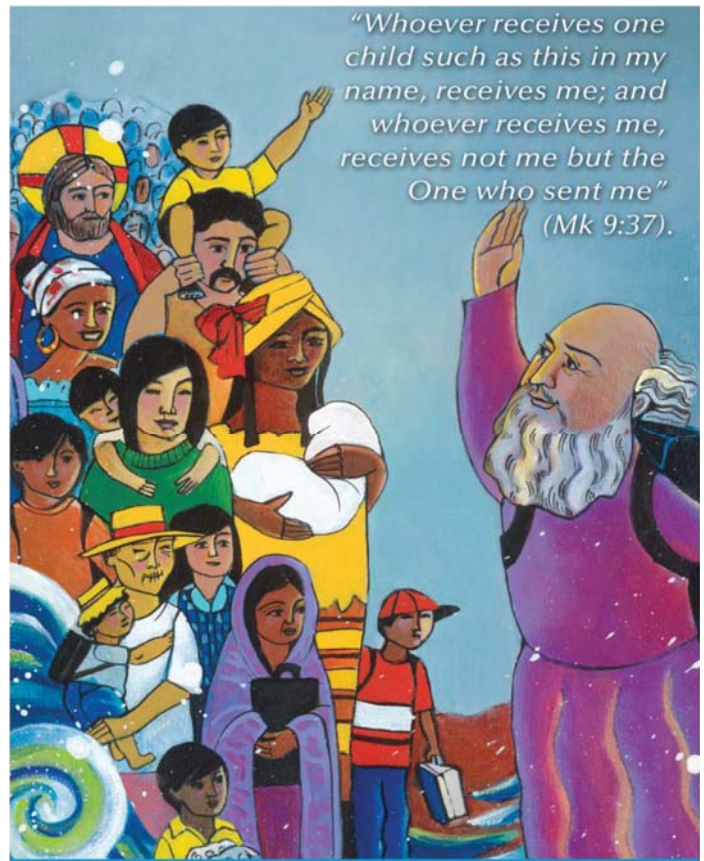
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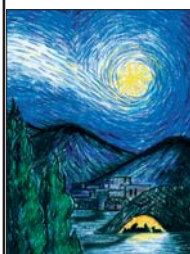


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