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Holy Family of Jesus, Mary, and Joseph (B)



The child grew and became strong, filled with wisdom; and the favor of God was upon him.

LUKE 2:40

Family Values

Some of the most popular television programs depict family interactions. Unfortunately, many of these families are dysfunctional, and those that are not often appear to be vapid, boring, even unrealistic. Today's readings offer examples of genuine family values and the kind of relationships for which most people yearn.

Sirach describes the tender care that bonds parents and children. First it is the parents who care for the children. Over the years the roles reverse and adult children care for elderly parents. The family is the basic community, where one first learns the hard lessons of unselfishness and forgiveness. The psalm response also describes a model family. The husband will experience success in his work and enjoy the blessings of family life with his wife and their children. Paul provides a list of values to which family members should commit themselves: "compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness, and patience,

bearing with one another and forgiving one another" (Colossians 3:12-13). Finally, the Gospel reading provides a glimpse into the lives of the Holy Family. Here they are: a refugee family with Joseph as the protector.

In a way, these are all "holy families." Prayer is important in the first reading; fear of the Lord is rewarded in the psalm; Paul calls the people "God's chosen ones" (Colossians 3:12). This feast is not meant to be only a look into the past at the Holy Family. It is an opportunity for us to look into the present and do our part to make our own families holy.

Sr. Dianne Bergant, CSA

For Reflection:

What already makes your family holy?

What might make it holier?

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Calendar

Monday

DECEMBER 28

Holy Innocents, Martyrs

1 John 1:5—2:2

Matthew 2:13—18

Tuesday

DECEMBER 29

Christmas Weekday

1 John 2:3—11

Luke 2:22—35

Wednesday

DECEMBER 30

Christmas Weekday

1 John 2:12—17

Luke 2:36—40

Thursday

DECEMBER 31

Christmas Weekday

1 John 2:18—21

John 1:1—18

Friday

JANUARY 1

Solemnity of Mary, Holy

Mother of God

Numbers 6:22—27

Galatians 4:4—7

Luke 2:16—21

Saturday

JANUARY 2

Sts. Basil the Great and

Gregory Nazianzen, Bishops

and Doctors of the Church

1 John 2:22—28

John 1:19—28

Sunday

JANUARY 3

Epiphany of the Lord

Isaiah 60:1—6

Ephesians 3:2—3a, 5—6

Matthew 2:1—12

Dear Padre,

Why does the Church celebrate the Holy Family? Jesus doesn't seem to be much of a family person. Scripture show him ignoring—even rejecting—Mary and Joseph.

As Jesus grows in age and wisdom, it becomes clear that he hasn't come to build up his own little family but to create a worldwide family of disciples. This family would claim God as the father of everyone in the family, with Jesus and all others as brothers and sisters. All who followed him would be as dear to Jesus as his mother or his foster father. As Jesus said: "As the Father loves me, so I also love you" (John 15:9).

The roles of Mary and Joseph in this new family of Jesus were not to be only earthbound parents but, more importantly, to be examples of how to follow God's purpose. Both Mary and Joseph accepted God's path for them, even though they didn't know where the path would take them.

In the new family of God, we are people who seek out and follow God's purpose in our lives. We are to say yes with Mary; we are to imitate Joseph in following God's direction. Jesus said this quite plainly: "Whoever does the will of God is my brother and sister and mother" (Mark 3:35). The will of God becomes the cornerstone of Jesus' new, universal family of humankind. Every Christian family, then, has a double task in raising their children: teaching and inspiring them to love and believe in Jesus and to always seek God's will.



—Fr. Paul J. Coury, CSSR | Sundaybulletin@Liguori.org

A word from POPE FRANCIS



Instead of returning home with his family, he stayed in Jerusalem, in the Temple, causing great distress to Mary and Joseph who were unable to find him....Returning home, Jesus surely remained close to them, as a sign of his complete affection and obedience. Moments like these become part of the pilgrimage of each family.

—FEAST OF THE HOLY FAMILY, DECEMBER 27, 2015

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Into the Light of Grace
By Thomas M. Shahan, CSM

The light of grace is the light of God's love. It is the light that illuminates our hearts and minds, and it is the light that gives us the strength to overcome our sins and to live in the love of God. This light is the light of the Holy Spirit, who dwells within us and who guides us in all our ways. It is the light that makes us holy and that makes us free. It is the light that gives us the power to resist temptation and to stand firm in the face of adversity. It is the light that gives us the courage to face our fears and to live our lives in the love of God. It is the light that gives us the hope of eternal life and that gives us the joy of heaven. It is the light that gives us the peace of God and that gives us the love of God. It is the light that gives us the life of God and that gives us the glory of God. It is the light that gives us the kingdom of God and that gives us the reign of God. It is the light that gives us the power of God and that gives us the wisdom of God. It is the light that gives us the strength of God and that gives us the courage of God. It is the light that gives us the faith of God and that gives us the hope of God. It is the light that gives us the love of God and that gives us the joy of God. It is the light that gives us the peace of God and that gives us the life of God. It is the light that gives us the glory of God and that gives us the kingdom of God. It is the light that gives us the power of God and that gives us the wisdom of God. It is the light that gives us the strength of God and that gives us the courage of God. It is the light that gives us the faith of God and that gives us the hope of God. It is the light that gives us the love of God and that gives us the joy of God. It is the light that gives us the peace of God and that gives us the life of God. It is the light that gives us the glory of God and that gives us the kingdom of God.

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DAILY MASS INTENTIONS

Sun.	Dec 27	9:00 a.m.	Burke Wallace +
		11:00 a.m.	Phan Family +
		5:30 p.m.	Ricky Labrador +
Mon.	Dec 28	12:00 p.m.	Sacred Heart Church
Tues.	Dec 29	12:00 p.m.	Gabriel Szabados fam & friends
Wed	Dec 30	12:00 p.m.	Sacred Heart Church
Thur.	Dec 31	5:30 p.m.	Sacred Heart Church
Fri.	Jan 1	10:00 a.m.	Carolina P. Velasco
Sat.	Jan 2	5:30 p.m.	Genovena Gundran +

STEWARDSHIP

Offerings (Dec 07—13)	\$6,764
Online Giving (Dec 07—13)	\$2184
Total Sacrificial Giving	\$8,948
YTD Sacrificial Giving (June 29—Dec 13)	\$78,548
Parish Improvement (June 29—Dec 13)	\$6,707



Mary, Mother of God (New Year's) MASS SCHEDULE

**New Year's Eve:
Thursday, December 31
5:30 Vigil Mass**

**New Year's Day
Friday, January 1, 2021
10:00 a.m. Mass**

***(no confessions or other Masses on
December 31st or New Year's Day)***

MASS SCHEDULE AND PARISH EVENTS

December 27, Fourth Sunday of Advent

- Masses 9:00 a.m., 11 a.m., 5:30 p.m.

December 28, Monday

- Confession 7:30 a.m.
- Confessions 11:00 a.m. — 12:00 p.m.
- Mass 12:00 p.m.
- YAMS Bible Study 7:00 p.m. Zoom

December 29, Tuesday

- Confession 7:30 a.m.
- Confessions 11:00 a.m. — 12:00 p.m.
- Mass 12:00 p.m.
- MPH Devotion after noon Mass

December 30, Wednesday

- Confession 7:30 a.m.
- Confessions 11:00 a.m. — 12:00 p.m.
- Mass 12:00 p.m.

December 31, Thursday Mary, Mother of God Eve

- NO Confessions today
- Mass 5:30 p.m.

January 1, Friday Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God

- **NO Confessions today**
- **Mass 10:00 a.m.**

January 2, Saturday

- Confession 4:00—5:00 p.m.
- Sunday Vigil Mass 5:30 p.m.



THANKS TO BOY SCOUT TROOP 72 AND THE RESIDENTS OF QUEEN ANNE

For the last several years Boy Scout Troop 72 has been donating a portion of their Christmas Tree sales at the Queen Anne Safeway to our Food Bank. This year as people were purchasing trees they asked them if they would like to give a financial or food donation to the Queen Anne Food Bank—a Ministry of Sacred Heart of Jesus. The Boy Scouts told us that people often went back into Safeway to purchase an item to donate!

This past week they gave us a check for \$12,000 for our Food Bank and 85 bags of groceries.