

# Feast of the Holy Family

## Sunday, December 26, 2021

### Reading I:

Sirach 2: 3-14

God sets a father in honor over his children;  
 a mother's authority he confirms over her sons. Whoever  
 honors his father atones for sins, and preserves himself from  
 them.  
 When he prays, he is heard; he stores up riches who reveres  
 his mother. Whoever honors his father is gladdened by children,  
 and, when he prays, is heard.  
 Whoever reveres his father will live a long life; he who obeys  
 his father brings comfort to his mother. My son, take care of  
 your father when he is old; grieve him not as long as he lives.  
 Even if his mind fail, be considerate of him; revile him not all  
 the days of his life; kindness to a father will not be forgotten,  
 firmly planted against the debt of your sins—a house raised  
 in justice to you.. The Word of the Lord, Thanks be to God!

### Psalm 128

**R. Blessed are those who fear the Lord and walk in his ways.**

Blessed is everyone who fears the LORD, who walks in his ways! For you shall eat the fruit of your handiwork; blessed shall you be, and favored. R.

Your wife shall be like a fruitful vine in the recesses of your home; your children like olive plants around your table. R.

Behold, thus is the man blessed who fears the LORD. The LORD bless you from Zion: may you see the prosperity of Jerusalem all the days of your life. R.

**Reading: Col. 3: 12-21**

Brothers and sisters:

Put on, as God's chosen ones, holy and beloved, heartfelt compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness, and patience, bearing with one another and forgiving one another, if one has a grievance against another; as the Lord has forgiven you, so must you also do.



Mary Adderly, Helen Augins, Karen Brown-Berkley, Wanda Brewton, Renee Bruce, Kathy Burundi, Fred Buchanan, Al Butler, Anita Cole, Patricia Cullings-Dix, Linda Davis, Dale Dyson, William Ford III, Phyllis Ford, Sarah Gamble, JoAnn Glenn, Fr. Bill Graham, OFM Cap., Cornell (Nelson) Johnson, Joseph Jones, Sheila Leary-Smith, Alice Manns, Charles Manns, III, Kimberly Merrill, Allan Noble, Deacon Seigfried Presberry, Melissa Ringgold-Benson, Rhonda Rumbra, Sr. John Francis Schilling, OSP, Carl & Bernice Shrieves, Daniel Smith Sr., Dorothy Spriggs, Augustine and Archie Stith, Rosalita Stone, Alease Stokes, Gloria Tate, Ernest Thames, Jean Thomas and Alice Zabrowski.

And over all these put on love, that is, the bond of perfection. And let the peace of Christ control your hearts, the peace into which you were also called in one body. And be thankful. Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly, as in all wisdom you teach and admonish one another, singing psalms, hymns, and spiritual songs with gratitude in your hearts to God. And whatever you do, in word or in deed, do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him.  
 Wives, be subordinate to your husbands, as is proper in the Lord. Husbands, love your wives, and avoid any bitterness toward them. Children, obey your parents in everything, for this is pleasing to the Lord.  
 Fathers, do not provoke your children, so they may not become discouraged.

**R. Alleluia, alleluia.**

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### Gospel:

Luke 2: 41-52

Each year Jesus' parents went to Jerusalem for the feast of Passover, and when he was twelve years old, they went up according to festival custom.

After they had completed its days, as they were returning, the boy Jesus remained behind in Jerusalem, but his parents did not know it. Thinking that he was in the caravan, they journeyed for a day and looked for him among their relatives and acquaintances, but not finding him, they returned to Jerusalem to look for him.



After three days they found him in the temple, sitting in the midst of the teachers, listening to them and asking them questions, and all who heard him were astounded at his understanding and

his answers.

When his parents saw him, they were astonished, and his mother said to him, "Son, why have you done this to us? Your father and I have been looking for you with great anxiety."

And he said to them, "Why were you looking for me? Did you not know that I must be in my Father's house?" But they did not understand what he said to them. He went down with them and came to Nazareth, and was obedient to them; and his mother kept all these things in her heart.

And Jesus advanced in wisdom and age and favor before God and man.

Gospel of the Lord. . . Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ.

## Prayer for Family



God of Mercy and Love we place our Families before you today. May we be proud of our history and never forget those who paid the price for our liberation. Bless us one by one and keep our hearts and minds fixed on higher ground. Help us to live for you and not for ourselves, and may we cherish and proclaim the gift of life. During this pandemic and always, bless our parents, guardians and grandparents, relatives and friends. Give us the amazing grace to be the salt of the earth and the light of the world. Help us, as your children, to live in such a way that the beauty and greatness of authentic love is reflected in all that we say and do. Give healing anointing to those less fortunate, especially the motherless, the fatherless, the broken, the sick and the lonely. Bless our departed family members and friends. May they be lead into the light of your dwelling place where we will never grow old, where we will share the fullness of redemption and shout the victory for all eternity. This we ask in the Precious Name of Jesus, our savior and Blessed Assurance. . . . AMEN!!!!

(Prayer composed by Fr. Jim Goode, OFM, who founded the National Day of Prayer for the African American Family)



This Thursday,  
December 30th,  
6:30pm

Satin Ambrose Choir,  
under the direction of Mr. Jay DeV Vaughn.

Come continue the Christmas spirit and  
enjoy an evening of Song!

## Feast of the Epiphany

Next Sunday, we celebrate the Feast of the Epiphany. The arrival of the Three Wise Men who came to see the Child Jesus was a manifestation of His glory to the whole world. Next week, the three kings will arrive at Mass to bring the Gospel alive.



## Weekly Mass Intentions

December 26th, Mr. Tyrone Stephens, deceased son of our Mrs. Reva Stephens, on the 22nd anniversary of his passing.

Jan. 2nd, Mr. Randell Dorsey, son of our Mrs. Gloria Dorsey -Smith, on the 31st anniversary of his passing.

Eternal Rest grant unto them O Lord and let your perpetual light shine upon them, may their souls and all the souls of the faithful departed rest in peace, Amen

## Weekly Bulletin

We are averaging close to 120-160 people a week in-person at mass. The past few weeks we have had large numbers of bulletins untaken. This is an expense for the parish. Beginning this week we will post all the inserts and the program on our website for your convenience. You may use your phone to access all the needed readings, programs and announcements. Printed bulletins will still be on hand for those who would like



## Watch Night Service

Friday,  
December 31st, 2021

New Year's Eve Mass and Watch Night  
Service, 7pm

Ms. Tierra Stone Spoken Presentation  
for Watchnight