

Holy Family of Jesus, Mary & Joseph-26 December 2021

Sirach 3:2-6, 12-14; Psalm 128; Colossians 3:12-21; Luke 2:41-52

Family life and community life go together. We may think that family life is an intimate, private relationship with no real impact on the larger society. The joys and sorrows, successes and failures of family may seem distant from community highs and lows. Today's readings take a different view. The family has a vital impact on society. Family transcends the home and touches all humankind around the world.

Psalm 128 is a wisdom psalm that shows the consequences of fearing God and walking in God's ways. The husband / father will experience prosperity and the blessings of work, marriage, and family; however, the blessings of the God-fearing person are linked with the prosperity of Jerusalem. Family life and community life go together.

The author of Colossians presents the general principles for life in Christ and specific applications for the Christian home. Love is the virtue that binds all the rest together and brings them to perfection. All are one body in Christ.

Luke shows the committed concern that Mary and Joseph had for Jesus. They are heartsick to find him missing and astounded to find him teaching in the Temple. Theirs is the parental challenge -- to hold on and let go at the same time.

Responsibility, respect, and concern are but three of the domestic virtues that affect all society.

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Family Life. Even the pre-teen Jesus astonishes and worries his parents as they fret over their child! Those of us who are parents know this stress. But all of us, even us aged ones, are still children of God, dearly loved and called to be obedient.

- How will I obey God this day?
- What commandment will I keep?
- What mercy work will I do?

The Solemnity of Mary - January 1, 2022

Numbers 6:22-27. Psalm 67:2-3, 5, 6, 8. Galatians 4:4-7. Luke 2:16-21.

Epiphany of the Lord - January 2, 2022

Isaiah 60:1-6. Psalm 72:1-2, 7-8, 10-11, 12-13. Ephesians 3:2-3a, 5-6. Matthew 2:1-12.



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The Holy Family

The Holy Family of Mary, Joseph and Jesus is a symbol of what every family should be like. It is in a special way a sign of the unity of the human family.

Today's liturgy tells of all the qualities which should characterize the human family: respect, care, kindness, forgiveness, love, peace, duty. It expresses, in terms of the culture of biblical times, the ideal of harmony and working together.

The boy Jesus disturbed his family's internal harmony momentarily, but with good reason, for the sake of something higher. The internal harmony of today's human family is also being disturbed, but for the sake of things baser: greed, the will to dominate, disregard for human dignity, pride, selfishness.

“Why have you done this to us?” This is the question that must be impressed upon all those who disturb the unity of the human family, the oppressors, racists and sexists, the hoarders of wealth, the polluters of the land, the abusers of children, the neglectors of the elderly, the instigators of war, the killers and rapists, the indifferent. And of course, in our day, ISIS. “Why have you done this to us?”

All of human life, whether individual or collective, shows itself to be a dramatic struggle between good and evil, between light and darkness. Indeed, man finds that by himself he is incapable of battling the assaults of evil successfully, so that everyone feels as though he is bound by chains. But the Lord himself came to free and strengthen man, renewing him inwardly and casting out that prince of this world who held him in the bondage of sin.

Vatican II, Constitution on the Church
in the Modern World 1965:13

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Birthdays
Dec 31
Lori Lance
Carter Bergmann

Schedule of Masses

Sun Dec 26 8:00 am Mass Billie Anderson
Sat Jan 1 8:00 am Mass
Sun Jan 2 8:00 am Mass Billie Anderson

Liturgical Ministers

	<u>Lector</u>	<u>Greeter</u>	<u>EM</u>	<u>Servers</u>	<u>Ushers</u>
Dec 26	J Galey	X Gruszczyk	L Miller	M Palmer,M Bergmann	D Zmuda, Sr , J Nelson

Cantor J Starratt

	<u>Lector</u>	<u>Greeter</u>	<u>EM</u>	<u>Servers</u>	<u>Ushers</u>
Jan 1	J Nelson	Vol	A Dueker	Vol .	* F Dueker, S Widowski

Cantor Z Garrett

	<u>Lector</u>	<u>Greeter</u>	<u>EM</u>	<u>Servers</u>	<u>Ushers</u>
Jan 2	S Pobst	V Anderson	B Palmer	Vol.	*Joe Nelson, Je Nelson

Cantor Z Garrett

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Envelope (22) \$975.00(20), Loose \$1.00 .
Collection for Needy (1) \$20.00
Flower Mem. (1) \$20.00
Total: \$1041.00
Bld. & Main. (1) \$25.00 **Total: \$25.00**



THIS WEEK’S SCHEDULE

Sun Dec 26 Mass.....8:00 am
Sat Jan 1 Mass.....8:00 am
Sun Jan 2 Mass.....8:00 am

FATHER CHRISTIAN WILL BE OUT OF TOWN JAN 3-7 If you need a priest: The secretary for Fr. Christian at St. Mary’s in Harrisburg can be reached at 618-253-7408.

NO EUCHARISTIC ADORATION ON FRIDAY, JANUARY 7. Fr. Christian will be out of town from January 3 thru January 7 on a retreat.

SPECIAL THANKS TO: Madonna Slife, Joe and Marsha Nelson, Donna and Allen Irby, Frank and Arlene Dueker and their granddaughters for getting the Church ready for Christmas.

SPECIAL THANKS TO PAM SHALLENBERGER for preparing our Christmas day Program and getting our choir together for practices.

THANKS FOR OUR CHOIR IN LEADING OUR CHRISTMAS DAY SINGING. Zach Garrett directed our singing, and with Steve Pobst led our Christmas Gloria. Joe Nelson gave the Christmas day program readings.

DO NOT FORGET YOUR 2022 CALENDARS WHICH ARE AVAILABLE IN THE CHURCH FOYER. Special thanks to Brian Bailey who covers most of the printing costs for this calendar.

ENJOY YOUR CHRISTMAS BOOK: *The Wisdom of Fulton Sheen* this New Year. If you would like another copy for a friend, we have extra copies.

FAITH ALIVE WORK DAYS FOR ST. PAUL ARE JANUARY 13-15. Volunteers are greatly appreciated.

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VOCATION CORNER December 26th – Today’s Gospel tells of Jesus starting the work of His “vocation”. He begins His teaching at the age of 12. Our vocation starts (maybe even earlier than age 12) as an indwelling, with the quiet whisper of God’s pull on our heart. It’s often personal and difficult to describe to others and often takes much prayer and discernment to see clearly. St. Francis de Sales reflected on this individual nature of our call, “We all have a vocation. We believe that God has placed us in this life to fill a special need that no one else can accomplish.”