Feast of the Holy Family of Jesus, Mary, and Joseph

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Reading 1
Sir 3:2–6, 12-14

Reading 2
Col 3:12–21

Gospel
Lk 2:41–52
The Joyful Family

Mancini paints the realistic details that make this scene as ordinary as any family playing with their child in a park. Mary has a bowl of water in her hand, perhaps ready to offer a drink to Jesus after he tastes the strawberry or to clean his stained fingers. A silver bowl of food for the baby rests on a white baby blanket. Perhaps it was just placed there by Joseph, for Jesus has finished his vegetables and now Dad offers dessert! A traveling basket sits in front of a water jug. These instruments show that they are a pilgrim family, and the Egyptian obelisk in the background indicates their destination.

The circumstances are precarious yet joyful, even playful, in their following of God’s path. This was just one of the trying times for the Holy Family, which would eventually include losing the Child Jesus in the temple. As their whole focus in this painting is on Jesus, imagine their fear when they can no longer find the heart of their family.

This is a fantastic image of the joys and challenges of family life. There is joy in having Jesus in our midst, and no sacrifice is too great when he is present. But when he is lost from the center, fears and anxieties enter.

The words of Colossians sum up this attitude, making one think that Paul had a good idea of what virtues family life require! Let’s work in our families to have Jesus at the center, and once he is there, to “put on” all the virtues that his presence inspires.

—Fr. Mark Haydu, LC

For Reflection
Does one of the virtues mentioned by St. Paul catch my attention?
Should I pray for and practice that virtue a little more?

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

Luke 2:52

Mancini pinta los detalles realistas que hacen que esta escena sea tan común como cualquier familia que juegue con su hijo en un parque. María tiene un tazón de agua en la mano, tal vez lista para ofrecerle una bebida a Jesús después de que pruebe la fresa o para limpiar sus dedos manchados. Un cuenco plateado de comida para el bebé descansa sobre una manta blanca para bebés. Tal vez José lo colocó allí, porque Jesús terminó sus vegetales y ¡ahora papá ofrece el postre! Una cesta de viaje se sienta frente a una jarra de agua. Estos instrumentos muestran que son una familia de peregrinos, y el obelisco egipcio en el fondo indica su destino. Las circunstancias son precarias pero alegres, incluso juguetonas, en su seguimiento del camino de Dios. Este fue solo uno de los momentos difíciles para la Sagrada Familia, que eventualmente incluiría perder al Niño Jesús en el templo. Como todo su enfoque en esta pintura está en Jesús, imagina su miedo cuando ya no pueden encontrar el corazón de su familia. Esta es una imagen fantástica de las alegrías y desafíos de la vida familiar. Hay alegría en tener a Jesús entre nosotros, y ningún sacrificio es demasiado grande cuando él está presente. Pero cuando se pierde del centro, entran los miedos y las ansiedades. ¡Las palabras de los colosenses resumen esta actitud, haciendo que uno piense que Pablo tuvo una buena idea de lo que requieren las virtudes de la vida familiar! Trabajemos en nuestras familias para tener a Jesús en el centro, y una vez que él esté allí, “ponga” todas las virtudes que inspira su presencia.
Dear Padre,

The Church emphasizes the feast of the Holy Family. But Jesus does not seem to be much of a family person. Instances in Scripture when Jesus was a child show him ignoring, even rejecting, Mary and Joseph.

It becomes clear, as Jesus grows in age and wisdom, that he has not come to build his own little family, but to build a worldwide family of disciples. This family would claim God as the Father of all, with Jesus and others as brothers and sisters in the family. All who followed him would be as dear to Jesus as his mother or his foster father.

Mary’s and Joseph’s roles were not only to be Jesus’ earthbound parents but, more importantly, to be examples of how to follow God’s purpose. Mary and Joseph accepted God’s path for them, even though they didn’t know where it would lead. Mary calls herself the handmaid of the Lord, and Joseph follows God’s instruction and marries Mary, even though it was contrary to all reason and caused him scandal.

In the family of God, we seek and follow God’s purpose. We are to say yes with Mary; we are to imitate Joseph in following God’s direction, even though our actions may seem countercultural or even scandalous.

Jesus said plainly: “Whoever does the will of God is my brother and sister and mother” (Mark 3:35). God’s will 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 their blood family, but also teaching and inspiring them to love and believe in Jesus and seek God’s will.

—Fr. Paul J. Coury, CSsR

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A Word From Pope Francis

Every family should look to the icon of the Holy Family of Nazareth. Its daily life had its share of burdens and even nightmares, as when they met with Herod’s implacable violence. This last was an experience that, sad to say, continues to afflict the many refugee families who in our day feel rejected and helpless.

—Amoris Laetitia, March 19, 2016

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MEMBERS OF OUR FAITH COMMUNITY WHO ARE ILL, INCLUDING:

- Jeff Duran
- Gabriel Arellano
- Bella Gonzalez
- Felipe Rodriguez

Also members of our faith community who have died, including:

- Raul Lombera
- Bernardo Gomez Jr.

We place our loved ones into God’s care and cherish the memory of their time with us – May they rest in peace. Amen

Seniors “Busy Bees” Activities

These events are not just for Seniors. Everyone is invited to participate.

Call: FRANCES LEGG: (510) 846-5300
For more Information

We are looking for people to join our Thursday group. We socialize, pray together, enjoy a meal and play bingo. We also have guest speakers. We would love to have you join us.

Center closed Dec 27th and Jan 3rd, 2019 for holidays. See you Jan 10th for potluck and Bingo.

The All Saints Senior Ministry wants to wish everyone a Blessed and Merry Christmas and the very best in the New Year. Thank you all for your continued support especially the priests, office staff and the ministries that help us. God bless you all.

NEED HELP HEARING THE MASS?

All Saints is fortunate to have assisted listening devices for those who have problems hearing the Mass. Please ask one of the ushers to show you where the easy-to-use devices are located. We want everyone to hear the Word of God.

Todos los Santos esta afortunado de tener dispositivos para los que tienen problemas de audición de escuchar la Misa. Por favor, pregunte a uno de los uñieres que le muestre donde están los dispositivos ubicados. Queremos que todos escuchan la Palabra de Dios.
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8:00am - 4:00pm Monday - Friday
Saturday 9:00am to 2:00pm (limited services)

Horas de oficina de la Iglesia:
8:00 am - 4:00 pm Lunes - Viernes
9:00 am-2:00 pm Sábado - servicios limitados

The church office will be closed
Dec. 31st through Jan. 2nd

¡Bienvenidos a Todos los Santos!
Nosotros, el pueblo de la Iglesia de Todos los Santos, juntos decimos que sí a Dios, a quien encontramos en la celebración y el servicio de las personas de todos los orígenes en Hayward y más allá.

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Bodas, etc.

Favor de llamar a la oficina de
Lunes a Jueves de 8am a 4pm.

Gospel
Over all [other virtues] put on love, that is, the bond of perfection.
-- Colossians 3:14
May the blessings of Christmas remain with you and your loved ones throughout the year.
The Pastoral Staff of All Saints

CHRISTMAS SCHEDULE 2018 -19

Christmas Eve – Noche Buena – 12/24
5:00pm – Christmas Mass for families with small children
8:00pm – Christmas Mass in Spanish / Misa de Navidad en español
12:00am – Midnight Christmas Mass

Christmas Day – Navidad – 12/25
7:30am, 9:00am, 11:00am & 1:00pm
***No 7pm Mass on Christmas Day**

New Year’s Day – 1/1/2019
10:00am