

Feast of the Holy Family Homily 2018
Family—The School of Faith

Our Advent Ministers Reflection Day on the Joyful Mysteries of the Annunciation and Nativity. No Feast for the Finding of the Christ Child in the temple. We hear it when we celebrate the Holy Family this year.

My Dad found me as a child lost in the store...I was so relieved!

Christmas 2018 taking care of Dad!

Hannah taking care of Samuel....dedicated to God.

A lost child can cause indescribable anxiety in the lives of parents. The incident with Mary and Joseph is understandable and we share their distress.

For Luke, this event in the Temple marks the beginning of Jesus' mission in the Father's name. In our own life we recall those times when we "struck out on our own." The wisdom of our own parents helped us to make our way in the world and we are grateful for that.

Our journey is shaped by the wisdom of the Lord. Let us never forget that he walks with us, like a parent, with great love.

Pray at the Nativity Scene with everyone.

Invite everyone to Holy Day Masses on December 31 at 5:15pm and January 1 at 8:30am for our Patronal Feast Day of the parish of the Solemnity of Mary, the Mother of God.

Let us pray: In your eternal providence, O God, you have gathered us as family into a covenant of love.

In your everlasting mercy, you have promised a place in your heavenly Kingdom. Grant that we, your faithful servants, will be ever grateful for your steadfast trust. Through Christ our Lord. Amen.