



**The Holy Family of Jesus,
Mary and Joseph**

December 29, 2024

Beloved, we are God's children now;
what we shall be has not yet been revealed.

-- 1 John 3:2a



Daily Mass

Week of December 30th January – 3rd

- Monday: 8:00 Rev. Albano G. Oliveira+
- Tuesday: 8:00 James Francis Meagher+
- Wednesday: **9:00 New Year's Day!**
- Thursday: 8:00 Richard Smith+
- Friday: 8:00 Elizabeth "Betty" Murphy+

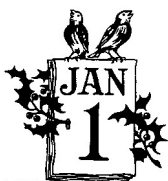


Please remember the sick in our Parish, especially Marian Flandick, James Breen, Janet Laurent, Sharon Rinehart, Mike Abell, Michael Carter, Rufus Smith, Peggy Delson-Rini, Frank Rini and Cecilia Uyeda.

New Year's Day – Wednesday, January 1, 2025

9:00 a.m. Mass

Parish Office Holiday Hours!



In celebration of the New Year, the Parish Office will be closed on Tuesday, New Year's Eve, December 31st and Wednesday, New Year's Day, January 1, 2025!

Throughout this Happy New Year, let us glorify and praise the Lord, like the shepherds of Bethlehem, for all we have heard and seen. The Clergy and Staff of Corpus Christi wish you a very Happy New Year!

Understanding Scripture

Most people are bothered by those passages in Scripture which they can't understand; but . . . I have noticed that the passages in Scripture which trouble me most are those I do understand.

-- Mark Twain



My Dear Brothers and Sisters,

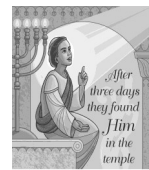
Our Christmas celebration continues this week with the Feast of the Holy Family. The Gospel of Luke recounts their journey to Jerusalem to commemorate the Passover when Jesus was twelve years old. After the feast thinking that their son was with relatives, Mary and Joseph began the return trip home. When they realized that Jesus was not travelling with their extended family, they backtracked to Jerusalem and found him in the Temple discussing Mosaic law with the religious leaders of the community. Luke goes on to describe Mary and Joseph's astonishment and anxiety over Jesus' behavior and his nonchalant response to their concern. It is a perfect snapshot of the relationships that exist within a family.

Concern, anxiety, misunderstanding and hurt are some of the emotional responses that we feel when we interact with members of our family. But, it is also from our families that we learn how to practice the virtues of compassion, humility, gentleness, kindness, patience and forgiveness.

Like Jesus, Mary and Joseph, we sometimes experience difficulties within our families. But, these troubles are outweighed by the virtue that binds all the above virtues together, **LOVE!**

As we enter into the New Year, let us pray that God will strengthen us in our love for our families both at home and in our faith community.

Love, Fr. Leo



Home Is Where The Family Is!

The idea, dream and reality of family is so strong and durable that we use it to describe all that is best about human gatherings. We speak of the family of nations, of our church and parish families. The greatest compliment we can pay a friend or gracious host is to say that we feel at home with them, we feel part of the family. Families are the first crucibles in which love is tested and tempered. Jesus himself was one of three people who lived in the shadow of each other. This family, like our own, did not always "get it right," but they always tried to. These three "amateurs" were on holiday, and one of them got lost. Two were worried sick and took great measures to find the third, a boy after all, who was seeking the meaning of his calling. He found his vocation -- to do his Father's work -- but he also returned home with his parents.



Blessing for the New Year!

Let us bless the Lord, now and for ever. God of time and of eternity, you sent us your Son, our Lord Jesus Christ, to announce a year of your favor, a year of grace, when glad tidings are preached to the poor, when liberty is proclaimed to all who are held captive.

Bless, O Lord, this new year. Grant us and all the world a year of peace. With care we will keep count of the days and weeks, the months and seasons, and all the years of our lives, until at last we shall pass from time into the glorious and timeless dominion of Christ your Son, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, ever and ever.

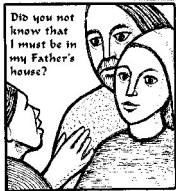
Amen.



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**Readings For The Week
December 30th -- January 4th**

- Monday: First Reading 1 John 2:12-17; Psalm 96; Gospel Luke 2:36-40
- Tuesday: First Reading 1 John 2:18-21; Psalm 96; Gospel Luke 1:1-18
- Wednesday: First Reading Numbers 6:22-27; Psalm 67; Second Reading Galatians 4:4-7; Gospel Luke 2:16-21
- Thursday: First Reading 1 John 2:22-28; Psalm 98; Gospel John 1:19-28
- Friday: First Reading 1 John 2:29-3:6; Psalm 98; Gospel John 1:29-34
- Saturday: First Reading 1 John 3:7-10; Psalm 98; Gospel John 1:35-42



Treasures From Our Tradition!

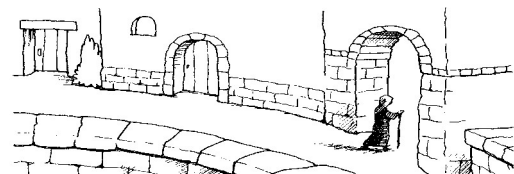
Today's feast is new as feasts go and it sets us this year in a very modern crisis. Amid conflicting schedules and commitments, a young man, testing the limits, has strayed from his parents and gone off to the big city. Mary and Joseph search frantically, only to find the child Jesus in the temple, conversing with the elders and scholars of the law, who are amazed at his wisdom.

In the time of Jesus, the temple was the religious center of Jewish ritual. Outside of Jerusalem, people gathered in the synagogues, centers of learning, for daily prayer and study. Still, everyone longed to journey to the temple to participate in the offerings, and to fulfill certain obligations of the law that could only be done there. On this feast, we catch a glimpse of the family of Jesus: parents dealing with the normal stresses of raising a child, and yet completely grounded in the ways of faith and tradition.

There has always been an appreciation in Christianity for the value of pilgrimage -- the journey to holy places that is a symbol of our life's journey to God, and a sense of connection to important events in our family history. During the Christmas season, many of us undertake pilgrimages to the family homestead for festival meals, to the parishes where we were formed in the faith, or perhaps even to a beautiful manger scene or festival of lights. There are few better days than this in our calendar for spending time with the family, especially on a short pilgrimage to a favorite place. Just make sure that no one gets left behind!

Today's Readings

- First Reading** -- Hannah conceived, and at the end of her term bore a son whom she called Samuel (1 Samuel 1:20-22, 24-28).
- Psalm** -- Blessed are they who dwell in your house, O Lord (Psalm 84).
- Second Reading** -- See what love the Father has bestowed on us that we may be called the children of God (1 John 3:1-2, 21-24).
- Gospel** -- The boy Jesus remained behind in Jerusalem, but his parents did not know it. They found him in the temple, in the midst of the teachers (Luke 2:41-52).



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