



The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary, and Joseph

December 26, 2021

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

FAMILY LIFE

Christmas celebrates the Incarnation, the "en-flesh-ment" of God as a human person. In Jesus, God is bodily present in the human story. Today we honor the Holy Family, helping us to see that God is active in daily family life. God is near at hand, amidst the tensions, joys, and uncertainties of family life. As our Gospel passage describes, even with family miscommunications and with limited understanding of Jesus' mission, the Holy Family persevered in their life together. Like many family conflicts, there was no immediate or clear resolution of the issues raised by Jesus and by Mary. God's intentions for the family, and for Jesus, were still unfolding. They continued to stay connected with each other and with God. Within the turbulence of family life, they trusted God to actively sustain and guide them into an uncertain future. We are invited to follow their example.

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O God, who were pleased to give us
the shining example of the Holy Family,
graciously grant that we may imitate them
in practicing the virtues of family life
and in the bonds of charity,
and so, in the joy of your house,
delight one day in eternal rewards.
Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son,
who lives and reigns with you
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
God, for ever and ever.

TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading — Hannah gives her son Samuel back to the LORD, leaving him in the temple at Shiloh: "As long as he lives, he shall be dedicated to the LORD" (1 Samuel 1:20-22, 24-28) or *Sirach 3:2-6, 12-14*.

Psalms — Blessed are they who dwell in your house, O Lord (Psalm 84) or *Psalm 128*.

Second Reading — We are children of God when we believe in the name of God's Son, Jesus Christ, and love one another just as he commanded us (1 John 3:1-2, 21-24) or *Colossians 3:12-21 [12-17]*.

Gospel — Joseph and Mary find the lost Jesus in the temple in the midst of the teachers, listening to them and asking questions (Luke 2:41-52).

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: 1 John 1:1-4; Ps 97:1-2, 5-6, 11-12; John 20:1a, 2-8

Tuesday: 1 John 1:5 — 2:2; Ps 124:2-5, 7b-8; Matthew 2:13-18

Wednesday: 1 John 2:3-11; Ps 96:1-3, 5b-6; Luke 2:22-35

Thursday: 1 John 2:12-17; Ps 96:7-10; Luke 2:36-40

Friday: 1 John 2:18-21; Ps 96:1-2, 11-13; John 1:1-18

Saturday: Numbers 6:22-27; Ps 67:2-3, 5, 6, 8; Gal 4:4-7;

Luke 2:16-21

Sunday: Isaiah 60:1-6; Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 10-13;

Ephesians 3:2-3a, 5-6; Matthew 2:1-12

Sunday: The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary, and Joseph

Monday: St. John, Apostle and Evangelist

Tuesday: The Holy Innocents

Wednesday: Fifth Day within the Octave of the Nativity of the Lord; St. Thomas Becket

Thursday: Sixth Day within the Octave of the Nativity of the Lord

Friday: Seventh Day within the Octave of the Nativity of the Lord; St. Sylvester I; New Year's Eve

Saturday: The Octave of the Nativity of the Lord; Mary, the Holy Mother of God; World Day of Prayer for Peace; First Friday; New Year's Day; First Saturday

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