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Sunday Mass: 10:00AM

Reconciliation: 1st Sunday 9:30AM

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**The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary, and Joseph
 December 30, 2018**

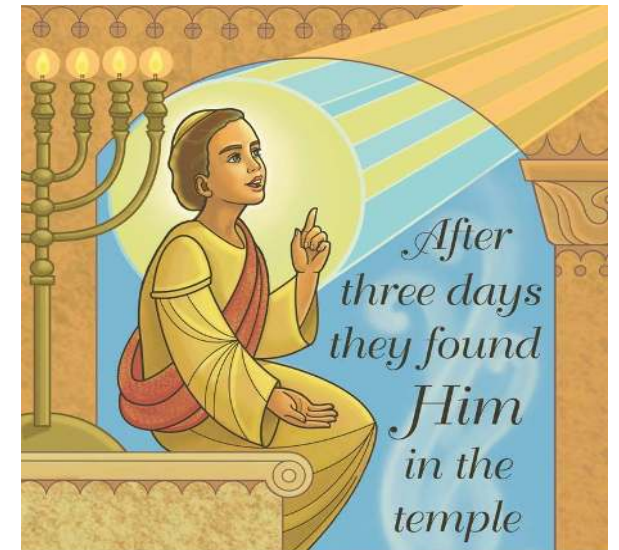
Beloved, we are God's children now; what we shall be has not yet been revealed.

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) 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 — 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) or Colossians 3:12-21 [12-17].



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Blessed are they who walk in the way of the Lord.



From the desk of Father Sinoj

Dear Friends in Christ,

Greetings!!! I believe all of you had a beautiful celebration of Christmas. May the joy of Christmas remain with us all through the coming year. Wish you all a happy and prosperous New Year! May this new year bring us new experiences of God's providence, new reasons to praise Him through our lives and new convictions to pursue our life of Faith. This weekend we celebrate the Feast of Holy Family. It is very significant for us, as family is the foundation of our personality and great support of our lives.

On the feast of Holy Family we reflect on the events in the life of Jesus, Mary and Joseph as the child Jesus stayed back in the Temple after the festival. This is one of the key passages in the life of Jesus. "Your father and I," said Mary, "have been looking for you anxiously." "Did you not know," said Jesus, "that I must be in my Father's house"? See how very gently but very definitely Jesus takes the name father from Joseph and gives it to God. At some time Jesus must have discovered his own unique relationship to God. He cannot have known it when he was a child in the manger and a baby at his mother's breast. As the years went on he must have had thoughts; and then at this first Passover, with manhood dawning, there came in a sudden blaze of realization the consciousness that he was in a unique sense the Son of God. This self realization of Jesus once again asserts our Faith in Mary as Mother of God as we celebrate the Solemnity on January 1.

Here we have the story of the day when Jesus discovered who He was. And mark this—the discovery did not make Him proud. It did not make Him look down on His humble parents, the gentle Mary and the hard-working Joseph. He went home and He was obedient to them. The fact that He was God's Son made him the perfect son of his human parents. The real man of God does not despise earthly ties; just because he is God's man he discharges human duties with supreme fidelity. Let our human bonds grow stronger and stronger that we shall be supportive to each other. New Year Greetings!!!

(☺) Always

☺(☺) Keep

(☺)☺ Smiling!

Fr. Sinoj Pynadath,

January Birthdays

7—Jacques Williams II

10—Whitney Williams

14—Burnell Hamilton

17—Adaira Hatchett

20—Janet Clark

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Mass Intentions:

Dec. 30—Kenneth Higgs

Dec. 31 (6 PM)—Dorothy Fulton

Jan. 6 Les Bumm

Jan. 13 Michael Carrico

Jan. 20 Barbara Horsley

Let us remember to pray for those who have recently died or those who are in the process of dying. Remember to pray for the souls in purgatory.

Our thoughts and prayers are with: **SICK** Martha Kramer, Ruth Coble, Carol Hatchett, Loretta Wathen, Beverly Chilton, Kathi Skidd, Larry Clark, Maggie Sheenan, Shelby Webster, Frank Adams, Rose Chapman, Father Pat Ryan, Charlene Meadows, Larry Leachman, Philip Moorman, Sr., Camilla Greer, Jim Moorman, Louise Johnson, Larry Allen, Phillip Moorman, Jr., **if you know of anyone seriously ill who is in need of prayer or visitation, please notify the office.**

THE HOMEBOUND:

Ruth Coble is at Heritage Place on Buckland Square. Beverly Chilton is in her home but can no longer join us for Sunday Mass and activities. A phone call or a card can cheer the homebound if you can't visit.



Thank you for giving us the beginning of another year. We know not what will come but we know that you will always be at our side. Remind us when we forget that you are walking with us. Amen.

Coming Events CALENDAR



Blessed Sacrament Chapel

Jan. 6—Parish meeting A look ahead
 Jan. 24—BSC Nite at McDonald's 4-7 PM
 Feb. 17—Gospel Explosion 2 PM
March 2 Italian Dinner

Diocesan Happenings

Jan. 11-13 Retrouvaille (for cold marriages)
 at Mount St. Joseph
Feb. 2 Diocesan Men's Conference at
 RiverPark Center



Thank you for your contributions.

Dec. 23— NA
 Weekly Budget —\$875
 Dec. \$3000.96
 Dec. budget \$2,625
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 YTD budget—\$21,875
 .Candles—

May each of us give according to what we have been blessed with.



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READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: 1 Jn 2:18-21; Ps 96:1-2, 11-13; Jn 1:1-18
 Tuesday: Nm 6:22-27; Ps 67:2-3, 5, 6, 8; Gal 4:4-7; Lk 2:16-21
 Wednesday: 1 Jn 2:22-28; Ps 98:1-4; Jn 1:19-28
 Thursday: 1 Jn 2:29 — 3:6; Ps 98:1, 3cd-6; Jn 1:29-34
 Friday: 1 Jn 3:7-10; Ps 98:1, 7-9; Jn 1:35-42
 Saturday: 1 Jn 3:11-21; Ps 100:1b-5; Jn 1:43-51
 Sunday: Is 60:1-6; Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 10-13; Eph 3:2-3a, 5-6; Mt 2:1-12

SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Sunday: The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary, and Joseph
 Monday: Seventh Day within the Octave of the Nativity of the Lord; St. Sylvester I: New Year's Eve
 Tuesday: The Octave of the Nativity of Day of Prayer for Peace; New Year's Day
 Wednesday: Ss. Basil the Great and Gregory Nazianzen
 Thursday: The Most Holy Name of Jesus
 Friday: St. Elizabeth Ann Seton; First Friday
 Saturday: St. John Neumann;

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.

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Jesus was sitting in the midst of the teachers, listening to them and asking them questions, and all who heard him were astounded at his understanding and his answers.

St. Luke tells us of the journey of Jesus as a young boy to the great city of Jerusalem to celebrate the Passover. With Joseph and Mary, their family and friends, including children his age, Jesus traveled from Nazareth and shared the rigors and dangers for the four day journey. Jesus would have played games with the other children along the way. They had to protect themselves; make camp each night; and cook food; rise early; break camp and continue traveling. In Jerusalem there would be many groups like them camped in the hills surrounding the City. After the Feast, Jesus was attracted to the teachers in the Temple precincts who had studied the Law of Moses for many years. They were amazed by the wisdom of such a young boy, and the depth of his understanding of the God of all Creation. When Joseph and Mary realized Jesus was not with them, they returned to find Him in the Temple. They chided him for staying behind. He responded by saying he must be about his Father's business. And so must we. Are we?



Thank you, Lord, for my family. We may not be perfect but we have each other.

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!

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Lord, make me an instrument of your peace. Where there is hatred, let me sow love, Where there is injury, pardon; Where there is doubt, faith; Where there is despair, hope; Where there is darkness, light And where there is sadness, joy.

O Divine Master, grant that I may not so much seek to be consoled as to console To be understood as to understand; To be loved as to love. For it is in giving, that we receive; it is in pardoning that we are pardoned And it's in dying that we are born to eternal life.