

Sunday, December 29, 2019 * Feast of the Holy Family* www.stjosephparish.org

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THE FEAST OF THE HOLY FAMILY OF JESUS, MARY, AND JOSEPH **DECEMBER 29, 2019**

Homily This Week:Deacon Steve Wodzanowski Homily Next Week: Glen Butterworth, S.J.

> Weekend Mass Schedule Saturday - 5 pm **Sunday** - 9 & 11 am & 5:30 pm

Readings for January 5, 2020

FIRST READING: ISAIAH 60:1-6 SECOND READING: EPHESIANS 3:2-3A, 5-6 GOSPEL: MATTHEW 2:1-12

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Holy Families

All the love God has in himself, all the beauty God has in himself, all the truth God has in himself, he entrusts to the family. A family is truly a family when it is capable of opening its arms to receive all that love. Of course the garden of Eden is long gone; life has its problems; men and women – through the wiles of the devil – experienced division. And all that love which God gave us was practically lost. And in no time, the first crime was committed, the first fratricide. Brother kills brother: war. God's love, beauty and truth, and on the other hand the destructiveness of war: we are poised between those two realities even today. It is up to us to choose, to decide which way to go.

-Pope Francis-

He used to arrive at the hospital late at night, after being on the road since before 6:00 am. Most often, he was on his way back from a business trip, the back of his car filled with records from a county clerk's office in Eureka or with large volumes from a newspaper in the valley near Fresno. But no matter when he got back to the Bay Area, if my sister, Elizabeth, was in the hospital with some complication of her diabetes, my father would always go there first, walking down the halls with that presence he could pull off so well, which led the staff to believe he belonged there, even though it was well past visiting hours. At his side, he would always have something—a small puppet or a doll—to make my sister smile when she awoke; but he never woke her himself. He just sat by her bed for an hour or two, holding her hand; praying; watching, like Joseph at the manger, as his fragile child slept. And then he would come home, rarely mentioning the visit to anyone, except maybe my mother, who herself had sat at that bedside when she could, when the demands of four other children did not pull her away. These vigils—separate, yet somehow united—wove my parents together in grief and hope, in faith and love. Through them God's love for my sister became the love of my parents, and their love became God's.

This weekend, following the rush of Christmas, we celebrate the Feast of the Holy Family. So often, in our conception of this feast, we imagine the little atomic family that we see pictured in holy cards and paintings. There is Joseph, working at his carpenter's bench, and Mary knitting or watching her child. And there is Jesus, an infant, nestled beside his mother, or a young boy, standing at his father's side, learning his trade. In some of the great medieval works, we might also see St. Anne—the mother of Mary—watching over her daughter's shoulder, without (of course) interfering, just like any perfect grandmother (though, being a grandmother, one must imagine she slipped Jesus an occasional extra sweet, when his mother wasn't looking). For many of us, this little picture of domestic bliss is the holy family we imagine, and it becomes a standard we use to grade our own families and other families—a standard we can never meet, and one that always seems to indict us in our imperfection.

Yet, in thinking this way, we forget the true horror of the stable and the conditions of Jesus' birth, forget Joseph's anxiety at failing to find lodging, and Mary's sense of uncertainty amid the stench and cold of that cattle shed. We ignore the desperation that must have accompanied their flight into Egypt, when the small family became refugees, whose lives stood imperiled by political forces beyond their control. In idealizing the holy family, we sanitize the anger and fear that must have been present in those parents when their son chose to stay behind in Jerusalem, as they looked everywhere for him. In erasing all the difficult moments in the life of Jesus, Mary, and Joseph, we make the holy family into a pious art project, filled with plaster saints instead of real people; and thus we lose sight of the depth of God's love for us, expressed in the Incarnation. For God came as one of us, and as one of us, experiences a family not so very different from our own.

Like all parents, Mary and Joseph grew old in worry for their son, and grew holy, not from some transcendent, pre-existing perfection, but by the choices they made to open their arms to one another and to the child God had given into their care. Like so many families, the holiness of Nazareth came through living life together in that place where fear and hurt, loss and tears could not overcome their love. They were not a holy family through static perfection; rather, their holiness came in repeated choices, made even in the hardest of times, when it seemed that the choice of family was the craziest thing one could imagine. Yet they chose it: Mary's "Yes" to the angel repeated every time she rose in the night to feed her hungry son, or worried about him when he went off to school; Joseph's acceptance of Mary and the child renewed in the long and harrowing trip to Egypt, and in every later trip with his son to the synagogue; renewed every time he did the dishes or took out the trash in an effort to make his spouse's life easier and to teach his son about love and compassion. In this common life, holiness emerged, to bless the residence of that household and the world in which they lived—just as holiness emerges among so many who live such commitments today.

As Christ Jesus is, in the words of St. Paul, "the first-born of many sisters and brothers" (Rom. 8:29), so too is the holy family one of many holy families—families of all variety and from where love is shared and arms are opened to receive to others, even those who are broken and scared. I think of my own parents, holding my sister close to them in her illness; and holding each other close, without the need of many words but with an eloquence that only love can produce. I think of a friend of mine, a single mother, struck by cancer, who recorded herself reading "Goodnight, Moon" to her sons before the surgery that took her voice; and then I think of her son, just 20 years old, kneeling at his mother's bedside

as she died, holding her hand to comfort her on the way. I think of the two men who committed their lives to each other in marriage, and who are raising their adopted son in the Church—even when their marriage is not recognized there—because they love him and long to share with him the God who nourishes their love together. I think of an elderly man, wheeling his wife down the street, her dementia impairing her ability to recall him, but his love for her undiminished. I think of the daughter, walking her still-proud mother into church, sustaining her dignity, even when pain and grief fills her mother's heart. I think of the grandparents raising their daughter's child, while drugs and darkness draw her away. I think of the Syrian father, holding his child above the waves until a fishing boat lifts the boy aboard, even as the father, weakened by his sacrifice, sinks beneath the surface. I think of the mothers and fathers wailing for their children in the detention centers along the border; and of that beloved child, supported by his father on the dangerous path from Honduras, who is taken from his parent by force, only to die in government captivity. I think of the non-traditional families made up of abandoned or abused young people, who join together in a community of love deeper and more powerful than friendship. All of these, and so many more are holy families-working out God's salvation, and experiencing together the Cross of Christ, in the midst of the world, in their mutual gift of generational love.

Across our world, there are many who will never know a mother and a father to hold them and love them: victims of abuse and human trafficking, slaves held in the shrimp farms of Thailand or the factories of China, children of war and orphans of violence, refugees separated by the ideological calculus of tyrants. Yet, in the human family, there is always the hope that we, made alike in the image of Christ, might overcome the hatred and divisions that confront us. That we might choose to love these women and men, these children and elders, as our own. That we might open our arms to them and make them our family in love. May we, at last, become a holy family for all our sisters and brothers, embracing them in mercy, choosing them in the power of God given to each of us, a power that is known, most clearly in compassion and beauty, in joy and family love.

Mary, Mother of God

Join us for Mass on Wednesday, January 1, 2020 at 10 am in the church.



THE FEAST OF THE HOLY FAMILY

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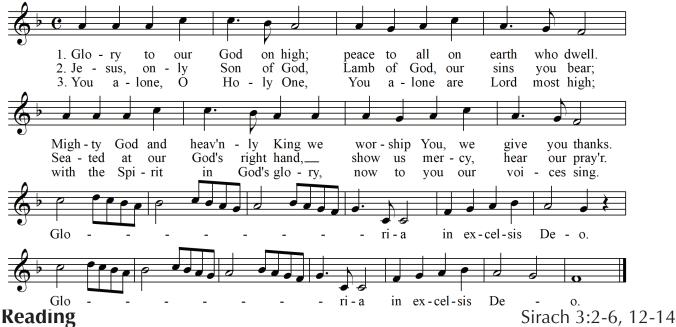


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First Reading

My son, take care of your father when he is old; grieve him not as long as he lives.

God sets a father in honor over his children; a mother's authority he confirms over her sons.

Whoever honors his father atones for sins, and preserves himself from them.

When he prays, he is heard;

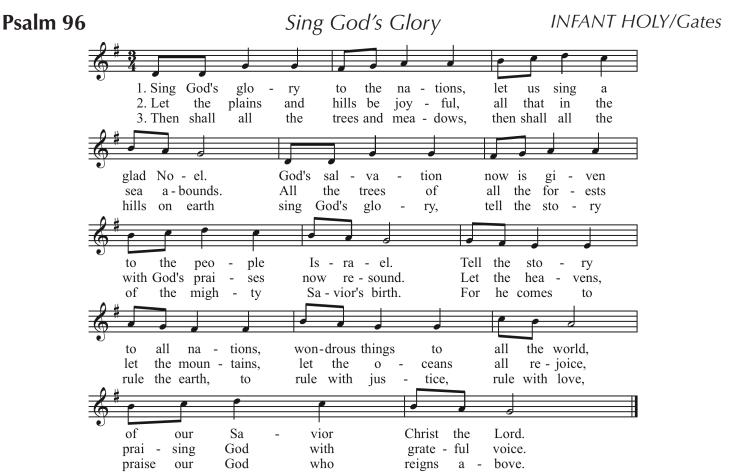
he stores up riches who reveres his mother.

Whoever honors his father is gladdened by children, and, when he prays, is heard.

Whoever reveres his father will live a long life;

Even if his mind fail, be considerate of him; revile him not all the days of his life; kindness to a father will not be forgotten, firmly planted against the debt of your sins —a house raised in justice to you.

he who obeys his father brings comfort to his mother.



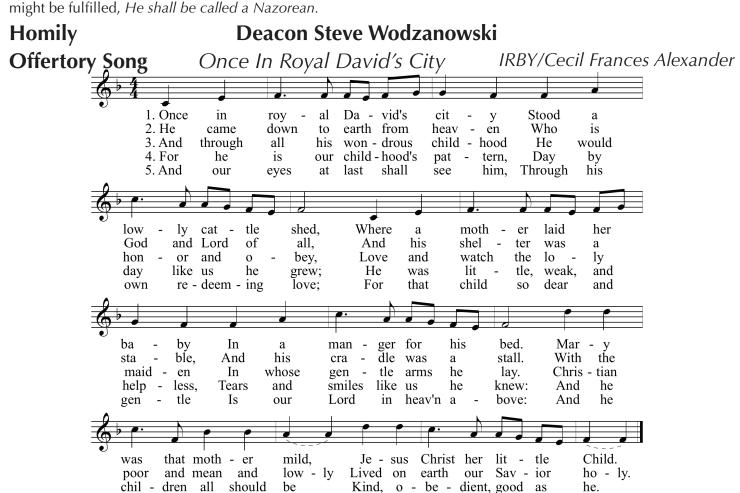
Second Reading Colossians3:12-21

Brothers and sisters: Put on, as God's chosen ones, holy and beloved, heartfelt compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness, and patience, bearing with one another and forgiving one another, if one has a grievance against another; as the Lord has forgiven you, so must you also do. And over all these put on love, that is, the bond of perfection. And let the peace of Christ control your hearts, the peace into which you were also called in one body. And be thankful. Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly, as in all wisdom you teach and admonish one another, singing psalms, hymns, and spiritual songs with gratitude in your hearts to God. And whatever you do, in word or in deed, do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him.

Wives, be subordinate to your husbands, as is proper in the Lord. Husbands, love your wives, and avoid any bitterness toward them. Children, obey your parents in everything, for this is pleasing to the Lord. Fathers, do not provoke your children, so they may not become discouraged.



When the magi had departed, behold, the angel of the Lord appeared to Joseph in a dream and said, "Rise, take the child and his mother, flee to Egypt, and stay there until I tell you. Herod is going to search for the child to destroy him." Joseph rose and took the child and his mother by night and departed for Egypt. He stayed there until the death of Herod, that what the Lord had said through the prophet might be fulfilled, *Out of Egypt I called my son*. When Herod had died, behold, the angel of the Lord appeared in a dream to Joseph in Egypt and said, "Rise, take the child and his mother and go to the land of Israel, for those who sought the child's life are dead." He rose, took the child and his mother, and went to the land of Israel. But when he heard that Archelaus was ruling over Judea in place of his father Herod, he was afraid to go back there. And because he had been warned in a dream, he departed for the region of Galilee. He went and dwelt in a town called Nazareth, so that what had been spoken through the prophets might be fulfilled, *He shall be called a Nazorean*.



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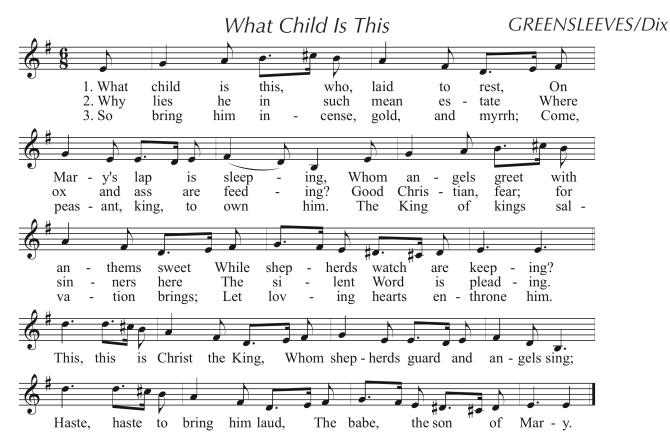
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During communion, we invite all to come forward. If you do not ordinarily receive Eucharist, or choose not to, come for a blessing, indicating your desire by putting your hand on your heart.

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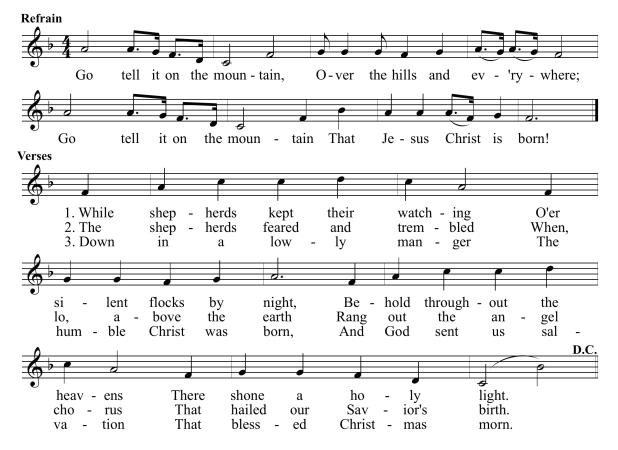




Song Of Praise

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Parish Life

Seniors On The Go

Friday, January 10th - (note the date change) Anointing Mass at 11:30 am, then join us for a delicious luncheon in the Parish Center. All are welcome! Please feel free to park in the parking lot and take the elevator up.

Prayer Shawl Ministry

Please join the Prayer Shawl Ministry. We meet on the 1st Tuesday of the month in the Brebuef Room of the Parish Center at 7pm. We have yarn, needles and patterns. If you do not know how to knit or crochet, we can teach you. All are welcome on Tuesday, January 7th we would love to meet you.

If you would like a Prayer Shawl for yourself or someone you know, email prayershawl@stjosephparish.org









Please join with married couples of all ages and walks of life as we gather for a weekend of spiritual reflection and fellowship.

Brand New Day

Mine is the sunlight
Mine is the morning
Born of the one light Eden saw play
Praise with elation, praise every morning
God's recreation of the new day



\$395 per Couple*

Partial Scholarships Available

For more information or to register, please contact Deacon Steve at (206) 965-1646 or stevew@stjosephparish.org.

* Price includes two nights lodging, Continental breakfast on Saturday and Sunday, and the Saturday evening group dinner.



FAITH JUSTICE

St. Vincent de Paul Collection January 4 & 5



Blood Drive

Monday, January 13th - Parish Center Hours: 12:00 pm - 6:00 pm (closed 2:00 pm - 3:00)

To make an appointment, please sign up after Mass! Walk-ins welcome around scheduled donors.

We especially need help around this time to ensure an ample blood supply for our community around the holidays.

Annual Epiphany Dinner

Sunday, January 5th - Noon - 3:00 pm - Social Hall

St. Joseph Epiphany Dinner on Sunday, January 5, 2020, from Noon – 3:00pm pm in the Social Hall, we'll open our doors to anyone in the community for a shared meal and fellowship. We extend a personal invitation to all of our "Outreach Partners," such as Recovery Café, St. Martin de Porres Shelter, Chief Seattle Club, Noel House, and Jubilee Women's Center, to name a few.

We usually serve around 200 people. Your generosity of time, talent and treasure is greatly appreciated! Sign-ups are super-easy! Visit PerfectPotluck.com and locate the meal by coordinator last name (Wodzanowski) and password (Epiphany) Sign-up by entering your name, email & phone number for the item you would like to bring. You can also sign-up after Mass. Thank you in advance for your generosity! Questions? Please contact Deacon Steve at stevew@stjosephparish.org or 206-965-1646.

FAITH FORMATION

Agape Service Trip

- A week of upholding the dignity of our migrant brothers and sisters
- · A week of living your faith and meeting Christ
- A week of hope joy, and purpose
- A week of Agape love

The Agape Service Project 2020 is scheduled for Sunday, August 2nd through Friday, August 7th and will take place in and around Skagit Valley. Youth Registration is now open and will fill on a first come, first serve basis.

The Agape Service Project is open to all sixth (6th) through eighth (8th) graders of the 2019-2020 academic school year. **PARENT & CHILD INTEREST MEETING – JANUARY 8th at 6:00pm in the Parish Center.** For more information and a set of registration forms contact Claire Hansen: claireh@stjosephparish.org

Children's Faith Formation Schedule

1/12/20 - First Sunday class of 2020 2/1/20 - CFF 1 Parent and Child Workshop 10am-noon 3/8-10/20 - CFF 2 Chalice Making Sessions 3/28/20 - CFF 2 Parent and Child Workshop 9am-noon

RCIC

Are you interested in making the Catholic Church a home for your older child? Consider enrolling your child in our Spring RCIC series! RCIC stands for the Rite of Christian Initiation of Children. RCIC is a process through which children become fully initiated members of the Roman Catholic Church. Starting in March, St. Joseph will hold sessions on most Wednesday afternoons from 4-5 PM. Children who are older than the 3rd grade who have not been baptized are warmly invited to join the group. This process will include prayer, instruction, working with peers, and the celebration of rites leading to the celebration of the sacraments of Baptism, Confirmation and Eucharist in the Easter season. To enroll your child in this program, please contact Claire Hansen (Director of Youth Faith Formation) at claireh@stjosephparish.org.

