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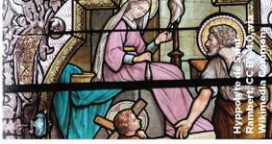
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Oh Come
Let us Adore Him

FEAST OF THE HOLY FAMILY



December 31, 2023 | Feast of the Holy Family
of Jesus, Mary and Joseph

Gen 15:1-6; 21:1-3 | Heb 11:8, 11-12, 17-19 | Lk 2:22-40 or Lk 2:22, 39-40

Written by
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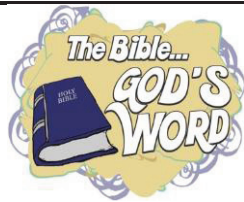
St. Teresa of Calcutta once said, "If we love, naturally we will try to do something. First in our own home, our next door neighbor, in the country we live, in the whole world." In this quote we see a shift from the idyllic to a hard dose of reality: love means sacrifice and service. Perhaps it's worth asking ourselves: Does our family always get our best self? None of us is perfect, so the honest answer is probably no. If it's tempting to think, "well, the Holy Family was perfect, so what does this feast have to do with our family?" let's remember we are celebrating the Feast of the HOLY Family, not the feast of the perfect family. Yes, they were *holy*. They embodied this in their faith and devotion in those expanding circles of which St. Teresa spoke. They gave to God first - in today's Gospel we see the family travel to Jerusalem to present Jesus in the temple. They then returned to Nazareth where Jesus grew strong and was "filled with wisdom; and the favor of God was upon him."

PRAY Family prayer is powerful and transformative, uniting and equipping us to go out into the world each day and bear witness. Pray together: *Jesus, Mary and Joseph, graciously hear our prayer.*

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What does this feast mean for us today? It means that being a *holy* family is not unattainable. St. John Paul II once said: "The Redeemer of the world chose the family as the place for his birth and growth." (2001) In other words, God's will was fulfilled in the simplest and most ordinary of human circumstances when Jesus was born to Mary and Joseph in a stable. He sanctified what had been profaned by sin. Are our families perfect? No. But are we holy? That is our baptismal vocation and is within our reach each and every day. With the dawn of the new year, let's make an effort to place Christ at the center of our lives. Let's try to love our family members with all our heart, and bear witness in our actions and words. And finally, and most importantly, we must pray with and for one another.



Santa Famiglia di Gesù, Maria e Giuseppe

Contempliamo la santa Famiglia di Nazaret, specchiamoci in essa, confidiamo nel Figlio di Dio e imitiamo la mitezza e la fede di Maria e Giuseppe. Con il loro aiuto le nostre famiglie potranno affrontare vittoriose l'onda distruttiva che le minaccia, per servire sempre e unicamente il Signore.



Thank you for supporting your church. Collection for December 24th was not available at time of printing. Grazie della generosità per la vostra Chiesa. L'offertorio della domenica 24 dicembre non era disponibile.



Sanctuary Lamp Prayer for the week of December 31st is offered in memory of Giuseppe Finelli requested by Antonio & Rosaria Farace.

La lampada del SS. Sacramento della settimana di 31 dicembre è stata offerta in memoria di Giuseppe Finelli richiesta da Antonio e Rosaria Farace.

Holy Angels Building Repairs Fund: Second collection for December 24th was not available at time of printing.
La Seconda Raccolta per la Chiesa: Seconda raccolta della settimana 24 dicembre non era disponibile.



Dr. Simone: We will be collecting canned goods for the month of December.

Questo mese accogliamo prodotti in scatola per la missione del Dr. Simone.

SOLEMNITY OF MARY, THE HOLY MOTHER OF GOD

January 1st:
9:30 a.m. Italian Mass
11:30 a.m. English Mass



MARIA SANTISSIMA MADRE DI DIO

1° gennaio:
9:30 a.m. Messa in Italiano
11:30 a.m. Messa in Inglese

St. Anthony Committee: The Feast of St. Anthony Committee invites all parishioners to the Annual Dinner/Dance on Saturday, February 3rd at Le Tréport Banquet Hall. Tickets are \$100/person, all inclusive. To reserve tickets, please call Joe Falcone at 905-629-4080, committee members, or the church office.

Il comitato della festa di Sant'Antonio invita tutti i parrocchiani ed amici al ballo annuale, sabato 3 febbraio, presso Le Tréport. Per prenotare i biglietti, rivolgetevi al comitato, oppure chiamate Joe Falcone 905-629-4080. Il prezzo è \$100/persona, tutto incluso.

Donation Envelopes 2024: are now available! They are available in the back of the Church. *Please be sure to take the box that belongs to you.* If you wish to register for envelopes, please call the office and we will assign you a number.

Le buste dell'offertorio per 2024 sono pronte. Chiediamo di prenderne secondo il vostro numero e guardare se il numero corrisponde con il vostro nome.



Mass Intentions January 1st to January 7th

Monday January 1st

Mary, Mother of God
9:30 am
† Giovanni Paglia by Wife Anna and family

11:30 am
† Frank Szura by Wife Mary

Tuesday January 2nd

Ss. Basil the Great & Gregory Nazianzen
8:00 am
No Mass

Wednesday January 3rd

Most Holy Name of Jesus
8:00 am - Living Only Mass Intentions

Thursday January 4th

St. Elizabeth Ann Seton
8:00 am
† Antimo Amore & Domenica Degidio by Ines Ranalli and Family

Friday January 5th

St. John Neumann
8:00 am
† Hagop Kerjikian by Michelle Dagenais

Saturday January 6th

St. Andre Bessette
5:00 pm
† Eamonn Filgate by Wife and Family

Sunday January 7th

The Epiphany of the Lord
9:30 am
† Danny Pepe by Mama e famiglia
11:30 am
† Valdomira & Jose Cabral by Loving daughter and grandchildren



The Altar Flowers, week by week, are a welcome offering to our worship. Flowers are alive. They are of God's creation. They are a fragrant offering to the God who created them. They are a symbol of new life in Christ. For all of these reasons, we give thanks to everyone who has already given flowers on a particular Sunday. People have given flowers in thanksgiving to God for a family member's birthday, wedding anniversary, or other blessing. They are also given in memory of a departed loved one or friend.



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