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Feast of the Holy Family

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1st Reading:
Genesis 15.1-6; 17.3b-5, 15-16; 21.1-7

2nd Reading:
Hebrews 11.8, 11-12, 17-19

Gospel:
Luke 2.22-40
The Presentation

Creating Countless Holy Families

On this First Sunday after Christmas the Church invites all of us to reflect on the beauty of the Holy Family. It is through meditating on the Holy Family that we begin to learn how we are called to live in our own homes. St. John Paul II says that “the Holy Family is the beginning of countless other holy families.”

The Holy Family teaches us how to work towards holiness through our daily family life. St. Josemaria Escriva says that “in the home of the Holy Family in Nazareth, Jesus, Mary, and Joseph sanctified their ordinary life, without doing anything spectacular or newsworthy. They led a life that was to all appearances, the same as that of their neighbors, a life that was important, not because of the material things they did but because of the love that they put into these things.”

Essentially, the Holy Family did ordinary things with extraordinary love. They too had to work, cook meals, clean the house, and wash their clothes and every other regular activity that we too perform. Yet, endowed with love for one another, these seemingly minute tasks became great sources of sanctification. We too should look to be stewards in our own homes by using our time and gifts to serve our family. One tangible thing we can avoid is complaining about performing house chores but rather strive to see them as an opportunity to love our family members, and by extension, love Christ. As we strive to be stewards in our parish communities, let us also follow the model of the Holy Family and be stewards in our own homes and, by extension, our parish communities as well.

Summary

It is through meditating on the Holy Family that we begin to learn how we are called to live in our own homes. The Holy Family had to work, cook meals, clean the house, and wash their clothes and every other regular activity that we too perform, yet they did all these ordinary things with extraordinary love. We too should look to be stewards in our own homes by using our time and gifts to serve our family members with great love and sacrifice.

Regular Mass Schedule Weekday Masses:

Daily morning mass will be celebrated Tuesday to Friday at 8:30 am

Weekend Schedule:

Saturday (Vigil) Mass **5:00 pm**

Sunday Masses **9:00 am, 10:30 am and
12:00 noon**

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Mass Intentions for the Week – December 30 - 31

Saturday December 30th

5:00 pm - Thanksgiving Mass from the
Lawrence Family

Sunday December 31st

9:00 am, 10:30 am & 12:00 pm

5:00 pm
(For the Church and the People of our Parish)

Monday January 1st (NEW YEAR)

9:00 am, 10:30 am & 12:00 pm
(For the Church and the People of our Parish)

Tuesday January 2nd

8:30 am + All Souls In Purgatory

Wednesday January 3rd

8:30 am

Thursday January 4th

8:30 am + Baldumero Gomes

Friday January 5th

8:30 am



NEW YEAR MASS SCCHEDULE

Saturday December 30 th	5:00 pm
Sunday, December 31 st	9:00 am, 10:30 am & 12:00 noon
Sunday, December 31 st (New Year's Eve)	5:00 pm
<u>New Year Masses</u>	
Monday, January 1 st	9:00 am, 10:30 am & 12:00 noon

PARKING ON DEC 31ST AND JAN 1ST

Parking is on a first-come basis. Please do not park in front or at the side of the Church as it is a fire route and must be kept clear. Additional parking is available at SMDP Catholic School which is adjacent to the church. Thank you for your cooperation.

Parish Weekly Fact

Feast of the Holy Family is a Roman Catholic religious festival falling on the first Sunday after Christmas, this year on New Year's Eve. Although major feast days dedicated to each member of the Holy Family-Jesus, Mary, and Joseph- also exist, the Feast of the Holy Family commemorates their life together, and the celebration focuses on religious family life. January 1st also celebrates the **Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God.**



Kindly start using your 2024 donation envelopes from January 1st. **PLEASE DO NOT USE YOUR 2023 DONATION ENVELOPES.** Thank you.



Let us Pray! For the sick members of our parish and for those who love and minister to them.



*"Eternal God, you gave us the greatest gift: the gift of life.
In the coming year, help us use it wisely.
May we grow in generosity, kindness and forgiveness, hope, faith, and love.
Amen."
Wishing you and your family a happy & Prosperous New Year!
From: Fr. Anthony Gonsalves and the Staff at St Martin de Porres.*

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