

GOSPEL SUMMARY: Luke 2:22, 39-40



The home of the Holy Family was a simple one. Jesus was a child who laughed and cried and played as other children do. Under the care of Mary and Joseph, Jesus learned about God's covenant with the chosen people. He prayed with his parents in the synagogue. In a family warmed with faith and

love and peace, he grew in wisdom, age, and grace. Families are made up of people who belong to and care for one another in good times and in bad. Luke's Gospel reminds us that Jesus understood what it means to be a part of a family. Ask him to help you to grow as he did, in wisdom, so that the grace of God will rest upon you too.

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS FOR GOSPEL:

How is faith communicated to children by their parents? How have your parents helped you to become a faithful person? What sentences in this reading help us to understand how Mary and Joseph helped Jesus to become a faithful human person? Can children also strengthen their parent's faith?

QUESTION OF THE WEEK: Whom do you consider a wise person? Where do you seek wisdom?

WE ARE GOD'S HOLY FAMILY

The scriptures of Israel are filled with many stories of barren couples who were miraculously granted the gift of children by God. Surely the best known among these is the first reading from today, from which Luke took inspiration when he recounted the miraculous birth of John the Baptist to Zechariah and Elizabeth, and the more miraculous birth of Jesus to Mary and Joseph. In each instance, we are given examples or role models of those who trusted in God. More than examples of those who trust, they are models of self-surrender. They abandoned their own presuppositions and prejudices about the workings of the world and turned their lives over to belief in a God who can make life grow where none ought to; a God who can turn death around into a new and unimagined life; a God who can, today, take a tiny child of humble parents in an insignificant town and make him into a light for all the world. This is what we, as God's holy family, are called to do each day: to trust not in ourselves and the way we think things should be, but to open ourselves and surrender ourselves in faith to a God of endless promise. © J. S. Paluch Co.

Weekly Mass Schedule and Intentions:

SAT	12/27	5:00 PM	For the Parishioners
SUN	12/28	8:30 AM	For the Parishioners
SUN	12/28	11:00 AM	(SI) Jessie Weddle Family
SUN	12/28	12:30 PM	+Teresa Toscano
MON	12/29	NO MASS	
TUE	12/30	7:30 AM	(SI) Bob Perry
WED	12/31	6:30 PM	For the Parishioners
THU	01/01	10:00 AM	For the Parishioners
FIRST FRI	01/02	7:00PM	For the Parishioners



Announcements

- OFFERING REPORT:** Our weekly offering from **Dec. 14, 2014** was **\$3,455.46**. Thank you for your love and support.
- MASS INTENTION CARDS:** Stop by the Parish Office and schedule a Mass Intention and receive a card to send to the intended or to the family of the intended notifying them of this special gift of prayer.
- BIBLE STUDY:** Will not be meeting **Dec 31**.
- KNIGHT'S OF COLUMBUS BREAKFAST:** Gather in Keenan Hall for food and fellowship as the Knights' of Columbus serve up a delicious breakfast after all Masses, **Sun., Jan 4**.
- AFTER-ABORTION HEALING RETREAT:** January 9-11, 2015. Held at the Diocesan Pastoral Center. Confidentiality maintained. For more information call Rosemary at 858-581-3022.
- FAMILY BINGO NIGHT:** **Jan. 9** beginning with dinner at 6pm. Bingo starting at 7pm. All are welcome.
- ADORATION:** There will be no adoration Wed., **Dec. 31**.
- NEW YEAR'S EVE MASS:** Dec. 31 at 6:30 pm.
- NEW YEAR'S DAY MASS:** Jan. 1 at 10:00 am.



Love is Our Mission: The Family Fully Alive

Pope Francis has asked all Catholics worldwide to use the months ahead as a time of preparation and prayer for the *World Meeting of Families to be held in Philadelphia, September 2015*.

Pope Francis prayed: "Let every family be a welcoming place of goodness and peace for children and the elderly, for the sick and the lonely, for the poor and the needy."

Pope Francis also asks all families to enrich and energize family life by praying the "World Meeting of Families Prayer" each day for their own family's personal intentions.

World Meeting of Families Prayer

God and Father of us all,
in Jesus, your Son and our Savior,
you have made us
your sons and daughters
in the family of the Church.

May your grace and love
help our families
in every part of the world
be united to one another
in fidelity to the Gospel.

May the example of the Holy Family,
with the aid of your Holy Spirit,
guide all families, especially those most troubled,
to be homes of communion and prayer
and to always seek your truth and live in your love.
Through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Jesus, Mary and Joseph, pray for us!

Stock Donations as Year-End Charitable Giving

Have you considered donating appreciated stock from your investment portfolio instead of cash to St. Pius X? Your tax benefits from the donation can be increased and allow for maximum stewardship for some individuals. Gifts of stock held more than one year offer two unique advantages: 1) A gift of stock to the church avoids capital gains tax for you on the increase in the value of the stock 2) You receive a deduction for the full market value of the stock at the time of the gift to the church. Stock donation forms can be found in the vestibule and on the San Diego Diocese Website <http://www.diocese-sdiego.org/>



Come Prepared. It's too easy to come to Mass without a plan, to go through the liturgy without expecting anything significant to happen. This year, don't let that happen! Every time you come to Mass, come with a plan. Come looking for the grace of His love and the grace of His mercy. Come expecting to find the grace to stand firm against temptation. Set these as your goals for this year, and then watch as your life changes.



Are you 'that friend' that people call on when their computer gives them trouble and they can't figure out how to get their computer running properly? We need someone who is comfortable with computers and technology who we can call when we have issues we don't know how to address. This Tech Consultant would be available to come to the Parish Office at least once a month to check in on minor repairs or questions, as well as being available for us to call or email when we have questions or need technology advice. Please call or stop by the office if you can help.