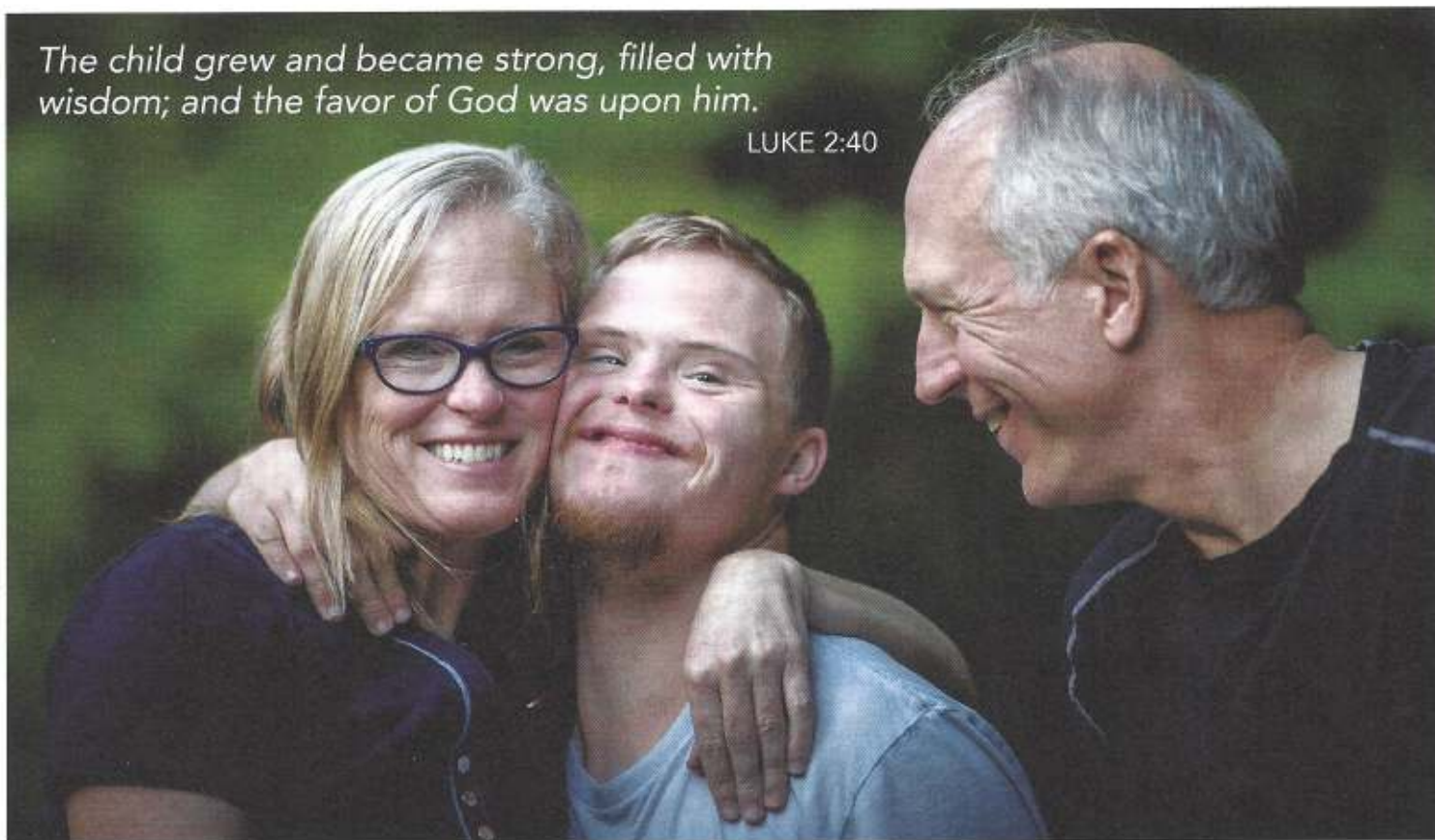


December 27, 2020

Holy Family of Jesus, Mary, and Joseph (B)
 Sir 3:2–6, 12–14 or Gn 15:1–6; 21:1–3
 Col 3:12–21 or 3:12–17
 or Heb 11:8, 11–12, 17–19
 Lk 2:22–40 or 2:22, 39–40

The child grew and became strong, filled with wisdom; and the favor of God was upon him.

LUKE 2:40



NATHAN ANDERSON / IANPHASH

Family Values

Some of the most popular television programs depict family interactions. Unfortunately, many of these families are dysfunctional, and those that are not often appear to be vapid, boring, even unrealistic. Today's readings offer examples of genuine family values and the kind of relationships for which most people yearn.

Sirach describes the tender care that bonds parents and children. First it is the parents who care for the children. Over the years the roles reverse and adult children care for elderly parents. The family is the basic community, where one first learns the hard lessons of unselfishness and forgiveness. The psalm response also describes a model family. The husband will experience success in his work and enjoy the blessings of family life with his wife and their children. Paul provides a list of values to which family members should

commit themselves: "compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness, and patience, bearing with one another and forgiving one another" (Colossians 3:12–13). Finally, the Gospel reading provides a glimpse into the lives of the Holy Family. Here they are: a refugee family with Joseph as the protector.

In a way, these are all "holy families." Prayer is important in the first reading; fear of the Lord is rewarded in the psalm; Paul calls the people "God's chosen ones" (Colossians 3:12). This feast is not meant to be only a look into the past at the Holy Family. It is an opportunity for us to look into the present and do our part to make our own families holy.

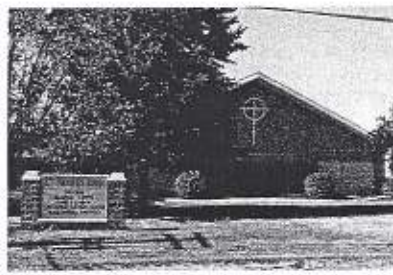
—Sr. Dianne Bergant, CSA

FOR Reflection

- * What already makes your family holy?
- * What might make it holier?



Holy Trinity Catholic Church



St. Thomas More Catholic Church



St. Patrick Catholic Church

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Mass Schedule

Weekdays - Tuesday 12:15pm and

Thursday - 8:30am

Saturday Confessions - 3:15-3:45 PM
or by appointment

Saturday Vigil Mass - 4:00 PM

Sunday Mass - 8:30 AM

***Pastor of the Three Churches**

Fr. Patrick Fixsen

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****Upcoming Events At Church****

No Events Scheduled

****Emergency Phone****

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Mass Schedule

Weekday Mass -

Wednesday & Friday - 8:00AM

Saturday Vigil Mass - 5:30 PM

**Sunday (Last Chance) Mass -
5:30 PM**

Adoration Room

Open Monday-Saturday 9AM-8PM

Sunday - 9AM - 6PM

Divine Mercy Prayers

Every Friday 3:00PM

****Upcoming Events At Church****

Rav Orders - 815-252-2215

No Events Scheduled

St. Patrick Church

(Office at Holy Trinity Church)

106 Church St.

Arlington, IL 61312

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Mass Schedule

Sunday Mass - 10:30 AM

***3 Churches Pastoral Assistant**

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****Office Hours****

Holy Trinity - Tues, Thurs, & Fri.
- 9AM-12PM

St. Thomas More -

Wed - 9AM - 12PM

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Page - www.bureaucatholic.org

****Upcoming Events At Church****

No Events Scheduled

**Daily Mass Intentions for
Masses the Week of December 28, 2020**

Offered For

Monday

† No Mass

Tuesday

****Facebook Link - 9:00AM**STM**

† No Mass

Wednesday

****www.bureaucatholic.org/Facebook Link - 5:30PM**HT**

† Jack & Theresa McCallum

Thursday

****www.bureaucatholic.org/Facebook Link - 9:00AM**HT**

† Dorothy Flaherty

New Year's Eve

****Facebook Link - 4:00PM**STM**

† For The Parishioners

Friday

****www.bureaucatholic.org/Facebook Link - 10:30AM **HT**

† For The Parishioners

New Year's Day

Next Weekend's Mass Intentions

Weekend of January 2-3, 2020

Offered For

Saturday:

****Facebook Link - 4:00PM **STM**

† Doug Samolinski

Sunday:

****www.bureaucatholic.org/Facebook Link - 9:00 AM**HT**

† For The Parishioners

St. Patrick, Arlington - 10:30 AM (No Streaming)

† George & Monica Dwyer

****St. Thomas More, Dalzell - 6:00 PM (Last Chance Communion)**

† No Mass (Only Holy Communion)

Latest Offering's

Holy Trinity - \$0.00
St. Patrick - \$0.00
St. Thomas More - \$0.00

Visit Venerable Fulton Sheen At Cathedral in Peoria

Monday - Friday 12pm - 2pm
Saturday 3pm - 5pm
(Re-Opened Again)

Ministry Schedule For Next Weekend

Holy Trinity

LECTOR

Saturday - 4:00PM - ?
Sunday - 8:30AM - ?

SERVERS

Saturday - 4:00PM -
?
Sunday - 8:30AM - ?

COUNTERS

Sunday - 8:30AM -
? & ?

Mass Intentions

We are in need of Mass Intentions for weekday Masses. The Masses on the web are a great occasion for family members not living in this area to pray with us for family members who have died. Please consider having a weekday Mass for a deceased member of your family and thank you. Mass intentions can be paid through our online giving program, mail or dropping by our office.

Recurring Special Church Events

Wednesday's - Rosary - 6PM

(On Website)

(After Wednesday HT Evening Mass)

Friday's - Divine Mercy Chaplet -

On Facebook - 3PM -

St. Thomas More Adoration Chapel

In This Month

Celebrating Christmas

Prayer is the most important gift we have been given to communicate with Him, God. This prayer has traditionally been prayed 15 times a day until Christmas:

Hail and blessed be the hour and moment in which the Son of God was born of the most pure Virgin Mary, at midnight, in Bethlehem, in the piercing cold.

In that hour vouchsafe, I beseech Thee, O my God, to hear my prayer and grant my desires,

[State your intention(s) here...]

through the merits of Our Saviour Jesus Christ, and of His blessed Mother. Amen.

And most all of us have lost loved ones that we miss in a particular way during Christmas. This prayer is for us, titled "Christmas In Heaven":

I still hear the song

I still see the lights

I still feel your love
on cold wintry nights.

I still share your hopes
and all your cares

I'll even remind you
to please say all your prayers.

I just want to tell you
you still make me proud
You stand head and shoulders
above all the crowd.

Keep trying each moment
to stay in His grace

I came here before you
to help set your place.

You don't have to be
perfect all the time
He forgives you the slip
if you continue to climb.

To my family and friends
please be thankful today
I'm still close beside you
in a new special way.

I love you all dearly
now don't shed a tear
cause I'm spending my
Christmas with Jesus this year.

Christmas Confessions

The next confessions of the Christmas Season will be:

Sat - Jan. 2 - 11-11:45pm - in St. Pats Chapel (south side of church)

This Week's Update

For many, if not all, this was a very unusual Christmas! We (the priests) had to encourage reservations for Christmas Masses. We were encouraged not to have big family gatherings on Christmas! And it really didn't feel like Christmas but we still did remember the importance of Jesus' birth! We were able to celebrate the birth of our salvation.

This weekend as we celebrate the Holy Family given to us by God. We also need to remember our Parish Family. Just like in our own families, we have to do things to keep families important. We need all of our parishioners to help where they can to keep each parish alive. And to thank all of them!

At St. Thomas More, we have our Rav makers who have been outstanding in making up our low collections and help pay the important bills of the church. Others have helped with special dinners, helping with landscaping, cleaning the church and hall, and many other little things.

At St. Patrick's, the sausage makers help to also support our low collections and pay the bills. As well as, helping with landscaping, cleaning, and many other little things.

And at Holy Trinity, we have dedicated people to help maintain the church, take care of landscaping, clean the hall and church, and many other things. It takes following the model of the Holy Family, praying together, working together, to make things work! May God bless all of you for all you do for our churches! All of you have a big place in my heart, so pray, be holy and stay close to Christ!

Fr. Pat Fixsen

Dear Padre,

Why does the Church celebrate the Holy Family? Jesus doesn't seem to be much of a family person. Scripture show him ignoring—even rejecting—Mary and Joseph.

As Jesus grows in age and wisdom, it becomes clear that he hasn't come to build up his own little family but to create a worldwide family of disciples. This family would claim God as the father of everyone in the family, with Jesus and all others as brothers and sisters. All who followed him would be as dear to Jesus as his mother or his foster father. As Jesus said: "As the Father loves me, so I also love you" (John 15:9).

The roles of Mary and Joseph in this new family of Jesus were not to be only earthbound parents but, more importantly, to be examples of how to follow God's purpose. Both Mary and Joseph accepted God's path for them, even though they didn't know where the path would take them.

In the new family of God, we are people who seek out and follow God's purpose in our lives. We are to say yes with Mary; we are to imitate Joseph in following God's direction. Jesus said this quite plainly: "Whoever does the will of God is my brother and sister and mother" (Mark 3:35). The will of God becomes the cornerstone of Jesus' new, universal family of humankind. Every Christian family, then, has a double task in raising their children: teaching and inspiring them to love and believe in Jesus and to always seek God's will.

—Fr. Paul J. Coury, CSSR | Sundaybulletin@Liguori.org



HOLY FAMILY / IMMACULATE CONCEPTION CATHEDRAL, EAST TIMOR / WIKICOMMONS



A WORD FROM *Pope Francis*

Instead of returning home with his family, he stayed in Jerusalem, in the Temple, causing great distress to Mary and Joseph who were unable to find him....Returning home, Jesus surely remained close to them, as a sign of his complete affection and obedience. Moments like these become part of the pilgrimage of each family.

—FEAST OF THE HOLY FAMILY, DECEMBER 27, 2015

Calendar

Monday

DECEMBER 28
*Holy Innocents,
Martyrs*
1 Jn 1:5—2:2
Mt 2:13—18

Tuesday

DECEMBER 29
Christmas Weekday
1 Jn 2:3—11
Lk 2:22—35

Wednesday

DECEMBER 30
Christmas Weekday
1 Jn 2:12—17
Lk 2:36—40

Thursday

DECEMBER 31
Christmas Weekday
1 Jn 2:18—21
Jn 1:1—18

Friday

JANUARY 1
*Solemnity of Mary,
Holy Mother of God*
Nm 6:22—27
Gal 4:4—7
Lk 2:16—21

Saturday

JANUARY 2
*Sts. Basil the Great and
Gregory Nazianzen,
Bishops and Doctors
of the Church*
1 Jn 2:22—28
Jn 1:19—28

Sunday

JANUARY 3
Epiphany of the Lord
Is 60:1—6
Eph 3:2—3a, 5—6
Mt 2:1—12