

The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph**Year B**

Sunday, December 28, 2014

Readings: 1) Genesis 15:1-6; 21:1-3 2) Hebrews 11:8, 11-12, 17-19 3) Luke 2:22-40

Sunday Liturgy

The focus for today's Mass is that Christian families are to imitate the example of the Holy Family by striving to live in love and unity with God and one another.

The first reading highlights the importance of loving and honoring one's parents, and the blessings that flow from it.

The second reading exhorts us, as brothers and sisters in the Lord, to lovingly bear with and forgive one another.

In Saint Luke's Gospel, Joseph and Mary take the child Jesus to the temple in Jerusalem to be presented and consecrated to the Lord.

GENERAL INTERCESSIONS**PRIEST:**

Striving to live in love and unity with God and one another, let us join in offering our prayers, for our needs and those of the world, to our loving Father in heaven.

**For families within the Church,
may they seek to pattern their lives after the Holy Family,
and continue to grow in holiness in order to be effective witnesses to the Gospel,**
We Pray to the Lord. People sing: Hear our prayer, hear our prayer.

**For leaders in our world
who seek the ways of peace
and for all who follow the Prince of Peace.**
We Pray to the Lord. People sing: Hear our prayer, hear our prayer.

For those baptized this weekend;
We Pray to the Lord. People sing: Hear our prayer, hear our prayer.

For the poor, the sick and the suffering.
We Pray to the Lord. People sing: Hear our prayer, hear our prayer.

For all our faithful dead.
We Pray to the Lord. People sing: Hear our prayer, hear our prayer.

**For this faith community,
may we continue to help families grow in their knowledge
and love for the Lord and answer the call to holiness.**
We Pray to the Lord. People sing: Hear our prayer, hear our prayer.

For our own personal intentions, (long pause),
We Pray to the Lord. People sing: Hear our prayer, hear our prayer.

PRIEST:

Almighty God and Father, accept the prayers we offer you and bless us as we strive to walk in your ways. Through Christ our Lord.

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