

THE HOLY FAMILY OF JESUS, MARY, AND JOSEPH < B

Feast

December 30 - 31, 2023

In Communion with the Saints

May he make of us an eternal offering to you, so that we may obtain an inheritance with your elect, especially with the most Blessed Virgin Mary, Mother of God, with blessed Joseph, her Spouse, with your blessed Apostles and glorious Martyrs, with Saint *N.*: *Patron Saint* and with all the Saints, on whose constant intercession in your presence we rely for unfailing help.

Intercessions: For the Church

May this Sacrifice of our reconciliation, we pray, O Lord, advance the peace and salvation of all the world. Be pleased to confirm in faith and charity your pilgrim Church on earth, with your servant *N.* our Pope and *N.* our Bishop, the Order of Bishops, all the clergy, and the entire people you have gained for your own.

For the Living

Listen graciously to the prayers of this family, whom you have summoned before you: in your compassion, O merciful Father, gather to yourself all your children scattered throughout the world.

For the Dead

To our departed brothers and sisters and to all who were pleasing to you at their passing from this life, give kind admittance to your kingdom. There we hope to enjoy for ever the fullness of your glory through Christ our Lord, through whom you bestow on the world all that is good.

Concluding Doxology

Through him, and with him, and in him, O God, almighty Father, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all glory and honor is yours, for ever, and ever. Amen

Communion Rite

STAND

The Lord's Prayer

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name; thy kingdom come; thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread, and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.

Priest:

Deliver us, Lord, we pray, from every evil, graciously grant us peace in our days, that, by the help of your mercy, we may be always free from sin and safe from all distress, as we await the blessed hope and the coming of our Savior, Jesus Christ.

People:

For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and for ever.

Sign Of Peace

Priest : Lord Jesus Christ, who said to your Apostles: Peace I leave you, my peace I give you; look not on our sins, but on the faith of your Church, and graciously grant her peace and unity in accordance with your will. Who live and reign for ever and ever.

People : **Amen**

Priest : The peace of the Lord be with you always

People : **And with your Spirit**

Priest : Let us offer each other the sign of peace

Breaking of the Bread

Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world:

Have mercy on us.

Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world:

Have mercy on us.

Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world:

Grant us peace.

Reception of Communion

KNEEL

Priest : Behold the Lamb of God, behold him who takes away the sins of the world. Blessed are those called to the supper of the Lamb.

People : **Lord, I am not worthy that you should enter under my roof, but only say the word and my soul shall be healed.**

Priest : The body of Christ.

Answer : **Amen**

Priest : The blood of Christ.

Answer : **Amen**

Communion

Prayer after Communion
[Imitate Their Example]

STAND

Bring those you refresh with this heavenly Sacrament, most merciful Father, to imitate constantly the example of the Holy Family, so that, after the trials of this world, we may share their company for ever. Through Christ our Lord.

R/ Amen.

General Announcements

SIT

Blessing

STAND

May the God of infinite goodness, who by the incarnation of His Son, has driven darkness from the world by giving us the Holy Family, to serve as perfect model of love and obedience, that bind us, chosen as His adopted children. **R/ Amen.**

And may the blessing of almighty God, the Father, and the Son, ✠ and the Holy Spirit, come down on you and remain with you for ever. **R/ Amen.**

Go in peace, to glorify the Lord by strengthening the love and unity within your family.

R/ Thanks be to God.

MC: Greeting

Entrance song

STAND

Introduction by the Celebrant

ENTRANCE ANT. *Lk 2:16*

[Jesus, Mary, and Joseph]

The Shepherds went in haste, and found Mary and Joseph and the Infant lying in a manger.

Penitential Act

The Lord, our God, remembers his covenant forever. Do we remember our baptismal promises? Let us examine ourselves:

(pause)

Lord, you look down with favor on Abraham's faithfulness:

Lord, have mercy.

Jesus Christ, Simeon recognized you as the salvation of the world:

Christ, have mercy. **Christ, have mercy.**

Lord Jesus,

Anna spoke about you to all those awaiting redemption of Jerusalem:

Lord, have mercy. **Lord, have mercy.**

Have mercy on us, Lord, for you are always faithful and keep your covenant, help us be faithful to live as your sons and daughters and lead us to everlasting life. **Amen.**

Glory to God in the highest

C:Collect *[Shining Example]*

O God, who were pleased to give us the shining example of the Holy Family, graciously grant that we may imitate them in practicing the virtues of family life and in the bonds of charity, and so, in the joy of your house, delight one day in eternal rewards. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God, for ever and ever. **R/ Amen.**

Liturgy of the Word

SIT

First Reading Gn 15:1-6; 21:1-3 [Abraham's Faith]
Abraham believed in God. As a result, God gave him and his wife a son in their old age. The family thus becomes the sign of the faith of human beings and of the love of God.

A reading from the Book of Genesis

The word of the Lord came to Abram in a vision, saying: "Fear not, Abram! I am your shield; I will make your reward very great." But Abram said, "O Lord God, what good will your gifts be, if I keep on being childless and have as my heir the steward of my house, Eliezer?" Abram continued, "See, you have given me no offspring, and so one of my servants will be my heir." Then the word of the Lord came to

him: "No, that one shall not be your heir; your own issue shall be your heir." The Lord took Abram outside and said, "Look up at the sky and count the stars, if you can. Just so," he added, "shall your descendants be." Abram put his faith in the Lord, who credited it to him as an act of righteousness. The Lord took note of Sarah as he had said he would; he did for her as he had promised. Sarah became pregnant and bore Abraham a son in his old age, at the set time that God had stated. Abraham gave the name Isaac to this son of his whom Sarah bore him.

The word of the Lord.

R/ Thanks be to God.

Responsorial Psalm Ps 105 [God's Covenant]

R./ The Lord remembers his covenant for ever.

Give thanks to the Lord, invoke his name; make known among the nations his deeds. Sing to him, sing his praise, proclaim all his wondrous deeds. **(R.)**

Glory in his holy name; rejoice, O hearts that seek the Lord! Look to the Lord in his strength; constantly seek his face. **(R.)**

You descendants of Abraham, his servants, sons of Jacob, his chosen ones! He, the Lord, is our God; throughout the earth his judgments prevail. **(R.)**

He remembers forever his covenant which he made binding for a thousand generations which he entered into with Abraham and by his oath to Isaac. **(R.)**

Second Reading Heb 11:8, 11-12, 17-19 [Trust God]
Abraham believed God's promises and put his faith in him, living that faith in every phase of his life. And since God is faithful to his promises, faith becomes the source of hope and happiness for his family. We should place our trust in God's promises.

A reading from the Letter to the Hebrews

Brothers and sisters: By faith Abraham obeyed when he was called to go out to a place that he was to receive as an inheritance; he went out, not knowing where he was to go. By faith he received power to generate, even though he was past the normal age- and Sarah herself was sterile- for the thought that the one who had made the promise was trustworthy. So it was that there came forth from one man, himself as good as dead, descendants as numerous as the stars in the sky and as countless as the sands on the seashore.

By faith Abraham, when put to the test, offered up Isaac, and he who had received the promises was ready to offer his only son, of whom it was said, "Through Isaac descendants shall bear your name." He reasoned that God was able to raise even from the dead, and he received Isaac back as a symbol.

The word of the Lord

R./ Thanks be to God.

Alleluia Heb 1:1-2 [God Speaks] **STAND**
R/ Alleluia, alleluia.

In the past God spoke to our ancestors through the prophets; in these last days, he has spoken to us through the Son.

R/ Alleluia, alleluia.



Simeon said, "This child is destined for the fall and rise of many in Israel."

Gospel Lk 2:22-40 or 2:22, 39-40 [God's Anointed One] Joseph and Mary take Jesus to the temple in Jerusalem to be presented to the Lord. Simeon recognizes him as the Anointed of the Lord and blesses him. The child returns to Nazareth and grows to maturity.

[If the "Shorter Form" is used, the indented text in brackets is omitted.]

R/ The Lord be with you.

R/ And with your spirit.

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke.

R/ Glory to you, O Lord

When the days were completed for their purification according to the law of Moses, they took him up to Jerusalem to present him to the Lord, [just as it is written in the law of the Lord, *Every male that opens the womb shall be consecrated to the Lord*, and to offer the sacrifice of a pair of turtledoves or two young pigeons, in accordance with the dictate in the law of the Lord.

Now there was a man in Jerusalem whose name was Simeon. This man was righteous and devout, awaiting the consolation of Israel, and the Holy Spirit was upon him. It had been revealed to him by the Holy Spirit that he should not see death before he had seen the Christ of the Lord. He came in the Spirit into the temple; and when the parents brought in the child Jesus to perform the custom of the law in regard to him, he took him into his arms and blessed God, saying:

"Now, Master, you may let your servant go in peace, according to your word, for my eyes have seen your salvation, which you prepared in sight of all the peoples, a light for revelation to the Gentiles, and glory for your people Israel."

The child's father and mother were amazed at what was said about him; and Simeon blessed them and said to Mary his mother, "Behold, this child is destined for the fall and rise of many in Israel, and to be a sign that will be contradicted—and you yourself a sword will pierce—so that the thoughts of many hearts may be revealed." There was also a prophetess, Anna, the daughter of Phanuel, of the tribe of Asher. She was advanced in years, having lived seven years with her husband after her marriage, and then as a widow until she was eighty-four. She never left the temple, but worshiped night and day with fasting and prayer. And coming forward at that very time, she gave thanks to God and spoke about the child to all who were awaiting

the redemption of Jerusalem.]

When they had fulfilled all the prescriptions of the law of the Lord, they returned to Galilee, to their own town of Nazareth. The child grew and became strong, filled with wisdom; and the favor of God was upon him.

The Gospel of the Lord.

R/ Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

Homily

SIT

I believe in God

STAND

General Intercessions

We receive the life of faith through the Mother Church, as loving members of God's family, we offer our prayers:

(Pause)

For the Church: may her members be sanctified, renewed strengthened, and united in solidarity as children of God. And with the grace of Christ's Body and Blood, to continue the redemptive work of Jesus in the world, from the heart of the family.

Let us pray:

Lord, help us to live like the Holy Family

For those in authority to protect the society: may they build a world where the sanctity of life is protected, and family life is revered, promoted and defended. Let us pray:

Lord, help us to live like the Holy Family

For our Community: Lord, the family unit is a necessary good and an indispensable foundation for our society. Teach us humility and reverence in our family and help us protect this great and lifelong treasure. Let us pray:

Lord, help us to live like the Holy Family

For all families: that the love, the unity, the self giving of the Holy Family will over-flow into every aspects of our family life. That we may open our hearts to those who are suffering hardships and reconcile with those who are alienated or estranged. Let us pray:

Lord, help us to live like the Holy Family

Lord Jesus, You are the head of the Church, we humbly seek Your providence of the St. Peter Canisius International Catholic Parish, for the grace to protect the sanctity of the family and to be the Light to the nations. Let us pray:

Lord, help us to live like the Holy Family

We pray for those intentions offered for the Mass and for our personal intentions...

(Pause)

Let us pray:

Lord, help us to live like the Holy Family

Loving Father, grant our family the grace to hold in honor the bonds of love, and to live our family life in imitation of the Holy Family, so that we may have a share of their company. Through Christ our Lord. **R/ Amen.**

SL: Offertory hymn

SIT

Liturgy of the Eucharist

Offertory Song

SIT

Preparation of the Bread

Blessed are you, Lord God of all creation, for through your goodness we have received the bread we offer you:

fruit of the earth and work of human hands, it will become for us the bread of life.

All : Blessed be God for ever.

Preparation of the Wine

Blessed are you, Lord God of all creation, for through your goodness we have received the wine we offer you:

fruit of the vine and work of human hands, it will become our spiritual drink.

All : Blessed be God for ever.

Invitation To Prayer

STAND

Priest : Pray, brethren, that my sacrifice and yours may be acceptable to God, the almighty Father.

People : May the Lord accept the sacrifice at your hands for the praise and glory of his name, for our good and the good of all his Holy Church

Prayer over the Offerings [Grace and Peace]

STAND

We offer you, Lord, the sacrifice of conciliation, humbly asking that, through the intercession of the Virgin Mother of God and Saint Joseph, you may establish our families firmly in your grace and your peace. Through Christ our Lord.

R/ Amen.

The Eucharistic Prayer

STAND

Introductory Dialogue

The Lord be with you.

And with your spirit.

Lift up your hearts

We lift them up to the Lord

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right and just

Preface II of the Nativity of the Lord

It is truly right and just, our duty and our salvation, always and everywhere to give you thanks,

Lord, holy Father, almighty and eternal God, through Christ our Lord.

For on the feast of this awe-filled mystery, though invisible in his own divine nature, he has appeared visibly in ours; and begotten before all ages, he has begun to exist in time; so that, raising up in himself all that was cast

down, he might restore unity to all creation and call straying humanity back to the heavenly Kingdom. And so, with all the angels, we praise you, as in joyful celebration we acclaim:

Holy, Holy, Holy Lord God of hosts...

Eucharistic Prayer No. 3

KNEEL

Praise to the Father

You are indeed Holy, O Lord, and all you have created rightly gives you praise, for through your Son our Lord Jesus Christ, by the power and working of the Holy Spirit, you give life to all things and make them holy, and you never cease to gather a people to yourself, so that from the rising of the sun to its setting a pure sacrifice may be offered to your name.

Invocation of the Holy Spirit

Therefore, O Lord, we humbly implore you: by the same Spirit graciously make holy these gifts we have brought to you for consecration that they may become the Body and Blood of your Son our Lord Jesus Christ, at whose command we celebrate these mysteries.

The Lord's Supper

For on the night he was betrayed he himself took bread, and, giving you thanks, he said the blessing, broke the bread and gave it to his disciples, saying:

Take this, all of you, and eat of it, for this is my Body, which will be given up for you.

In a similar way, when supper was ended, he took the chalice and, giving you thanks, he said the blessing, and gave the chalice to his disciples, saying:

Take this, all of you, and drink from it, for this is the chalice of my Blood, the Blood of the new and eternal covenant, which will be poured out for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins.

Do this in memory of me.

Memorial Acclamation

Priest : The mystery of faith.

When we eat this Bread and drink this Cup, we proclaim your Death, O Lord, until you come again.

The Memorial Prayer

Therefore, O Lord, as we celebrate the memorial of the saving Passion of your Son, his wondrous Resurrection and Ascension into heaven, and as we look forward to his second coming, we offer you in thanksgiving this holy and living sacrifice.

Invocation of the Holy Spirit

Look, we pray, upon the oblation of your Church and, recognizing the sacrificial Victim by whose death you willed to reconcile us to yourself, grant that we, who are nourished by the Body and Blood of your Son and filled with his Holy Spirit, may become one body, one spirit in Christ.