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**Colossians
3:12**



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1st Reading: Sirach3:2-6, 12-14

God sets a father in honor over his children; a mother's authority he confirms over her sons. Whoever honors his father atones for sins, and preserves himself from them. When he prays, he is heard; he stores up riches who reveres his mother. Whoever honors his father is gladdened by children, and, when he prays, is heard. Whoever reveres his father will live a long life; he who obeys his father brings comfort to his mother. My son, take care of your father when he is old; grieve him not as long as he lives. Even if his mind fail, be considerate of him; revile him not all the days of his life; kindness to a father will not be forgotten, firmly planted against the debt of your sins—a house raised in justice to you.

Responsorial Psalm: PS 128:1-2, 3, 4-5

R. Blessed are those who fear the Lord and walk in his ways!

Blessed is everyone who fears the LORD,
who walks in his ways!

For you shall eat the fruit of your handiwork;
blessed shall you be, and favored.

R. Blessed are those who fear the Lord and walk in his ways.

Your wife shall be like a fruitful vine
in the recesses of your home;
your children like olive plants
around your table.

R. Blessed are those who fear the Lord and walk in his ways.

Behold, thus is the man blessed
who fears the LORD.

The LORD bless you from Zion:
may you see the prosperity of Jerusalem
all the days of your life.

R. Blessed are those who fear the Lord and walk in his ways.

2nd Reading: Colossians 3:12—21

Brothers and sisters: Put on, as God's chosen ones, holy and beloved, heartfelt compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness, and patience, bearing with one another and forgiving one another, if one has a grievance against another; as the Lord has forgiven you, so must you also do. And over all these put on love, that is, the bond of perfection. And let the peace of Christ control your hearts, the peace into which you were also called in one body. And be thankful. Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly, as in all wisdom you teach and admonish one another, singing psalms, hymns, and spiritual songs with gratitude in your hearts to God.



And whatever you do, in word or in deed, do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him. Wives, be subordinate to your husbands, as is proper in the Lord. Husbands, love your wives, and avoid any bitterness toward them. Children, obey your parents in everything, for this is pleasing to the Lord. Fathers, do not provoke your children, so they may not become discouraged.

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

Open our hearts, O Lord,
to listen to the words of your Son.

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

Gospel: Luke 2:41-52

+ Each year Jesus' parents went to Jerusalem for the feast of Passover, and when he was twelve years old, they went up according to festival custom. After they had completed its days, as they were returning, the boy Jesus remained behind in Jerusalem, but his parents did not know it. Thinking that he was in the caravan, they journeyed for a day and looked for him among their relatives and acquaintances, but not finding him, they returned to Jerusalem to look for him. After three days they found him in the temple, sitting in the midst of the teachers, listening to them and asking them questions, and all who heard him were astounded at his understanding and his answers. When his parents saw him, they were astonished, and his mother said to him, "Son, why have you done this to us? Your father and I have been looking for you with great anxiety." And he said to them, "Why were you looking for me? Did you not know that I must be in my Father's house?" But they did not understand what he said to them. He went down with them and came to Nazareth, and was obedient to them; and his mother kept all these things in her heart. And Jesus advanced in wisdom and age and favor before God and man.

For Reflection: The Holy Family of Nazareth, Jesus, Mary and Joseph are put before us by the Church this Sunday as a model for our families. We call them "*The Holy Family*" but that does not mean that they did not have problems. Just as every family has to face problems and overcome them, or to put it another way, has to carry a cross, so also The Holy Family had to carry crosses. Their many crosses come to mind as we read the Scriptures.

We can easily imagine how misunderstood both Mary and Joseph must have been when Mary conceived Jesus through the Holy Spirit. Their story would never be believed. Even Mary herself had it very rough early in the pregnancy when Joseph was planning to divorce her before the angel intervened in a dream.

When the time for Jesus' delivery came, it took place in an animals' shelter since Bethlehem was already so crowded. Then the family had to flee to Egypt as refugees because Jesus' life was in danger due to Herod.

Mary and Joseph suffered the awful experience of losing Jesus for three days when he was twelve years old and the only satisfaction they got from him was that he had to be about his Father's business. In a certain point of the gospel we do not hear of Joseph any more so we presume that before Jesus began his public ministry in Galilee Joseph had died - The Holy Family suffered the greatest pain of all families, the pain of bereavement and separation through death. Jesus' public ministry must have taken its toll on Mary. Simeon had predicted in the Temple that a sword of sorrow would pierce Mary's soul. We can imagine one such occasion as we read in Mark 3:21 that when Jesus returned to Nazareth one day his relatives came to take him by force convinced that he was out of his mind. Not a very pleasant experience for any family, no matter how holy.

There was also the pain when some Pharisees called Jesus: "a glutton and a drunkard, a friend of tax-collectors and sinners" (Luke 7:34).

The saddest moment of all came when Mary watched her son die on the cross.

What kept The Holy Family together and sane throughout all of these trials and crosses? The answer is 'Love for each other and God'. They loved each other and they loved God the Father. What holds our families together also in times of difficulty is love and forgiveness. It is love which triumphs in the end, even if for a while love may have to take the form of some honest talking.. If ever our families fail in any way, it is because of a lack of love on someone's part. Whenever our families are successful, it is because they are places of love.

I believe that the greatest threat facing families now is simply that we don't spend enough time together. We are so busy working, or socializing, or watching TV that we have less and less time for each other. There is a story about a solicitor who lived a considerable distance from her elderly father. Months had passed since they had been together and when her father called to ask when she might visit, the daughter detailed a list of reasons that prevented her from taking the time to see him, e.g., court schedule, meetings, new clients, research, etc., etc. At the end of the recitation, the father asked, "When I die, do you intend to come to my funeral?" The daughter's response was immediate, "Dad, I can't believe you could ask that! Of course, I'll come!" To which the father replied, "Good. Forget the funeral and come; I need you more now than I will then."

As I said, I believe one of the greatest threats facing families now is that we do not spend enough time together. Spending time together with the family is a way of showing our family that we love them.

When we love our family we want to sacrifice ourselves by spending time with them. By not spending time with them we are depriving them of our love and hurting them.

Just as the holy family survived all its crises through love for each other and faith in God, let us pray during this Mass that our families will conquer all difficulties through love for each other and faith in God.

God Bless -*Fr. Henryk Wos—Pastor*

Parish News

•**Today's Mass Intention:** For Mary and Ida Okoniewski

Req. by: Edmund Fox.

•**Next Sunday Mass intention:** For Parishioners.

•**Coffee Hour:** Ethier Family.

•Today there will be a collection for the Mission Fund at the door.

•**Parish Committee Meeting** will be held Tuesday, January 12th, at 6pm.

•**2015 Eastern Diocese Winter Youth Gathering** was held this Saturday, at Holy Trinity Parish in Webster, MA. There were 42 participants. Our parish was represented by 5 kids and two adults: Cody Gonyea, Cyle Caranci, Berenika, Patrycja, and Sara Wos, Renata and Fr. Henryk. We all had a good time.

•**Next Sunday is the Oplatek Pot Luck Dinner and SOCL Christmas Pageant following mass.** Please remember to bring a dish. No desserts please. Donations are welcome instead of a dish. Please see Sally.

•**On Saturday, January 16th, from 10am-3pm, there will be a Diocesan Mini-Mission Workshop in Fall River.** What is the purpose and how do you do Mission and Evangelism? Come learn with us. ALL are invited. If you would like to go and need a ride, please see Father or Sally.

•**Mass Intention Reminder-** Just a quick reminder that we would be pleased to remember loved ones at Mass, at the time of their anniversary of death or as a birthday remembrance, etc. Speak with Fr. Henryk to arrange for a Mass while visiting at church.

•**Have you paid your 2015 dues yet?** If unsure, please see Ed or Sally.

•**If you would like to renew your bulletin ad,** please give your \$25 to Ed or Sally. Thank you.

•**Pray for comfort, and healing for our sick Parishioners and Friends:** Robert Jones, Barbara Rutka, Mitch Sherman, Mary Bibeault, Roy Watson, Fred Baker, Beatrice Bielat, Julia Hutnak, Phyllis Zielonka, Mary Stefanick, Evelyn Tenczar, Edna Nawrocki.

*Our Christmas Flowers
are in loving honor or memory of*

*John and Victoria Zajchowski,
and Stephen and Lillian Bator,
By Marilyn Goktuna*

*Jules and Sally Misiaszek, Helen, Peter, and Mark Calo,
By Wanda Misiaszek*

*Our grandchildren, Emma, Daniel, Zachary, and Ryan,
By Philip and Patricia Kaczorowski*

*Alyce and Michael Kuchar,
By Michael and Linda Kuchar*

*Rose and Odbert Fox, and Okoniewski Family,
by Edmund Fox*

*Anna and Michael Prymak, Walter Prymak, Peter Prymak,
Sally and Charles Caranci, Sister Vené and Jennie Caranci,
By Charles and Katherine Caranci*

*Norman and Connie Poirier, Joseph Hutnak, Joyce
Rouillard, and Marcel Lariviere,
By Jill Deschamps*

*Walter "Eddie" Bielat,
By Beatrice Bielat*



*Leon and Anna Nawrocki, Jack and Margaret Kirk, and
Relatives in Poland,
By Ed Nawrocki*

*Chrissy Plante, Elizabeth Carlson, and Scotty Carlson,
by Lonnie and Sally Watson*

*Joseph Hutnak, Sally and Julian Misiaszek,
By Julia Hutnak*

*My Dad, Louis 'Red' Callegaro,
By Patricia Kaczorowski*

*My Babci, Mrs. Regina Kaczorowski,
By Peter Kaczorowski*

*My Dziadziu, Rev. Louis J. Kaczorowski,
by Mark Kaczorowski*

*Lawrence and Josephine Kurek, Michael Kurek,
Gerard and Germaine Ethier,
Jules and Sally Misiaszek,
By Gerry and Nancy Ethier*



May they always be in our prayers
*Thank you for your donations to our Christmas Flower
collection. The beautiful flowers enhance the celebration
of the Nativity of Our Lord!*

Prayers for the Family

God, I love my children but they are driving me to distraction. I'm losing control. I need help. I realize I can never direct them in their young lives until I live my own life with integrity. Give me the strength and wisdom to be a good example. Replace my anger and shouting with patience, trust and a sense of humor. Help me see their restless energy as a sign of vitality and a part of their development. Even when I am tired and upset, help me find joy with them. Help me remember that children are a gift from You and an opportunity to learn wisdom, discipline and true, selfless love. Thank You for that gift. Please don't let it get me down. Amen.

by Norman Vincent Peale.

O God, you made us in your own image and redeemed us through Jesus your Son: Look with compassion on the whole human family; Take away the arrogance and hatred which infect our hearts; break down the walls that separate us; Unite us in bonds of love; and work through our struggle and confusion to accomplish your purposes on earth; That, in your good time, all nations and races may serve you in harmony around your heavenly throne; Through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen .

Source: The Book of Common Prayer.

This is my prayer, Lord: that all of my family will know Jesus and live godly lives. Beyond my generation, I pray for my grandchildren and great-grandchildren, for my nephews and nieces and their children—not that they will all be rich and famous but that they will all be faithful and righteous for Jesus. Amen.

by Leith Anderson

Next Sunday Readings: Isaiah 42:1-4, 6-7

Acts 10:34-38, Luke 3:15-16, 21-22

Our Saviour's Parish Schedule:

SCHOOL OF CHRISTIAN LIVING - Sunday-9:00 AM

HOLY MASS - Every Sunday-10:00 AM

COFFEE HOUR – Sunday-11:00 AM

SICK CALLS – Anytime-day or night

BAPTISMS -By Appointment

NEW PARISHIONERS- Call Rectory