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Feast of the Holy Family

Welcome home to St. Andrew

The Holy Family Of Jesus, Mary And Joseph -Year B

The Family as a Communion of Love

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. Luke 2:39-40 (Gospel Year B)

Today we honor family life in general by pausing to ponder the particular and beautiful hidden life within the home of Jesus, Mary and Joseph. In many ways, their daily life together would have been very similar to other families at that time. But in other ways, their life together is entirely unique and provides us with a perfect model for all families.

By God's providence and design, the family life of Jesus, Mary and Joseph was spoken of in the Scripture very little. We read of the birth of Jesus, the presentation in the Temple, the flight into Egypt and the finding of Jesus in the Temple at age twelve. But other than these stories of their life together, we know very little.

The line from today's Gospel quoted above does, however, give us some insight worth pondering. First, we see that this family "fulfilled all the prescriptions of the law of the Lord..." Though this is in reference to Jesus being presented in the Temple, it should also be understood to apply to all aspects of their life together. Family life, just like our individual lives, must be ordered by the laws of our Lord.

The primary law of the Lord regarding family life is that it must share in the very unity and "communion of love" found in the life of the Most Holy Trinity. Each person of the Holy Trinity has perfect respect for the other, gives selflessly to each other without reserve, and receives each person in their totality. It is their love that makes them one and enables them to act together in perfect harmony as a communion of divine Persons. Though Saint Joseph was not immaculate in his nature, the perfection of love did live in his divine Son and in his immaculate wife. This overwhelming gift of their perfect love would have daily drawn him into the perfection of their lives.

Ponder your own closest relationships today. If you are blessed with a close family, ponder them. If not, ponder the persons put into your life who you are called to love with familial love. Who are you to be there for in good times and in bad? Who are you to sacrifice your life for without reserve? Who are you to offer respect, compassion, time, energy, mercy, generosity and every other virtue? And how well do you fulfill this duty of love?

Reflect, today, upon the fact that God wants you to share in a communion of life, not only with the Most Holy Trinity but also with those around you, especially your family. Try to ponder the hidden life of Jesus, Mary and Joseph and seek to make their family relationship the model for how you love others. May their perfect communion of love be a model for us all.

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WEEKLY LITURGY ~ MASS INTENTIONS

† = For the soul of ♥ = Special Intention

Saturday, Dec 30

8:30 am -Thanksgiving, by Duraisamy family
5:30 pm - *(No Intention)*

Sunday, Dec 31 – THE HOLY FAMILY OF JESUS, MARY AND JOSEPH

8 am - Thanksgiving for Dela Rosa & Rabino's family, by family
9:30 am - *(Italian & Spanish Mass)* † Rosa & Felicio Persampieri, by Maria Pesampieri
11 am - For the people of the Parish
12:30pm - Thanksgiving for the past year, by Champion family
2 pm - *(Twi Ghana)*
5:30 pm – *(Spanish Mass)* **(No Mass)**
9 pm – **Adoration**
10 pm – New Year's Vigil

Monday, Jan 1 – THE SOLEMNITY OF MARY THE HOLY MOTHER OF GOD - NEW YEAR'S DAY

8 am - *(No Intention)*
9:30 am - *(Italian Mass)*
11 am - For the people of the Parish
12:30pm - *(No Intention)*
2 pm - *(Twi Ghana)*
5:30 pm - *(Spanish Mass)*

Tuesday, Jan 2 - Sts. Basil the Great & Gregory Nazianzen

8 am - *(No Intention)*
7 pm - **(No Mass)**

Wednesday, Jan 3 - The Most Holy Name of Jesus

8 am – Thanksgiving for Anne Clara, by family
7 pm - † Andrew Vella (10yr death anniv.), Maryrose and Joseph Bonello and Christine Greco, by Martese

Thursday, Jan 4

8 am - † Gertrude Morgan, by Alma and family
7 pm - † Florinda Ianni, by family

Friday, Jan 5

8 am - *(No Intention)*
7 pm - *(No Intention)*

Saturday, Jan 6 – St. André Bessette

8:30 am - *(No Intention)*
5:30 pm - *(No Intention)*

Sunday, Jan 7 - THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD

8 am - † Jack Draguzel, by family
9:30 am - *(Italian Mass)* † Maria Iadisernia, by Felicia della Pasta
11 am - For the people of the Parish
12:30pm - † Tony Filici, by Rea family
2 pm - *(Twi Ghana)*
5:30 pm – *(Spanish Mass)*

St. Andrew's Parish Stewardship

Collection for Dec 17th, 2023
Sunday Offertory \$ 9,646.00

New Year's Schedule

SUNDAY DEC. 31 - NEW YEAR'S EVE

- 8:00 AM (ENGLISH)
- 9:00PM - ADORATION
- 9:30 AM (ITALIAN)
- 10:00PM - NEW YEAR'S VIGIL
- 11:00 AM (ENGLISH)
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- 12:30PM (ENGLISH)


MONDAY JAN. 1 - NEW YEAR'S DAY

- 8:00 AM (ENGLISH)
- 2:00PM (TWI)
- 9:30 AM (ITALIAN)
- 5:30PM (SPANISH)
- 11:00AM (ENGLISH)
-
- 12:30PM (ENGLISH)

ON TUES. JAN 2 - MASS AT 8:00 AM ONLY - NO EVENING MASS




For those who would like to receive the Statue of Our Lady of Fátima in their homes please write your name and phone number on the list posted at the entrance of the Church.



The 2024 donation envelopes are ready for pick up in the Church or you can also pick them up in the office during regular hours. Please remember to confirm that they are yours by verifying the number, name and address.

DONATIONS 2023

Please note that all donations to be credited for Year 2023 and tax receipt issued must be received by no later than December 31, 2023. Any donations received in January 2024 cannot be applied towards the 2023 Taxation year. They will be put towards Year 2024. It will be announce when Tax receipts for Year 2023 are ready. We thank everyone for your continued support of our parish.



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Feel free to reach out to me with your questions or if you would like to attend our next meeting in the New Year. Email alonzid@gmail.com Dina Alonzi, President, SSVP at St. Andrew's Church.

Thank you to everyone who came out to the Turkey Roll event on Saturday December 9th. The support is greatly appreciated. We made a profit of \$650 and we will donate \$250 to the church building fund.



By Pope Francis

Prayer for the Family


Jesus, Mary and Joseph,
in you we contemplate
the splendour of true love,
to you we turn with trust.
Holy Family of Nazareth,
grant that our families too
may be places of communion and prayer,
authentic schools of the Gospel
and small domestic Churches.
Holy Family of Nazareth,
may families never again
experience violence, rejection and division:
may all who have been hurt or scandalised
find ready comfort and healing.
Holy Family of Nazareth,
make us once more mindful
of the sacredness
and inviolability of the family,
and its beauty in God's plan.
Jesus, true God and true man,
graciously hear our prayer.
Mary and Joseph,
co-operators with God's plan,
pray for us.
Amen!

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Happy New Year

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be your new years resolution
may God bless you
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God is all you need to succeed



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