

January 3, 2021

FAITH SHARING

We celebrate the Feast of the Holy Family. We are here to offer all the members of our own families on the altar for God's blessing.

GN 15:1-6; 21:1-3

Today we hear God's promise of numerous descendants to Abraham whom Judaism, Christianity, Islam consider their father, and its fulfillment (Chapter 21) when Abraham's wife, Sarah, gave birth to Isaac.

Responsorial Psalm

R. The Lord remembers his covenant for ever.

HEB 11:8, 11-12, 17-19

The sacred author shows us the trusting faith of Abraham in the promises of God, first, in Abraham's willingness to move his whole family to an unknown place to which God said He would lead him; second, in the way Abraham and Sarah trusted God's power to give them a son born to them in their very old age and third, in the way Abraham's unwavering Faith in his God enabled him to obey, without hesitation, his God's order to sacrifice his only son.

LK 2:22-40

Today's Gospel presents the head of the Holy Family, Joseph, faithfully obeying God's law given through Moses concerning the purification of the mother and the redeeming of the child by presenting Mary and the Baby Jesus in the Temple.

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Solemnity – Holy Family

ENTRANCE HYMN (Luke 2:15b-16)

V. The shepherds said to one another, "Let us go, then, to Bethlehem to see this thing that has taken place, which the Lord has made known to us."

R. So they went in haste and found Mary and Joseph, and the Infant lying in the manger. V. Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit,

R. As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

Gospel

LK 2:22-40

A Reading from the Holy Gospel according to Saint Luke.

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.

Today's Hymns

Processional Hymn #057 O Come All Ye Faithful

Hymn to the Holy Spirit #144 Come, Thou Creator

> **Offertory Hymn** As With Gladness

Communion Hymn #083 We Three Kings of Orient Are

> Recessional Hymn #080 Joy to the World

WORSHIP SERVICES

Wednesday, January 6 Solemnity – Epiphany of our Lord 12:00 Noon – Holy Mass * * * * * * * * * * * * * * * * * *

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BULLETIN INFORMATION

If you have any information which supposed to be in our parish bulletin, please call or email Fr. Mariusz. Due date for each bulletin is always Friday, 4:00 p.m.

PRAYERS FOR THE SICK:

Let us pray for all of the sick and homebound members of our Parish, especially: Howard Friedman, Bernice Muha, Janet Caruso, Michael and Patricia Havrilla, Gerry Brunson, Frank and Shellie Fisher, Gregg Smith, Clint Koch, Duane Schulte, Bill and Bernice Biroscak, Stephanie Besterci, David Potts, Andrew Chernesky, Joan Piechota, John Smith, Ernie Hoffman, John and Jane Aldershoff, Peggy Harris, Ina Reese, Bob Stutz, Tom Goff, David Gavenda, Michelle Freer, Kay Stampone, Dorothy Nabinger, John Russell, Ronald Brower, Jan Cherneski, Sally Bisch, Stan Sub, Ruth Mechowski, Ewelina Mendelewski-Filyushchenko, Richard Golazewski, Joseph Seliga, Fr. Donald Wunderlich, Walter Papp.

ACT OF SPIRITUAL COMMUNION

Most loving Jesus, I adore You in the Most Blessed Sacrament, in Which You are truly present. I love You above all things and I long for You in my soul. Since I cannot receive You sacramentally, I ask You to come spiritually into my heart and heal my soul. I embrace You and unite myself with You; may I never be separated from You. Inflame my heart with the fire of Your love, my Lord and Savior.

LITURGIES AT ST. VALENTINE'S AND OUR SAVIOUR'S

Sunday, January 3, 2021		* Solemnity – Holy Family
• St. Valentine's	9:30 AM	Holy Mass with the blessing of families (available on YouTube and Facebook)
Our Saviour's	12:00 Noon	Holy Mass with the blessing of families
Wednesday, January 6, 2021		* Solemnity – Epiphany of the Lord
Our Saviour's	12:00 Noon	Holy Mass with the blessing of incense, charcoal & chalk
• St. Valentine's	7:00 PM	Holy Mass with the blessing of incense, charcoal & chalk (available on YouTube and Facebook)
Sunday, January 10, 2021		* Solemnity – Baptism of the Lord
• St. Valentine's	9:30 AM	Holy Mass with the Renewal of the Baptismal Promises (available on YouTube and Facebook)
Our Saviour's	12:00 Noon	Holy Mass with the Renewal of the Baptismal Promises

* - holy day of obligation

May God bless your family with prosperity, good health, and happiness in the New Year.

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