

**The Solemnity of the Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph**

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Sunday, December 27, 2015

Readings: 1) 1 Samuel 1:20-22, 24-28 2) 1 John 3:1-2, 21-24 3) Luke 2:41-52

**Sunday Liturgy**

The focus for today's Mass is that Family life is holy.

In the first reading from Sirach, the prophet speaks of the blessings for those who honor their parents.

In Colossians, Paul urges that all be done in the name of Jesus, with love and thanksgiving, and that the word of Christ may dwell in us richly. Luke tells the story of Jesus being lost and then found by his parents in the Temple.

**GENERAL INTERCESSIONS****PRIEST:**

**Let us pray to our Father for the needs of our brothers and sisters throughout the world.**

**For the Church,**  
**may she have the graces necessary to continue to preach the Good News.**  
 We Pray to the Lord. People sing: Hear our prayer, hear our prayer.

**For families around the world,**  
**may they share lives of faith and charity,**  
**ever supportive of those who are less fortunate.**  
 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 those who are sick in mind and body;**  
**may they be healed and strengthened.**  
 We Pray to the Lord. People sing: Hear our prayer, hear our prayer.

**For the faithful departed,**  
**may they find rest and eternal life in heaven.**  
 We Pray to the Lord. People sing: Hear our prayer, hear our prayer.

**For families in our parish and diocese may they receive the grace they need.**  
 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:**

**God of love, we ask that you hear and answer our prayers in accord with your holy will. Through Christ our Lord.**