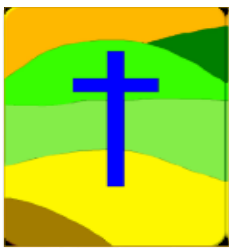


THE HOLY FAMILY OF JESUS, MARY AND JOSEPH YEAR C

26TH DECEMBER, 2021

"Building a community of Jesus' disciples." We welcome you - We are one family

This weeks Readings: 1 Sam 1:20-22, 24-28; 1 Jn 3:1-2, 21-24; Lk 2:41-52



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In the Old Testament times, childlessness was seen as a curse. But Christians no longer so regard it. Though childlessness is a cause of great sadness, it must not be seen as a punishment from God.

Abraham was sad and worried because he had no heir. But God promised him an heir, and through that heir, numerous descendants. In fact, all the nations of the world would receive a blessing, because it was from his descendant that Christ came.

Abraham and Sarah had great faith in God. They put all their trust in God, and were not disappointed. Families today need great faith and trust in God and in each other.

The events surrounding the conception of Jesus marked him out as a special child with a unique destiny. He was the one through whom the promise to Abraham would be fulfilled. He would be the hope and comfort of Israel, a light for the nations. But the gospel also talks about the rejection of Jesus, a rejection that would cause a sword of sorrow to pierce Mary's heart. Parents share in the joys and sorrows of their children.

There is no reason to believe that Mary and Joseph had a clear understanding of the full identity or the great destiny of the child Jesus. Nevertheless, in welcoming him into their lives, and bringing him up in faith and love, they played their vital part in helping him to realise his destiny. At Nazareth they provided the kind of atmosphere in which he was able to grow to maturity.

Every child is a gift from God. And every child has a unique destiny. But that destiny is hidden from the eyes of the parents. Having given life to their children, they must allow them to certain freedom to live that life. Above all, they must not obstruct God's plan for them. Parents should pray that God will guide their children in the choices they make. All of us need God's guidance if we are to achieve what God wants us to achieve.

The ideal family is a little community of love. The atmosphere in the home is all-important. The atmosphere is determined by the quality of the relationships. Both parents and children contribute to the making of that atmosphere. Happy feast of the Holy Family.

Fr Odinaka



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The following restrictions are in place at St. Joseph's during this time:

- A. **Government Regulation:** All parishioners must sign in through the QLD Check-in App
- B. **Archdiocesan policy—Ticketed seating** - all parishioners must receive a seat number from the marshals.
- C. Masks are strongly advised to be worn in all indoor settings where it is not possible to adequately socially distance from others. A proactive approach to wearing masks will keep our churches safer for visitors. *Thank you all for your tolerance complying with the current COVID 19 Government Regulations.*
- D. **Eventbrite Mass booking system:**

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