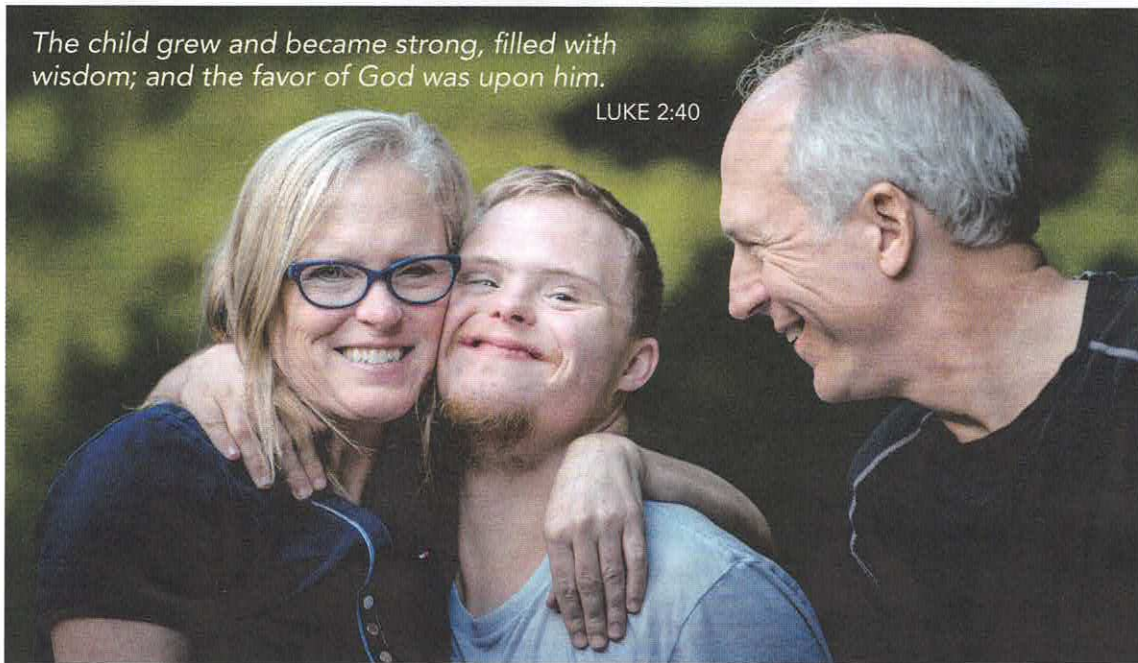


The child grew and became strong, filled with wisdom; and the favor of God was upon him.

LUKE 2:40



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Family Values

Some of the most popular television programs depict family interactions. Unfortunately, many of these families are dysfunctional, and those that are not often appear to be vapid, boring, even unrealistic. Today's readings offer examples of genuine family values and the kind of relationships for which most people yearn.

Sirach describes the tender care that bonds parents and children. First it is the parents who care for the children. Over the years the roles reverse and adult children care for elderly parents. The family is the basic community, where one first learns the hard lessons of unselfishness and forgiveness. The psalm response also describes a model family. The husband will experience success in his work and enjoy the blessings of family life with his wife and their children. Paul provides a list of values to which family members should

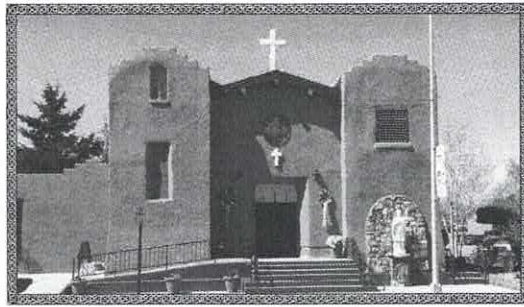
commit themselves: "compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness, and patience, bearing with one another and forgiving one another" (Colossians 3:12-13). Finally, the Gospel reading provides a glimpse into the lives of the Holy Family. Here they are: a refugee family with Joseph as the protector.

In a way, these are all "holy families." Prayer is important in the first reading; fear of the Lord is rewarded in the psalm; Paul calls the people "God's chosen ones" (Colossians 3:12). This feast is not meant to be only a look into the past at the Holy Family. It is an opportunity for us to look into the present and do our part to make our own families holy.

—Sr. Dianne Bergant, CSA

FOR Reflection

- ✦ *What already makes your family holy?*
- ✦ *What might make it holier?*



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Weekend Mass: Saturday 5:00pm Sunday 10:30am

Daily Mass: (Wed-Spanish)-Fri at 12:10pm

Thurs at 5:30pm

Adoration /Confession: Tue 5:30-7:30pm Thurs 6:00-7:00pm

Honor of Our Blessed Mother Mass: 1ST Sat 10:30am

Confession: Saturday 4:00-5:00pm OR By Appointment

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Weekend Mass: Sunday 8:00am (Oct 1 - May 31)

Confession: Sunday before 8:00am OR by appt

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Confession: Sunday before 8:00am OR by appt

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*This is my body, which will be given up for you.  
This is my blood, the blood of the new and everlasting covenant.  
It will be shed for you and for all... so that sins may be forgiven.  
Do this in memory of me.*

Masses will be offered **December 2020**

+ All the Departed Parishioner's & Family Members

SI All the Sponsors, Benefactors & Supporters of SFX Clayton

SI Good Health & Well Being of all Parishioners & Families

|                   |                                                            |                                |
|-------------------|------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------|
| Thursday, Dec 24. | +Fidelia Taylor                                            | by Brian & Karla Hubbell       |
| Friday, Dec 25.   | SI Intentions of Parishioners & Missions of SFX Church     |                                |
|                   | + Jonathan Fernandez                                       | by The Fernandez Family        |
|                   | + Richard & Evelyn Sintas                                  | by Teri Mansfield & Family     |
|                   | + Deceased Family of the Trujillo & Sintas Family          | by Teri Mansfield & Family     |
| Saturday, Dec 26. | SI Britt & Agnes Fisk                                      | by Ross & Shelley Carter       |
|                   | + Sam Britt                                                | by Ross & Shelley Carter       |
|                   | + Tomasita Sisneros                                        | by JoAnn Padilla               |
|                   | + Lucy Garcia                                              | by JoAnn Padilla               |
| Sunday, Dec 27.   | + Sam Britt                                                | by Ross & Shelley Carter       |
| OLOG              | + Clara Bigford                                            | by Deacon Roger & Debbie Ayers |
| Monday, Jan 1.    | SI Intentions of the Parishioners & Missions of SFX Church |                                |
|                   | + Abie Montoya                                             | by Lupe Montoya                |
|                   | + Mark Montoya                                             | by Lupe Montoya                |

**Weekly Collections Summary: October /November 2020**

|                         | <u>SFX</u> | <u>OLOG</u> |
|-------------------------|------------|-------------|
| December 2nd & 3rd Week | \$4,558.00 | \$ 439.25   |
| December 5-6            | \$ 275.00  | \$ 0.00     |
| November 28-29          | \$1,681.00 | \$ 325.00   |

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- [www.usccb.org](http://www.usccb.org)
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**Announcement**  
**No Classes or Adoration until January**

"Glory to God in the highest; and on earth peace to men of good will."

**Luke 2:14**

**UPDATE: Raffle Drawing**

The drawing date has been extended to:  
Tuesday, December 29, 2020 at 11:00am  
All sold tickets must be turned in by December 28th

Today, the greeting "Merry Christmas" is on our lips and in our hearts. What does this simple greeting mean? We know, of course, that for many people, things are not merry today, and that for all of us, there are certain things that cause us anxiety and sadness. There is evil in the world and in our lives. But "Merry Christmas" does not mean that we always feel happy, nor does it mean that everything is going our way. What it means instead is that even if everything else is falling apart, we always have access to God. Christ has come to lead us to the Father and bring us a new relationship with God and each other in the life that never ends. "Merry Christmas" means that even in the midst of sadness, we can never lose this gift. We simply need to take hold of it and be faithful. He is with us always, and that brings a peace and joy that the world can neither give nor take away.

Merry Christmas!

**Announcements**

**SFX Celebration Raffle Tickets**

We will start selling the

2020 "The Birth of CHRIST!!!"

Raffle Tickets early this year at \$5.00 a ticket or \$20.00 a book.

You can get them at the office during office hours, the church after mass, or call the office and we will mail them if need be.

**Lectors for Masses**

- Friday, Dec. 25– Jack Chosvig
- Saturday, Dec. 26– Effie Walker
- Sunday, Dec. 27– Andrea Narajo

All Ministry schedules are updated monthly and posted on the church website. If you need to know when you serve, check [www.sfxclayton.org](http://www.sfxclayton.org)!!

# Dear Padre,

**Why does the Church celebrate the Holy Family? Jesus doesn't seem to be much of a family person. Scripture show him ignoring—even rejecting—Mary and Joseph.**

**A**s Jesus grows in age and wisdom, it becomes clear that he hasn't come to build up his own little family but to create a worldwide family of disciples. This family would claim God as the father of everyone in the family, with Jesus and all others as brothers and sisters. All who followed him would be as dear to Jesus as his mother or his foster father. As Jesus said: "As the Father loves me, so I also love you" (John 15:9).

The roles of Mary and Joseph in this new family of Jesus were not to be only earthbound parents but, more importantly, to be examples of how to follow God's purpose. Both Mary and Joseph accepted God's path for them, even though they didn't know where the path would take them.

In the new family of God, we are people who seek out and follow God's purpose in our lives. We are to say yes with Mary; we are to imitate Joseph in following God's direction. Jesus said this quite plainly: "Whoever does the will of God is my brother and sister and mother" (Mark 3:35). The will of God becomes the cornerstone of Jesus' new, universal family of humankind. Every Christian family, then, has a double task in raising their children: teaching and inspiring them to love and believe in Jesus and to always seek God's will.

—Fr. Paul J. Coury, CSSR | [Sundaybulletin@Liguori.org](mailto:Sundaybulletin@Liguori.org)



HOLY FAMILY / IMMACULATE CONCEPTION CATHEDRAL, EAST TIMOR / WIKICOMMONS

## A WORD FROM *Pope Francis*

*Instead of returning home with his family, he stayed in Jerusalem, in the Temple, causing great distress to Mary and Joseph who were unable to find him....Returning home, Jesus surely remained close to them, as a sign of his complete affection and obedience. Moments like these become part of the pilgrimage of each family.*

—FEAST OF THE HOLY FAMILY, DECEMBER 27, 2015



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## Calendar

### Monday

DECEMBER 28

*Holy Innocents,  
Martyrs*

1 Jn 1:5—2:2

Mt 2:13—18

### Tuesday

DECEMBER 29

*Christmas Weekday*

1 Jn 2:3—11

Lk 2:22—35

### Wednesday

DECEMBER 30

*Christmas Weekday*

1 Jn 2:12—17

Lk 2:36—40

### Thursday

DECEMBER 31

*Christmas Weekday*

1 Jn 2:18—21

Jn 1:1—18

### Friday

JANUARY 1

*Solemnity of Mary,  
Holy Mother of God*

Nm 6:22—27

Gal 4:4—7

Lk 2:16—21

### Saturday

JANUARY 2

*Sts. Basil the Great and  
Gregory Nazianzen,  
Bishops and Doctors  
of the Church*

1 Jn 2:22—28

Jn 1:19—28

### Sunday

JANUARY 3

*Epiphany of the Lord*

Is 60:1—6

Eph 3:2—3a, 5—6

Mt 2:1—12

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