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Sunday, January 4, 2015

Feast of the Holy Family of Jesus, Mary & Joseph

Niech Bedze pochwalony Jezus Chrystus.

R/. Na wieki, wiekow. Amen.

Praised be the Lord, Jesus Christ.

R/. Now and forever. Amen.

8:00 AM - *"O Come All Ye Faithful"*

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READING I - Sir 3:2-6, 12-14

God sets a father in honor over his children; a mother's authority he confirms over her sons. Whoever honors his father atones for sins, and preserves himself from them. When he prays, he is heard; he stores up riches who reveres his mother. Whoever honors his father is gladdened by children, and, when he prays, is heard. Whoever reveres his father will live a long life; he who obeys his father brings comfort to his mother.

My son, take care of your father when he is old; grieve him not as long as he lives. Even if his mind fail, be considerate of him; revile him not all the days of his life; kindness to a father will not be forgotten, firmly planted against the debt of your sins—a house raised in justice to you..

RESPONSORIAL PSALM: 128:1-2, 3, 4-5.

R. Blessed are those who fear the Lord and walk in his ways.

Blessed is everyone who fears the LORD, who walks in his ways! For you shall eat the fruit of your handiwork; blessed shall you be, and favored.

R. Blessed are those who fear the Lord and walk in his ways.

Your wife shall be like a fruitful vine in the recesses of your home; your children like olive plants around your table.

R. Blessed are those who fear the Lord and walk in his ways.

Behold, thus is the man blessed who fears the LORD.

The LORD bless you from Zion: may you see the prosperity of Jerusalem all the days of your life.

R. Blessed are those who fear the Lord and walk in his ways.

READING 2 - Col 3:12-21

Brothers and sisters: Put on, as God's chosen ones, holy and beloved, heartfelt compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness, and patience, bearing with one another and forgiving one another, if one has a grievance against another; as the Lord has forgiven you, so must you also do. And over all these put on love, that is, the bond of perfection. And let the peace of Christ control your hearts, the peace

into which you were also called in one body. And be thankful. Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly, as in all wisdom you teach and admonish one another, singing psalms, hymns, and spiritual songs with gratitude in your hearts to God. And whatever you do, in word or in deed, do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him.

Wives, be subordinate to your husbands, as is proper in the Lord. Husbands, love your wives, and avoid any bitterness toward them. Children, obey your parents in everything, for this is pleasing to the Lord. Fathers, do not provoke your children, so they may not become discouraged.

Priest/Lector: Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia

R: Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia. Verse.

R: Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia

GOSPEL - Luke 2:41-52

Each year Jesus' parents went to Jerusalem for the feast of Passover, and when he was twelve years old, they went up according to festival custom. After they had completed its days, as they were returning, the boy Jesus remained behind in Jerusalem, but his parents did not know it. Thinking that he was in the caravan, they journeyed for a day and looked for him among their relatives and acquaintances, but not finding him, they returned to Jerusalem to look for him. After three days they found him in the temple, sitting in the midst of the teachers, listening to them and asking them questions, and all who heard him were astounded at his understanding and his answers. When his parents saw him, they were astonished, and his mother said to him, "Son, why have you done this to us? Your father and I have been looking for you with great anxiety." And he said to them, "Why were you looking for me? Did you not know that I must be in my Father's house?" But they did not understand what he said to them. He went down with them and came to Nazareth, and was obedient to them; and his mother kept all these things in her heart. And Jesus advanced in wisdom and age and favor before God and man. This is the gospel of the Lord.

R/: *Praise be to you, Lord Jesus Christ.*

GENERAL INTERCESSIONS:

OFFERTORY HYMN - *"Let There Be Peace on Earth"*

COMMUNION HYMN - *"Hark! the Herald Angels Sing"*

RECESSIONAL - *"Joy to the World"*

St. Francis Weekly "Kompositions"

HAPPY AND HEALTHY NEW YEAR...2015!

The New Year, like a new born, is placed in our hands as the old year passes away. The days and weeks to come are God's gift, they carry God's blessings. As a blessing, we welcome them. Our hope for the year end is that all that was good in it remain with us and all that was harmful be left behind. Bless us, O Lord and bless the time and seasons yet to come. Teach us to number our days aright, and that we may gain wisdom of heart, And fill this new year with your kindness, that we may be glad and rejoice all the days of life. Amen.

BREAD FOR THE JOURNEY - Henri Nouwen GOD'S IMAGINATION

So much of our energy, time, and money goes into maintaining distance from one another. Many if not most of the resources of the world are used to defend ourselves against one another, to maintain or increase our power, and to safeguard our own privileged position.

Imagine all that effort being put in the service of peace and reconciliation! Would there be any poverty? Would there be crimes and war? Just imagine that there was no longer fear among people, no longer rivalry, hostility, bitterness, or revenge. Just imagine all the people on this planet holding hands and forming one large circle of love. We say, "I can't imagine." But God says, "That's what I imagine, a whole world not only created but also living in my image."

PRAYERS FOR THE NEW YEAR!

January 1st is a day for praying for PEACE, the Prayer of St. Francis remains as one of the best for our thoughts and action...

Lord, make me an instrument of your peace:

where there is hatred, let me sow love;

where there is injury, pardon;

where there is doubt, faith;

where there is despair, hope;

where there is darkness, light;

where there is sadness, joy.

Good Master, grant

that I may not so much seek to be consoled

as to console,

to be understood as to understand,

to be loved as to love.

For it is in giving that we receive,

it is in pardoning that we are pardoned,

it is in dying that we are born to eternal life! Amen.

ONE MINUTE DEVOTION - Helen Steiner Rice THE VOICE OF GOD

Above the noise and laughter that is empty, cruel, and loud, do you listen for the voice of God in the restless, surging crowd?

"Your love, O Lord, reaches to the heavens, your faithfulness to the skies." —Psalm 36:5

Today observe the relationship of happiness and helpfulness: the extent of your happiness is commensurate with the degree of your helpfulness to others!

Please note:

This is NOT a St. Francis PNCC fund-raiser. It's just a fund-raiser for a wonderful friend of ours, who has cancer and has no health insurance and has many times acted with MCAP and donated to St. Francis.

CANCER FUND-RAISER

Mark D'Agostino is in the middle of the fight of his life with cancer & we're in it for the long haul with him, starting on JANUARY 11th with 10 short one-acts about dates gone bad. Want to help? Buy tickets, laughter & knowing you helped a truly wonderful human being are your rewards. Call 516-783-8863 for advance tickets, reservations or to make a donation if you can't attend (checks payable to MCAP).

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