

Practicing Family Values

“Do we have to go to Grandma’s!” Children aren’t the only ones who sometimes dread the family Christmas gathering. Adults might, too. Why is that? Our family is the cradle that embraced us at birth, nourished us, and helped us grow. At least that’s what it was supposed to be. Perhaps we didn’t come from such a family. Still, when our time comes, it is within our power to form such a family. How are we to do it?

In today’s readings we have two quite different descriptions of family dynamics. The first, from Sirach, focuses on children’s respect for and support of parents. The Gospel passage recounts parents’ protection of a vulnerable child. Together these readings tell us that every family member, regardless of age or position within the family, owes all the other members concern and care. Paul provides a short list

of what I like to think of as genuine family values: “heartfelt compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness, and patience, bearing with one another and forgiving one another” (Colossians 3:12-13). Are such values asking too much of us?

It’s not by accident that we celebrate the feast of the Holy Family during Christmastime. Some think that this is a season for children. It’s actually a season for family, a time when generations—three, sometimes four or five—at least contact each other.

It’s a time for us to decide whether or not Paul’s list of virtues reflects our own family portrait. How authentic are our smiles? How deep are our family values?

—Sr. Dianne Bergant, CSA

FOR Reflection

★ Try reaching out in a special way to a family member in the generation before you and one that follows you.

Those who respect their father will live a long life; those who obey the Lord honor their mother.

SIRACH 3:6



Assumption of Our Lady



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December 29, 2019

Feast of the Holy Family— Year A

Weekend Masses

Saturday 5:00 pm

Sunday 10:30 am

Weekday Masses

Mon. Tues. & Wed .12:10 pm

Thurs. & Fri. 5:30 pm

Reconciliation time: Saturday from 4:15 to 4:45pm; Sunday, 9:45-10:15am or by appointment. Please contact Fr. Innocent for any other sacraments or funerals

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& St. Anne, Katloodeche

Sunday Mass 1:30 PM

Date	Readers	Collection	Gift Bearers	Eucharistic Ministers	Coffee & Snacks
Dec. 29	Andrew Cassidy Gerry Engen	Eddie Smith Darm Cook	Eddie & Diana Smith & Family	Bea Lepine Doris Coudron Susan Bouchard	Shirley Gutierrez Kelly Lizardo Julie Bordey
Dec. 08	Doris Caudron Sheila Ryan-Hachey	Doug Swallow Andrew Cassidy	Gagnon Family	Marie Kopp-van E. Bea Lepine Theresa Swallow	Brigitte Stephens Jenn Touesnard
Dec. 15	Gerry Engen Andrew Cassidy	Dee dee Lepine Darm Crook	Stephens Family	Doug Swallow Susan Bouchard Shirley Gutierrez	TBP
Dec. 22	Youth-Led Participation Mass	Youth-Led Participation Mass	Youth-Led Participation Mass	Doris Coudron Andrew Cassidy Dee dee Lepine	Christmas Potluck

The Announcement for Feast of the Holy Family December 29th , 2019.

----- We are always delighted to welcome each and everyone who has come to worship with us here at Assumption parish. If you're a new member, please take time to introduce yourself to the pastor and fill out a registration form found at the bulletin board at the entrance of the church..

----- Good News! Fr. Joe Delay has accepted to come and cover the parish while I'm gone for my one month vacation. Fr. Joe will probably be here on the 4th of January and will be around till the 3rd February. He is the vicar general of the diocese but officially retired from active service. He enjoys his ship cruise. We are grateful to have him come.

----- As the year draws to an end, we want to sincerely thank all our parishioners for all your supports and sacrifices. We still function because of your supportive presence and contributions. We sincerely appreciate you and the worship we have together. We shall continue to work on our shortcomings and improve on them. Happy new year!

----- [This Tuesday, we begin the celebration of Christmas, the birthday of our Savior Jesus Christ, with the "Christmas Eve family mass" at 5:00pm. So on behalf of myself, Pastor, Sister Maggie and the members of the parish council headed by Eddie Smith, I extend my warmest wishes of a joyful Christmas filled with love and peace; and a new year filled with grace, to all our beloved parishioners.](#)

----- Fr. Innocent Ukaegbu begins his one month vacation on the 3rd of January 2020. Please put Father Innocent in your prayers for a safe trip to Africa and free from every harm. The vacation ends on the 4th February, 2020

----- Flowers for the church are always welcome in memory of a loved one or in thanksgiving to God for favors or blessings received . Thank you!

----- Gifts for the Family Support Centre are also welcome. Wrap the gifts and indicate on the tag woman, boy [age], girl [age]. There will be a box at the church; Thank you for your generosity.

----- Communion to the sick and home bound: Do you know of anyone who is sick and/or home bound and would like to be visited and given communion by the church, please let us know.

MASSES & CONFESSIONS SCHEDULES FOR CHRISTMAS AND THE FEAST OF MARY THE HOLY MOTHER OF GOD:

Our Lady of Assumption Hay River:

Monday; 23/12/2019 ----- Confession: Time 6:00pm
 Tuesday; 24/12/2019----- Mass at the correctional facility; Time 10:45am
 Tuesday; 24/12/2019 ----- Family mass with pageant; Time 5:00pm
 Tuesday; 24/12/2019 ----- Midnight Nativity mass; Time 12.00am
 Wednesday; 25/12/2019 ----- Christmas Day mass; Time 10:30am
 Saturday; 28/12/2019 ----- Saturday evening mass; Time 5:00pm
 Sunday; 29/12/2019 ----- Sunday mass, Time; 10:30am
 Tuesday; 31/12/2018-----New Year's Eve, Time; 10:00pm
 Wednesday; 01/01/2020 ----- Feast of Mary the Holy Mother of God mass, Time: 10:30am.

: Weekly Revenue	
\$2,063.25	Collection
\$2,063.25	Revenue Total
\$1,831.00	Expenses Total
\$232.25	
Expenses are based on 2018 Q1	

Dear Padre,

I've heard priests tell stories about Jesus' childhood, the Blessed Virgin, St. Joseph, and St. Anne that aren't in the Bible. Where do these stories come from?

The Bible as we know it—a definitive collection of sacred texts as the word of God—came together in the fourth and fifth centuries. The same God that inspired authors to record his divine word also inspired the books of the Bible to be collected during the first centuries of Christianity. As such, the Bible itself is formed by tradition.

Ancient texts, other than those officially accepted as fulfilling revelation (like Scripture), existed in the Church's early centuries. These are known as noncanonical sources. Many of the stories you hear, especially about the people you mention, come from those sources.

In the Church's infancy, people were eager to hear as much as they could about Jesus and his family. In response, many stories about Jesus' childhood and family members were collected in a variety of written accounts—including the *Protoevangelium*, or gospel of James from the year 145 (not to be confused with the New Testament's Letter of James). Although they weren't included in the canon of the Bible, they became sources

for stories passed from generation to generation that were accepted as a part of our tradition. For example, information about Mary's parents, including their names, Joachim and Anne, were derived from noncanonical texts. These sources may add color and flavor to our faith and devotion. But ultimately, everything we need for salvation is revealed in the Scriptures.

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A WORD FROM *Pope Francis*

Every family should look to the icon of the Holy Family of Nazareth. Its daily life had its share of burdens and even nightmares, as when they met with Herod's implacable violence. This last was an experience that, sad to say, continues to afflict the many refugee families who in our day feel rejected and helpless.

—ON LOVE IN THE FAMILY (AMORIS LAETITIA), MARCH 19, 2016

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Calendar

Monday
 DECEMBER 30
Sixth Day in the Octave of Christmas
 1 Jn 2:12–17
 Lk 2:36–40

Tuesday
 DECEMBER 31
Seventh Day in the Octave of Christmas
 1 Jn 2:18–21
 Jn 1:1–18

Wednesday
 JANUARY 1
Solemnity of Mary, the Holy Mother of God
 Nm 6:22–27
 Gal 4:4–7
 Lk 2:16–21

Thursday
 JANUARY 2
Sts. Basil the Great and Gregory Nazianzen, Bishops and Doctors of the Church
 1 Jn 2:22–28
 Jn 1:19–28

Friday
 JANUARY 3
Christmas Weekday
 1 Jn 2:29–3:6
 Jn 1:29–34

Saturday
 JANUARY 4
St. Elizabeth Ann Seton, Religious
 1 Jn 3:7–10
 Jn 1:35–42

Sunday
 JANUARY 5
Epiphany of the Lord
 Is 60:1–6
 Eph 3:2–3a, 5–6
 Mt 2:1–12

