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St John the Apostle Parish

A Missionary of the Sacred Heart Parish

The Holy Family of Jesus, Joseph and Mary
Year C

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“To be on earth the Heart of God”

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MASS TIMES

Vigil Saturday 6:00pm

Sunday 8:30am, 10:00am, 6:00pm

Mon, Wed, Thurs, Fri 9:30am

LITURGIES

Liturgy of the Word with Communion: Tues 9:30am

Baptisms: 1st & 3rd Sun 11:30 am

Reconciliation: Sat 11:00 – 11:30 am or by
appointment with the priests

PRAYER

Charismatic Prayer: Thursday 7:30pm

Maida: 0423 658 326 Rosary 7:00pm

Meditation [Library] Friday 7.30-8.15 pm

Morning Prayer: Mon, Tues, Fri 9:10am

Stations of the Cross First Fri Monthly 5:30pm

Weekly Reflection:

Family life is Church

“God is love and whoever abides in love abides in God and God abides in him or her.” If that is true, and it is, then we can say the same thing about family: “God is family and whoever abides in family abides in God and God abides in that person.” The theology of family roots itself here. Among other things, this means that a family is really a religious community, a church, the place where we participate in God’s own life.

God is a family and when we participate in a family we experience the very flow of God’s life. Family life then is church life.

Someone once said that love is not two persons facing each other, but two persons facing in the same direction and living in the same spirit. Ultimately that is what makes family, both anthropologically and ecclesially. Moral intimacy, more so than sexual intimacy, is the foundation of family, just as it is the foundation of church.

Family and home, as we well know, generally have more of an everyday than a romantic face to them. Home and family are more than romance. They are the everyday, sometimes dram, business of *staying together, eating together, praying together, sharing money and material things together, celebrating occasions together, being mutually accountable to each other, challenging and correcting each other, and carrying each others’ pathologies and weaknesses*. Such are the functions of home and family.

In the end, family life and church life are part of the same thing; in both we participate in God’s life. Among other things, this means that family life is not *like* church life, it is part of it. To participate healthily in a family is to be part of a church. The family is not secular while the church is divine, mundane while the church is holy, and the place of ordinary life while the church is the place of worship. To be in a family is to be in a church; perhaps the most important church many of us will ever experience. Every family is meant to be a religious community and is meant to do for us exactly what a religious community or church does for its members.

Taken from: *The Family as Church and Religious Community*,
by Ronald Rolheiser OMI

ROSTERS

3 January Ministers of Communion

6:00pm	Helen Kennedy, Eric French, Debbie Milne, Joe & Maria Catanzariti
8:30 am	Carmel Screen, Sigrid Kropp, Lyn Duck, Agnes Pham, VACANT
10:00am	Robert Greig, Jenny Howarth, Robin Williams, Rose & Bonnie Benedictos
6:00 pm	Margaret Curry, Maria Devine, Anthony Dunnicliff-Hagan, James & Toni Cox

Reading Roster

6:00pm	Michael Horan, Lesley Givens
8:30 am	John O'Heir, Violet Duve
10:00am	Colleen Reed, Tony Kennedy
6:00 pm	Mary & Robert Sharf

Hospitality Roster

6:00pm	Joe Catanzariti
8:30 am	Agnes Pham, Carmel Screen
10:00am	Farid & Victoria Nauum
6:00 pm	Judith Deklin

Other Rosters

- 28 Dec **Altar Society** Gabrielle Culhane
28 Dec **Church Cleaning:** VACANT
9 Jan **Presbytery Cleaning:** Margaret Ohlin, Maryanne Ferguson, Margaret Sheehan, Ann Clementine, Lynette Weaver
3 Jan **Counting Roster:** John O'Heir, Marlene Purnell
2 Jan **Grounds:** Barry Dwyer, Peter Onstenk, John Dudley

Thank You

The Liturgy Team would like to thank the at least 150 parishioners who have helped in ministries over the 4 Christmas Masses.

On A Lighter Note: 🎵

For her summer job, my 15-year-old daughter arranged interviews at several day-care centers. At one meeting, she sat down on one of the kiddie seats, no simple task for most people. The interview went well, and at the end, the day-care center director asked the standard question, "Can you give me one good reason we should hire you?" "Because I fit in the chairs." She got the job.

🙏 Let us pray for those who are sick.
We remember them in our Masses. 🙏

Recently Deceased:

Anniversary: *Ted Murphy, Michael Costelloe, Walter Hawkins, Robert Wise, Margaret McCallion, Hannah Mecham, Nita Smith, Geoffrey Bogg, Willy Raadts, Charles Taylor, Kathryn Jones, Therese Markham, Ken Lorroway, Pauline Burt, Cooper McDonald, Jamie Bourke, Mary Gorey, John Burt, Edna Lydon*

RESPONSE TO THE PSALM:

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

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:

Alleluia, alleluia!

Open our heart, O Lord,
to listen to the words of your Son.

Alleluia!

GOSPEL IN A NUTSHELL **Luke 2:41-52**

In today's gospel, we get a snapshot of family life for Jesus, Mary and Joseph at a time when Jesus was 12 years old. We're reminded that the family was a faithful Jewish family, attending the Passover celebrations in Jerusalem every year. When Mary chastises the boy Jesus, he reminds her that he needs to be busy with his Father's affairs. Mary and Joseph are confused by this, perhaps forgetting momentarily that Jesus is referring to his heavenly Father. This incident, so often dismissed as background 'colour' to the gospel narrative, conveys the significant truth that Jesus shared a family relationship with Mary and Joseph, but also shared a family relationship with God, his Father. It reminds us that Jesus called all of us to enter into the relationship he shared with his Father.

Although in his public ministry Jesus challenged some of the practices and attitudes of the institutional religion, he nevertheless remained faithful throughout his life. In this incident, we see the practice of travelling to the Temple in Jerusalem to celebrate Passover and we also see the very Jewish method of teaching and exploring Torah through question and answer. Some people oddly struggle with the notion of Jesus as a Jew and yet the gospels repeatedly demonstrate how he was faithful to the tradition.

Resources used: [Greg Sunter at LiturgyHelp](#)