

December 28-29, 2019

The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph

Sirach 3: 2-14

Colossians 3:12-21

Matthew 2:13-23

Family. Now there is a loaded word. For some of us, the word family conjures happiness, support, love, connection and community. For others it can mean pain, rejection and despair. Families are meant to be places of refuge and goodness, sources of love, but family life can be challenging. On this Feast of the Holy Family...we hear of more turmoil for Joseph and in a dream he was counseled to take his family and FLEE because the king wanted to kill his child. Joseph wanted to provide safety and security to Mary and Jesus; to that end, he did what he had to in order to provide those things. But their lives were disrupted by Joseph's dream. When has God sent you dreams that also challenge you to surrender? It is always difficult to surrender to God and be taken to new and unknown places. May we all find the courage in Christ to hear God and listen – to go where we are called to go, forever changed by love. The journey is a risk; the decision to not undertake it is a greater risk. What will you dream tonight? And what will you do when you awaken? God is with us in each moment.

Many still 'recovering' from the Christmas events of the past week, THANK YOU for sharing this weekend with our Santa Clara community. The calendar year about to end, tax receipts for your 2019 donations will be sent later in January. Your donations to our Development Fund, through the PSA, will be sent to you from the Diocese. On Tuesday, December 31st, we will host a 5pm VIGIL Mass with the usual 8:30am Mass on Wednesday, January 1st, in honor of Mary, Mother of God. Superlative or modest, enjoy your celebrations by which you will welcome 2020 and remember you are loved. FKB