

December 26th 2021

Feast of the Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph

Sirach 3:2-14

Colossians 3:12-17

Luke 2:41-52

Our images of Christmas are usually very WARM, TENDER and ...well...beautiful. The words of the Scriptures reveal a much HARSHER reality. Which woman, would enjoy riding on a burrow when she is 9 months pregnant...and then not being able to find decent lodging? Which woman within our parish would like to deliver her baby in a USED Animal STALL...surrounded with the animals themselves...and what animals do? These less than stellar surroundings are the birthplace for the SON OF GOD, the Eternal Word. What desperation Joseph must have felt in his heart at not being able to provide better lodging for his wife and the child she carried? No sooner had the infant Jesus been delivered than Scripture reminds us that the vindictive King set out to destroy him...causing Joseph and his family to flee to Egypt so as to escape the executioners who were going town to town slaughtering newborn infants. All of this to say that TURMOIL and DESPERATION are not signs of God's absence...indeed, they are frequently the impetus, from God, that moves us from our fear and trembling to DO SOMETHING! If we needed anything further

Glory to God

Glory to God in the highest and on earth peace to people of good will.

We praise you; we bless you; we adore you; we glorify you; we give you thanks for your great glory, Lord God, heavenly King, O God, almighty Father.

Lord Jesus Christ, only begotten son, Lord God, lamb of God, Son of the Father,
You take away the sins of the world, have mercy on us; you take away the sins of the world, receive our prayer, you are seated at the right hand of the Father, have mercy on us.

For you alone are the Holy One, you alone are the lord, you alone are the most high, Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit, in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

Responsorial Psalm Response:

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

Profession of Faith

I believe in one God, the Father almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all things visible and invisible. I believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only begotten Son of God, born of the Father before all ages, God from God, light from light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, consubstantial with the Father; through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation, he came down from heaven and by the Holy Spirit was incarnate of the Virgin Mary and became man.

For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate, he suffered death and was buried, and rose again on the third day in accordance with the Scriptures. He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead and his kingdom will have no end.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son is adored and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets.

I believe in one, holy, catholic and apostolic Church. I confess one baptism for the forgiveness of sins and I look forward to the resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come. Amen.

Holy, Holy, Holy

Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of hosts. Heaven and earth are full of your glory, hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord, hosanna in the highest.

Our Father

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed by thy name; thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil.

For the kingdom, the power and the glory are yours now and forever.

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