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The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph



INTRODUCTION:

Jesus made the effort to understand his place in His Father's house. He questioned and was curious. He studied. This is how he grew in wisdom. He came to the understanding that he was the beloved and obedient Son of the Father. We also need to find our own place in our Father's house. And it might not always be the place we desire. Through prayer and discernment, we can understand what God is asking us to do right now.

READINGS:

First Reading: Sirach 3:2-6, 12-14 Or 1 Samuel 1:20-22, 24-28
Responsorial Psalm: Psalms 128:1-2, 3, 4-5 Or Psalms 84:2-3, 5-6, 9-10
Second Reading: Colossians 3:12-21 Or Colossians 3:12-17 or 1 John 3:1-2, 21-24
Gospel: Luke 2:41-52

PRAYER OF THE FAITHFUL:

Celebrant: God humbled himself to be born of a human family, and sanctified family life forever. For the needs of our families and our world, we now pray.

Response: Lord hear our prayer

That the many ministries of the Church may strengthen family life throughout the world, we pray to the Lord...

That governments may protect the institution of marriage, made by God as the union between one man and one woman, we pray to the Lord...

That the family may become ever more the sanctuary of life, where all are welcomed as a gift rather than a burden, we pray to the Lord...

That families burdened by divorce, abuse, or alienation may seek and find the help of the Holy Family, we pray to the Lord...

That our family members who are ill may enjoy the consolation of the Lord and the presence of their loved ones, we pray to the Lord...

That our family members who have died may be welcomed into eternal life, we pray to the Lord...

Celebrant: Father, we thank you for the gift of life and family. Answer all our prayers, and bring all people into your family of grace. We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.