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## Sunday, January 8th, 2023 Feast of the Holy Family Introit

The father of the Just will exult with glee; let Your father and mother have joy; let her who bore You exult. How lovely is Your dwelling place, O Lord of Hosts! My soul yearns and pines for the courts of the Lord.

Glory be to the Father . . .

The father of the Just . . .

## Collect

O Lord Jesus Christ, You Who while subject to Mary and Joseph, hallowed family life with virtues beyond description, grant us by their combined intercession, that, having been taught by the example of the Holy Family, we may attain unto their everlasting companionship. Through our Lord . . .

# **Epistle**

Colossians 3:12-17

Brethren: Put on, as God's chosen ones, holy and beloved, a heart of mercy, kindness, humility, meekness, patience. Bear with one another and forgive one another, if anyone has a grievance against any other; even as the Lord has forgiven you, so also do you forgive. But above all these things have charity, which is the bond of perfection. And may the peace of Christ reign in your hearts; unto that peace, indeed, you were called in one body. Show yourselves thankful. Let the word of Christ dwell in you abundantly: in all wisdom teach and admonish one another by psalms, hymns and spiritual songs, singing in

your hearts to God by His grace. Whatever you do in word or in work, do all in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ, giving thanks to God the Father through Jesus Christ our Lord.

#### Gradual & Alleluia

One thing I ask of the Lord; this I seek: to dwell in the house of the Lord all the days of my life. Happy they who dwell in Your house. O Lord! continually they praise You. Alleluia, alleluia. Truly You are a hidden God, the God of Israel, the Saviour. Alleluia.

## Gospel

## Luke 2:42-52

At When Jesus was twelve years old, they went up to Jerusalem according to the custom of the feast. And after they had fulfilled the days, when they were returning, the Boy Jesus remained in Jerusalem, and His parents did not know it. But thinking that He was in the caravan, they had come a day's journey before it occurred to them to look for Him among their relatives and acquaintances. And not finding Him, they returned to Jerusalem in search of Him. And it came to pass after three days, that they found Him in the temple, sitting in the midst of the teachers, listening to them and asking them questions. And all who were listening to Him were amazed at His understanding and His answers. And when they saw Him, they were astonished. And His Mother said to Him, Son, why have You done so to us? Behold, in sorrow Your father and I have been seeking You. And He said to them, How is it that you sought Me? Did you not know that I must be about My Father's business? And they did not understand the word that He spoke to them. And He went down with them and came to Nazareth, and was subject to them; and His Mother kept all these things carefully in her heart. And Jesus advanced in wisdom and age and grace before God and men.

## Offertory

The parents of Jesus took Him up to Jerusalem, to present Him to the Lord.

#### Secret

In appeasement, O Lord, we offer You this sacrifice, humbly praying that through the intercession of the Virgin Mother of God, and that of St. Joseph, You will establish our households in Your peace and grace.

Through our Lord . . .

#### Communion

Jesus went down with them, and came to Nazareth and was subject to them.

#### Postcommunion

Grant, Lord Jesus, that those whom You refresh with the heavenly sacrament may ever imitate the example of Your Holy Family, so that at the hour of our death, with the glorious Virgin Mary and St. Joseph welcoming us, we may be found worthy to be received into Your everlasting home. Through our Lord.

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# WISDOM OF ST. FRANCIS DE SALES



"We leave charity for a moment, and this imperfect habit of human love is thrust upon us, and we content ourselves with it as if it were true charity, till some clear light shows us that we have been deceived."

#### **UPCOMING EVENTS**

Sunday, January 29th: Feast of St. Francis de Sales, Patron of the Institute of Christ the King. Sung Mass at 8am. By decree of the Apostolic Penitentiary in Rome, the faithful who assist at Mass in an apostolate of the Institute on this day may receive a plenary indulgence under the usual conditions.

### COMMENTARY ON TODAY'S LITURGY BY DOM GUÉRANGER

This Sunday has been chosen by the Church for the celebration of the Feast of the Holy Family; the liturgy of the day, as expressed in the Gospel, harmonizes well with the mystery of the new Feast, for it already carries us forward to the childhood of our Emmanuel and gives us those wonderful words which, after the example of his Blessed Mother, we must ever ponder within our hearts: And he went down with them and came to Nazareth and was subject to them.

The Feast of the Holy Family is of recent origin. In 1663 Barbara d'Hillehoust founded at Montreal the Association of the Holy Family; this devotion soon spread and in 1863 Leo XIII expressed his approval of a feast under this title and himself composed part of the Office. The Feast was welcomed by succeeding Pontiffs as an efficacious means for bringing home to the Christian people the example of the Holy Family at Nazareth, and by the restoration of the true spirit of family life, stemming, in some measure, the evils of present-day society. These motives led Benedict XV to insert the Feast in the universal Calendar, and from 1921 it has been fixed for this present Sunday.