

LEO XIII ON THE HOLY FAMILY

To all fathers of families, Joseph is verily the best model of paternal vigilance and care. In the most holy Virgin Mother of God, mothers may find an excellent example of love, modesty, resignation of spirit, and the perfecting of faith. And in Jesus, who was subject to his parents, the children of the family have a divine pattern of obedience which they can admire, reverence, and imitate. Those who are of noble birth may learn, from this Family of royal blood, how to live simply in times of prosperity, and how to retain their dignity in times of distress. The rich may learn that moral worth is to be more highly esteemed than wealth. Artisans, and all such as are bitterly grieved by the narrow and slender means of their families, if they would but consider the sublime holiness of the members of this domestic fellowship, cannot fail to find some cause for rejoicing in their lot, rather than for being merely dissatisfied with it. In common with the Holy Family, they have to work, and to provide for the daily wants of life. Joseph had to engage in trade, in order to live; even the divine hands labored at an artisan's calling. It is not to be wondered at, that the wealthiest men, if truly wise, have been willing to cast away their riches, and to embrace a life of poverty with Jesus, Mary, and Joseph.



PRAYER OF ST. FRANCIS DE SALES TO ST. JOSEPH

Glorious St Joseph, spouse of Mary, grant us thy paternal protection, we beseech thee by the heart of Jesus Christ. O thou, whose power extends to all our necessities and can render possible for us the most impossible things, open thy fatherly eyes to the needs of thy children.

In the trouble and distress which afflict us, we confidently have recourse to thee. Deign to take under thy charitable charge this important and difficult matter, cause of our worries. May its happy outcome be for God's glory and for the good of His devoted servants. Amen.



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Feast of the Holy Family

Introit

The father of the Just will exult with glee; let Thy father and mother have joy; let her who bore Thee exult.

How lovely is Thy dwelling place, O Lord of Hosts! My soul yearns and pines for the courts of the Lord.

Glorify be to the Father . . .

The father of the Just . . .

Collect

O Lord Jesus Christ, 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. Who livest and reignest . . .

Epistle

Colossians III, 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 Thy house. O Lord! continually they praise Thee.

Alleluia, alleluia. Truly Thou art a hidden God, the God of Israel, the Savior. Alleluia.

Gospel

Luke II, 42-52

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 Thee this sacrifice, humbly praying that through the intercession of the virgin Mother of God, and that of St. Joseph, Thou wouldst establish our households in Thy peace and grace. Through the same our Lord . . .

Communion

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

Postcommunion

Grant, Lord Jesus, that those whom Thou refreshest with the heavenly sacrament may ever imitate the example of Thy 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 Thine everlasting home. Who livest and reignest . . .



WISDOM FROM 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

Today, January 9th: Social Hour in the parish hall after Mass.

BURSAR'S BOX

Saturday, January 1st: \$1, 082.00

Sunday, January 2nd: \$1, 790.00

Total for the Month: \$2, 872.00

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