

THE HOLY FAMILY

Scripture tells us practically nothing about the first years and the boyhood of the Child Jesus. All we know are the facts of the sojourn in Egypt, the return to Nazareth, and the incidents that occurred when the twelve-year-old boy accompanied his parents to Jerusalem. In her liturgy the Church hurries over this period of Christ's life with equal brevity. The general breakdown of the family, however, at the end of the past century and at the beginning of our own, prompted the popes, especially the far-sighted Leo XIII, to promote the observance of this feast with the hope that it might instill into Christian families something of the faithful love and the devoted attachment that characterize the family of Nazareth. The primary purpose of the Church in instituting and promoting this feast is to present the Holy Family as the model and exemplar of all Christian families.

- Excerpted from With Christ Through the Year, Rev. Bernard Strasser, O.S.B.



Marriage is too often conceived as the sacrament which unites a man and a woman to form a couple. In reality, marriage establishes a family, and its purpose is to increase the number of the elect, through the bodily and spiritual fecundity of the Christian spouses.

1. Every marriage intends children. Although Mary and Joseph were not united in a carnal way, their marriage is a true marriage: an indissoluble, exclusive union, wholly subordinated to the child. Mary and Joseph are united only in order to bring Jesus into the world, to protect and raise him. They have only one child, but he contains the whole of mankind, even as Isaac, an only child, fulfilled the promise made to Abraham of a countless progeny.

2. The purpose of every marriage is to establish a Christian family. The Holy Family observed the religious laws of Israel; it went in pilgrimage to Jerusalem every year with other Jewish families (Lk. 2:41). Jesus saddens and amazes his father and his mother because to their will and company he prefers "to be in his Father's house". Thus it may happen that God's will obliges the family to make disconcerting sacrifices. Yet every Christian family must live in harmony and in prayer, which are the pledges of joy and union.

3. "He remained obedient to them." Jesus was God. And through the fullness of grace Mary stood above Joseph. Nevertheless, Joseph remained the head of the family; he took the initiative (as when the Holy Family fled to Egypt), and in Nazareth Jesus obeyed his parents.

- Excerpted from Bread and the Word, A.M. Roguet

Liturgical schedules/Bohoslužobný poriadok		Cycle B	www.cyrilmetod.ca		
24. 12. – SUN/NE 4th SUN of Advent/4. adventna nedela 2 Sam 7.1-16; Rom 16.25-27; Lk 1.26-38 Isa 9.2-7; Tit 2.11-14; Lk 2.1-16	9 a.m. mass + Frantisek Eskut Rodina Eskut	11 a.m. SK omsa for parishioners/za farnikov Fr. Rastislav	12 p.m. Polnočná omša Divine Word Missionaries Fr. Rastislav		
	25. 12. – MON/PO The Nativity of the Lord Isa 52.7-10; Heb 1.1-6; John 1.1-18			9 a.m. mass za zdravie a Bozie pozehnanie pre Annu Rod. Vermesova	11 a.m. SK omsa za + Ivana Ivanku A. Snak
	26. 12. – TUE/UT Feast - St. Stephen, the first martyr Acts 6.8-10, 7.54-59; Matt 10.17-22			11 a.m. SK omsa na umysel A. Rolnikova	
27. 12. – WED/ST Feast - St. John, apostle, evangelist 1 John 1.1-4; John 20.2-8	8.00 a.m. mass Podakovanie za 49 r. zivota a Bozie pozehnanie do dalsich rokov Miriam Oravec				
28. 12. – THU/ŠT Feast - The Holy Innocents, martyrs 1 John 1.5-2.2; Matt 2.13-18	6.30 p.m. Eucharistic Adoration	7.30 p.m. mass za zdravie a Bozie pozehnanie pre rodinu Kubinovu J. Jurkovicova			
	29. 12. – FRI/PI Feast - fifth day of the Christmas Octave 1 John 2.3-11; Lk 2.22-35		8 a.m. mass + Andrej Cassty Rod. Starostova		
30. 12. – SAT/SO Feast - sixth day of the Christmas Octave 1 John 2.12-17; Lk 2, 36-40	9 a.m. mass Podakovanie rodiny za pozehnania Rod. Vargova	5.30 p.m. SK omša s nedelnou platnostou podakovanie rodiny za rok 2017 Rod. Starostova			
	31. 12. – SUN/NE The Holy Family / Najsvatejsia rodina Sir 3.2-14; Col 3.12-21; Lk. 2.22-40		9 a.m. mass For parishioners Fr. Rastislav	11 a.m. SK omsa Bozie pozehnanie rodicom Jozefovi a Marii Rod. Eskut	
5 - 6 p.m. Adoration of thanksgiving for 2017 Fr. Rastislav					
Sacrament of reconciliation 30 minutes before every mass.					
Announcements/Oznamy					
<p>*Last Sunday's collection: \$1323.55. Donation from a Canadian Catholic family \$100. May God reward your generosity.</p> <p>*I wish to express my gratefulness to all who in whatever way participated in the last Sunday's Installation celebration and subsequent meal, decoration and cleaning for Christmas. I wish to thank Maria Recicarova who brought 8 new vestments as a Christmas gift from my previous parish of Velke Karlovice. These vestments will be blessed and used as a property of our parish. And also I want to thank Lenka Mikesova who bought a brought a Czech Missal from Zlin to be used when masses in Czech language will be celebrated.</p> <p>*Babkove divadlo bude 26. decembra 2017 po svatej omši.</p> <p>*Martin Lavrik oznamuje, ze 31. dec. 2017 bude vianocne divadlo, teda potrebuje deti; zaujemcovia nech napisu email lavrikovazuza-na@shaw.ca Skusky budu 2: - 28. dec. vo stvrtok, v hale, predbezne o 5 vecer a 31. dec. v nedelu, v hale, od 8.30 rano.</p> <p>*Registration of mass intentions for February will start from January 1, 2018.</p> <p>*Subor SLAVICEK pozyva 7. januara 2018 na vystupenie po omši o 12.15 p.m. v hale kostola. Zisk z obeda a bottle drive je urceny na podporu Slavicka. Vystupi aj host - spevacky zbor MORAVENKA.</p>					