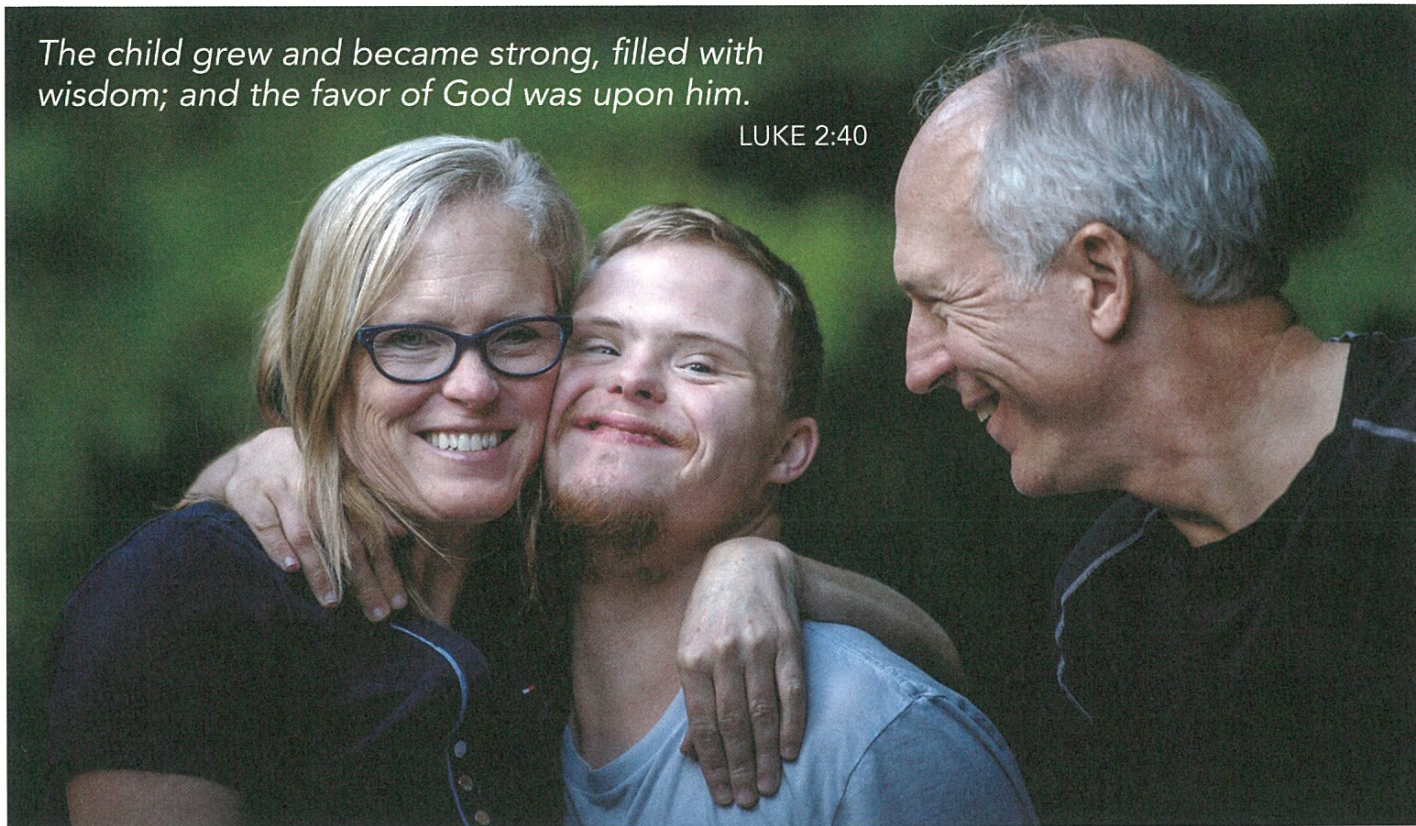


December 27, 2020

Holy Family of Jesus, Mary, and Joseph (B)
Sir 3:2–6, 12–14 or Gn 15:1–6; 21:1–3
Col 3:12–21 or 3:12–17
or Heb 11:8, 11–12, 17–19
Lk 2:22–40 or 2:22, 39–40

The child grew and became strong, filled with wisdom; and the favor of God was upon him.

LUKE 2:40



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Family Values

Some of the most popular television programs depict family interactions. Unfortunately, many of these families are dysfunctional, and those that are not often appear to be vapid, boring, even unrealistic. Today's readings offer examples of genuine family values and the kind of relationships for which most people yearn.

Sirach describes the tender care that bonds parents and children. First it is the parents who care for the children. Over the years the roles reverse and adult children care for elderly parents. The family is the basic community, where one first learns the hard lessons of unselfishness and forgiveness. The psalm response also describes a model family. The husband will experience success in his work and enjoy the blessings of family life with his wife and their children. Paul provides a list of values to which family members should

commit themselves: "compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness, and patience, bearing with one another and forgiving one another" (Colossians 3:12–13). Finally, the Gospel reading provides a glimpse into the lives of the Holy Family. Here they are: a refugee family with Joseph as the protector.

In a way, these are all "holy families." Prayer is important in the first reading; fear of the Lord is rewarded in the psalm; Paul calls the people "God's chosen ones" (Colossians 3:12). This feast is not meant to be only a look into the past at the Holy Family. It is an opportunity for us to look into the present and do our part to make our own families holy.

—Sr. Dianne Bergant, CSA

FOR Reflection

- ✱ What already makes your family holy?
- ✱ What might make it holier?



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Reconciliation/Confession:

Thursday 5:30-6pm

Baptism: by appointment

Marriage Prep: Notify the
priest six months in advance

Anointing of the Sick & Visits

Please call the office if you know of
someone in need of a pastoral visit.

Diocesan Website: www.cdlex.org

Mass times:

Sunday 10:30am

4:00pm Spanish

Wednesday 6pm

Thursday 6pm

Confession 5:30 on Thurs



The Holy Family of
Jesus, Mary, & Joseph

Luke 2:
22-40

MASS INTENTION: TODAY

10:30am.....**Harold Wilson**

Thurs Dec 31 6pm.... **Doug & Carol Lane**

Jan 3.....**Jim Hyska**

Jan 7.....For the Spiritual Healing
of our Nation

Jan 10.....**Katie Mingus**

BIRTHDAYS: DECEMBER

27—Michael Buttry, Arthur Walker

JANUARY: 2—Fidencio Mata-Reina,



3—Yharel De Los Santos, Deacon Larry Durbin 5—Kathie Ford

6—Rosa Roblero-Gonzalez 7—Betsy Mahler, Shane Oney

8—Kaitlyn Ackerman, Ken Phillips, Lauren Record

WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES: 1—Kayle & Ann Beckham

13—Dave & Diana Ingram 16—Quentin & Jacqueline Jones

20—Charlie & Betsy Mahler 25—Eric & Christen Pate



WORD OF LIFE

Intercessions for Life

***December 27, Feast of The Holy*
Family of Jesus, Mary, & Joseph

For all families: That as the domestic
Church they may seek to pursue
holiness, pass on the faith, & persevere
in love; We pray to the Lord:

“Like Our Blessed Mother welcomed
Jesus, we are called to cherish & protect
the gift of human life, at every stage & in
every circumstance.” USCCB Secretariat
of Pro-Life Activities “Living Out
Christmas in the New Year”

**January 1, Solemnity of Mary, the Holy Mother of God--May friends and*
families of women with difficult pregnancies provide loving, life-affirming
support for both mother and child; We pray to the Lord:

Secretariat of Pro-Life Activities, “The Gospel of Life: A Brief Summary”

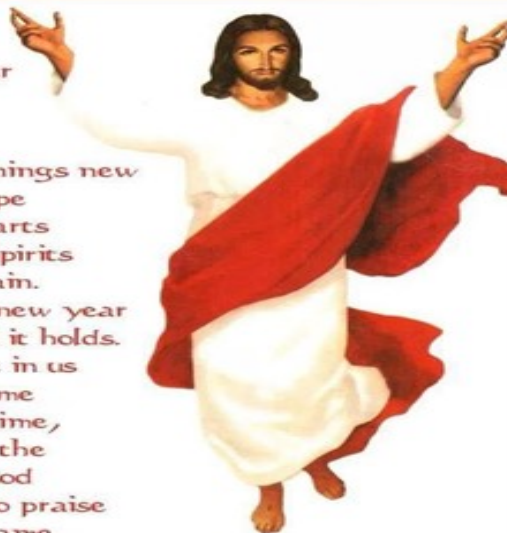


May those elected
to public office
at local, state, and national
levels support and defend
the dignity of all human life.

A New Year's Prayer

Lord, You make all things new
You bring hope
alive in our hearts
And cause our Spirits
to be born again.
Thank you for this new year
For all the potential it holds.
Come and kindle in us
A mighty flame
So that in our time,
many will see the
wonders of God
And live forever to praise
Your glorious name.

Amen



Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God



Although New Year's Day is not celebrated by the Church, this day has been observed as a holy day of obligation since early times due to the *Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God*. Each family and country has different traditional foods to eat on New Year's Day, with lentils being the main superstition: ill luck befalling those who do not eat lentils at the beginning of the year.

New Year's is a day of traditional hospitality, visiting and good cheer, mostly with a secular view, but there is no reason that this day, too, could not be sanctified in Christ.

SOLEMNITY OF MARY, MOTHER OF GOD

ST. PATRICK MASS:

THURSDAY, DEC 31—6PM

FRIDAY, JAN 1—4PM (Spanish)

ST. JOSEPH MASS:

THURSDAY, DEC 31—4PM

FRIDAY, JAN 1—1PM (Spanish)

★ Thank you to all those who help in any way throughout our parish! Maybe you laundry the altar linens or the priests' vestments, help with maintenance, put up the decorations for Christmas, sprinkle salt on the icy steps, serve on a committee, pray, or do other self-giving things... Your willingness to do little things with great love is abundantly appreciated!!!

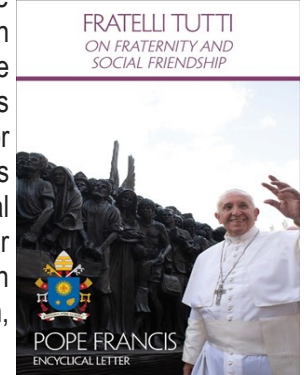


POWERFUL PRAYER TO SAINT MICHAEL

Saint Michael the Archangel, defend us in battle. Be our protection against the wickedness and snares of the devil. May God rebuke him, we humbly pray; and do Thou, O Prince of the Heavenly Host - by the Divine Power of God - cast into hell, satan and all the evil spirits, who roam throughout the world seeking the ruin of souls. Amen.

THEME 6. Pope Francis addresses the issue of immigration and refugees as a test of faith and justice. "...in some host countries, migration causes fear and alarm, often fomented and exploited for political purposes. This can lead to a xenophobic mentality, as people close in on themselves, and it needs to be addressed decisively. Migrants are not seen as entitled like others to participate in the life of society, and it is forgotten that they possess the same intrinsic dignity as any person...For Christians, this way of thinking and acting is unacceptable, since it sets certain political preferences above deep convictions of our faith: the inalienable dignity of each human person regardless of origin, race or religion, and the supreme law of fraternal love. (#39)

Our response to the arrival of migrating persons can be summarized by four words: welcome, protect, promote and integrate. (#129)



2nd Collection for Opportunities for Life

Will be taken on
January 17

KROGER REWARDS CARD Quarterly Statement

From 27-Aug -2020

to

28-Nov-2020

41 Households



\$ 259.71 Total Donations

See Jim Bonfield or John Wenz to sign up FREE!

Pope Francis' Universal JANUARY 2021 Prayer Intention:



Evangelization - Human Fraternity May the Lord give us the grace to live in full fellowship with our brothers and sisters of other religions, praying for one another, open to all.

PLEASE PRAY FOR: Katherine King, Ann Bonfield, Roseanne Ackermann, Doug Stamm, James Walker, Edna Fields, Jodi Ortiz, Lillie Harkness & Family, Paulett Hedge, Ernestine Jeffries, Linda Martin & Family, Janet Wilson, the Pecina Family: (Trina, Jose, Rita) Perry Joe Sr., & Perry Joe Jr. Norris, Erika Janeth Garcia, Blanca & Isabel Valdez, Elizabeth Munoz, Steve, All those in our parish who are unemployed. **Please pray daily: 1 Our Father, 1 Hail Mary, and 1 Glory Be for Fr. Frank & all those who are sick.**



Living out Christmas in the New Year

How do we live out the message of Christmas in the New Year, rather than pack it away with the ornaments?

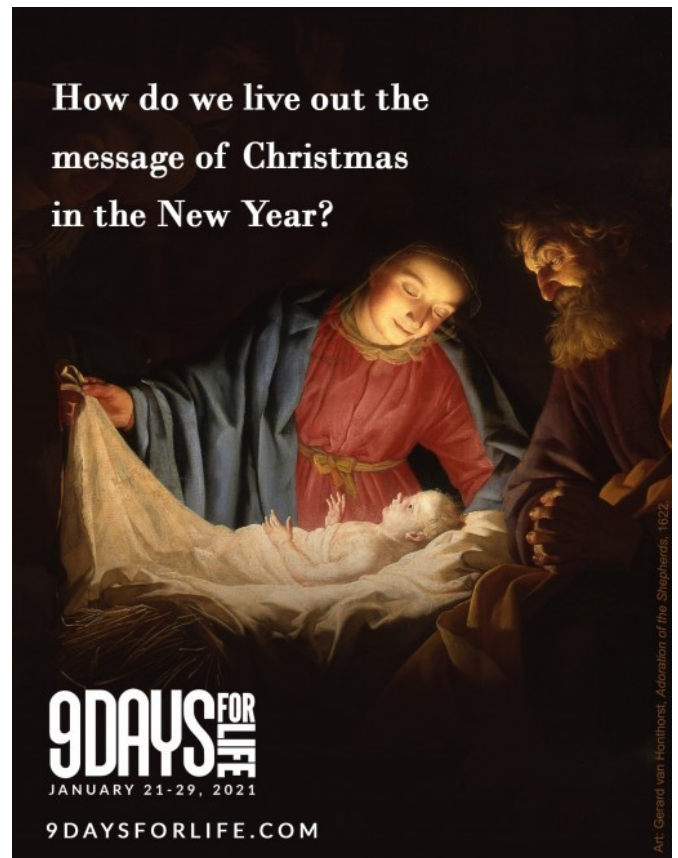
Each year, the Octave Day of Christmas falls on the first day of the New Year, on which we also celebrate the Solemnity of the Blessed Virgin Mary, the Mother of God.

Her open heart and courageous “yes” to God show us how to live year-round—with hearts open to the Lord, following where He leads. We are called to place our trust in Him, to enter compassionately into the suffering of others, and to love one another as Christ loves us. Like Our Blessed Mother welcomed Jesus, we are called to cherish and protect the gift of human life, at every stage and in every circumstance.

One way to live out the message of Christmas and follow Our Lady’s example is to join 9 Days for Life, a novena for the protection of human life, taking place Thursday, January 21 – Friday, January 29. Each day’s intention is accompanied by a short reflection and suggested actions to help build a culture of life.

Join today at 9daysforlife.com!

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Dear Padre,

Why does the Church celebrate the Holy Family? Jesus doesn't seem to be much of a family person. Scripture show him ignoring—even rejecting—Mary and Joseph.

As Jesus grows in age and wisdom, it becomes clear that he hasn't come to build up his own little family but to create a worldwide family of disciples. This family would claim God as the father of everyone in the family, with Jesus and all others as brothers and sisters. All who followed him would be as dear to Jesus as his mother or his foster father. As Jesus said: "As the Father loves me, so I also love you" (John 15:9).

The roles of Mary and Joseph in this new family of Jesus were not to be only earthbound parents but, more importantly, to be examples of how to follow God's purpose. Both Mary and Joseph accepted God's path for them, even though they didn't know where the path would take them.

In the new family of God, we are people who seek out and follow God's purpose in our lives. We are to say yes with Mary; we are to imitate Joseph in following God's direction. Jesus said this quite plainly: "Whoever does the will of God is my brother and sister and mother" (Mark 3:35). The will of God becomes the cornerstone of Jesus' new, universal family of humankind. Every Christian family, then, has a double task in raising their children: teaching and inspiring them to love and believe in Jesus and to always seek God's will.

—Fr. Paul J. Coury, CSSR | Sundaybulletin@Liguori.org



HOLY FAMILY / IMMACULATE CONCEPTION CATHEDRAL, EAST TIMOR / WIKICOMMONS



A WORD FROM *Pope Francis*

Instead of returning home with his family, he stayed in Jerusalem, in the Temple, causing great distress to Mary and Joseph who were unable to find him....Returning home, Jesus surely remained close to them, as a sign of his complete affection and obedience. Moments like these become part of the pilgrimage of each family.

—FEAST OF THE HOLY FAMILY, DECEMBER 27, 2015

Calendar

Monday

DECEMBER 28

*Holy Innocents,
Martyrs*

1 Jn 1:5—2:2

Mt 2:13–18

Tuesday

DECEMBER 29

Christmas Weekday

1 Jn 2:3–11

Lk 2:22–35

Wednesday

DECEMBER 30

Christmas Weekday

1 Jn 2:12–17

Lk 2:36–40

Thursday

DECEMBER 31

Christmas Weekday

1 Jn 2:18–21

Jn 1:1–18

Friday

JANUARY 1

*Solemnity of Mary,
Holy Mother of God*

Nm 6:22–27

Gal 4:4–7

Lk 2:16–21

Saturday

JANUARY 2

*Sts. Basil the Great and
Gregory Nazianzen,
Bishops and Doctors
of the Church*

1 Jn 2:22–28

Jn 1:19–28

Sunday

JANUARY 3

Epiphany of the Lord

Is 60:1–6

Eph 3:2–3a, 5–6

Mt 2:1–12



Jesus is Born!

Christmas is one of the most important days in the year. We know that it's Jesus' birthday, but let's think a bit more about what that means...



Who is Jesus? He is God. He is also a real man. When Adam and Eve sinned they lost the privilege of going to



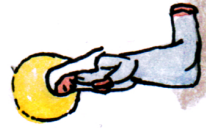
Heaven. Now people needed to pay back for their sins, but no sacrifice they could make could ever be big enough. Only a perfect man could make a perfect sacrifice. And because God loved us so much He became a man to die for us!



Now think about God, Who made Himself a little baby, coming down to our world. He had a poor mother and foster father, and He was born in a little barn, far away from their home.

The first people who came to visit were the rough men who lived in the fields, looking after their sheep.

God loved us so much that He made Himself into a poor baby. Doesn't that just make you want to love Him more? Today or in the next few days, spend some time looking at a creche (a nativity scene) and think about Baby Jesus and how much God loves us.

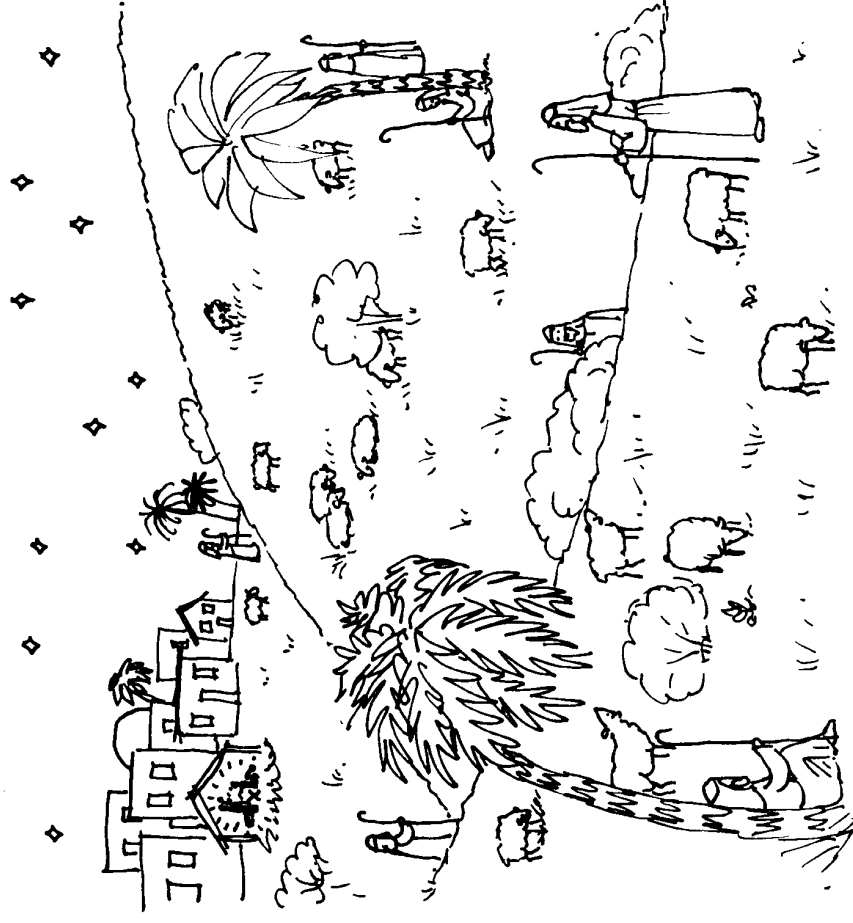


Answer to front page: there are seven shepherds hiding in the picture.
Answer to inside page: the numbers are in this order: 4, 7, 5, 1, 2, 3, 6.

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The Kids' Bulletin

Christmas Day and Feast of the Holy Family
December 25th & 27th, 2020



During the night of the first Christmas, the shepherds were out in the fields watching their sheep before the angels came to tell them that the Saviour was born.

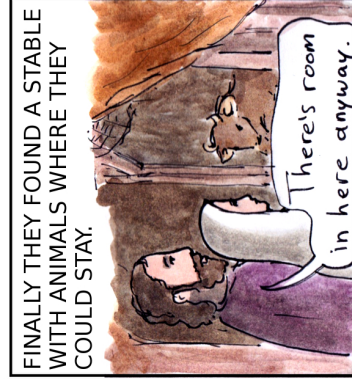
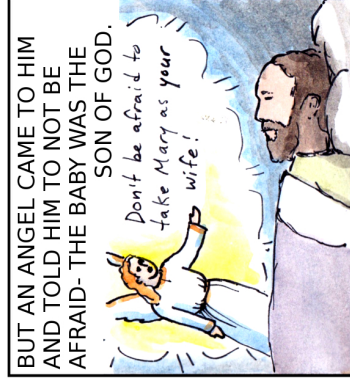


Can you find all the shepherds in this picture?

How many are there?

You can colour in the picture too!

SAINT JOSEPH'S CHRISTMAS



GOD CHOSE SAINT JOSEPH, A GOOD AND HUMBLE MAN, TO BE THE PROTECTOR OF HIS SON JESUS AND JESUS' MOTHER, MARY. IT WASN'T AN EASY JOB- THEY HAD TO TRAVEL FAR ON FOOT AND STAY IN A STABLE WITH ANIMALS, BUT SAINT JOSEPH WAS HAPPY TO SUFFER FOR LOVE OF GOD. ARE YOU?



Who did What?

Write the number of the person beside what they did in the Christmas Story.

___ Announced the joyful news of the Saviour's birth

1. Saint Joseph

___ Commanded that everyone register in their hometown

2. Our Lady

___ Did not have room for the man and his wife

3. The Shepherds

___ Took his wife to Bethlehem

4. The Angels

___ Pondered all these things in her heart

5. The Innkeeper

___ Went to find the newborn Saviour

6. Baby Jesus

___ Came to save the people from their sins

7. The Emperor

