

# St. John the Baptist Catholic Church



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## The Holy Family

December 26, 2021

# The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary, and Joseph

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SOLEMN MASS

10:00 am

Voluntary: Noël sur les Flûtes (No. 9)

Louis-Claude Daquin

Hymn 34: "Unto us a boy is born!"

*Puer nobis nascitur*

Introit: *Deus in loco sancto*

*Psalm 68:5b, 6, 35, 1*

God in his holy habitation; it is he that maketh brethren to be of one mind in an house: he will give the dominion and preeminence unto his people. (Psalm) Let God arise, and let his enemies be scattered: let them also that hate him flee before him. *Gloria Patri*. God in ...

Kyrie eleison (Healey Willan)

*Hymnal 710*

Lord, have mercy upon us. (*thrice*) Christ, have mercy upon us. Lord, have mercy upon us.

Gloria in excelsis (Healey Willan)

*Hymnal 713*

Glory be to God on high, and on earth peace, good will towards men.

We praise thee, we bless thee, we worship thee, we glorify thee,

we give thanks to thee for thy great glory,

O Lord God, heavenly King, God the Father Almighty.

O Lord, the only-begotten Son, Jesus Christ;

O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father, that takest away the sins of the world, have mercy upon us.

Thou that takest away the sins of the world, receive our prayer.

Thou that sittest at the right hand of God the Father, have mercy upon us.

For thou only art holy; thou only art the Lord;

thou only, O Christ, with the Holy Ghost,

art most high in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

*V.* The Lord be with you.

*R.* And with thy spirit.

Collect

First Reading (*congregation sitting*)

Sirach 3:2-6, 12-14

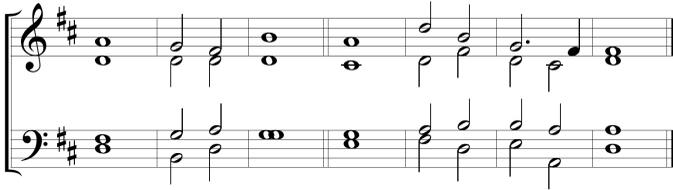
The Lord honored the father above the children, and he confirmed the right of the mother over her sons. Whoever honors his father atones for sins, and whoever glorifies his mother is like one who lays up treasure. Whoever honors his father will be gladdened by his own children, and when he prays he will be heard. Whoever glorifies his father will have long life, and whoever obeys the Lord will refresh his mother. O son, help your father in his old age, and do not grieve him as long as he lives; even if he is lacking in understanding, show forbearance; in

all your strength do not despise him. For kindness to a father will not be forgotten, and against your sins it will be credited to you --a house raised in justice to you.

*At the end of each reading the People respond: Thanks be to God.*

**Gradual:** Psalm 128:1-5

chant by John E. West



- 1 Blessed are all they that | fear the | Lord:  
and | walk in | his | ways.
- 2 For thou shalt eat the labours of | thine | hands:  
O well is thee, and | happy | shalt thou | be.
- 3 Thy wife shall be as the | fruitful | vine:  
up-| on the | walls of + thine | house.
- 4 Thy children like the | olive branches:  
round | -- a-| bout thy | table.
- 5 Lo, thus shall the | man be | bless-ed:  
that | fear-| eth the | Lord.

**Second Reading**

Colossians 3:12-21

Brethren: Put on then, as God's chosen ones, holy and beloved, compassion, kindness, lowliness, meekness, and patience, forbearing one another and, if one has a complaint against another, forgiving each other; as the Lord has forgiven you, so you also must forgive. And above all these put on love, which binds everything together in perfect harmony. And let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, to which indeed you were called in the one body. And be thankful. Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly, teach and admonish one another in all wisdom, and sing psalms and hymns and spiritual songs with thankfulness in your hearts to God. And whatever you do, in word or deed, do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him. Wives, be subject to your husbands, as is fitting in the Lord. Husbands, love your wives, and do not be harsh with them. Children, obey your parents in everything, for this pleases the Lord. Fathers, do not provoke your children, lest they become discouraged.

**Gospel Acclamation:** *Gaudete iusti*

*Psalm 33:1*

Alleluia, alleluia. **V.** Rejoice in the Lord, O ye righteous: for it becometh well the just to be thankful. Alleluia. *Before the Gospel:*

**V.** A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke. **R.** Glory be to thee, O Lord.

## Holy Gospel

Luke 2:41-52

The parents of Jesus went to Jerusalem every year at the feast of the Passover. And when he was twelve years old, they went up according to custom; and when the feast was ended, as they were returning, the boy Jesus stayed behind in Jerusalem. His parents did not know it, but supposing him to be in the company they went a day's journey, and they sought him among their kinsfolk and acquaintances; and when they did not find him, they returned to Jerusalem, seeking him. After three days they found him in the temple, sitting among the teachers, listening to them and asking questions; and all who heard 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 treated us so? Behold, your father and I have been looking for you anxiously." And he said to them, "How is it that you sought me? Did you not know that I must be in my Father's house?" And they did not understand the saying which he spoke to them. And he went down with them and came to Nazareth, and was obedient to them; and his mother kept all these things in her heart. And Jesus increased in wisdom and in stature, and in favor with God and man.

*After the Gospel reading:*

**V.** The Gospel of the Lord.

**R.** Praise be to thee, O Christ.

Sermon (*congregation sitting*)

Nicene Creed (*congregation standing*)

*Hymnal* 720

I believe in one God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, and of all things visible and invisible; And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God, begotten of his Father before all worlds, God of God, Light of Light, very God of very God, begotten, not made, being of one substance with the Father; by whom all things were made; who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven, (*genuflect*) and was incarnate by the Holy Ghost of the Virgin Mary, and was made man; (*stand*) and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate; he suffered and was buried; and the third day he rose again according to the Scriptures, and ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of the Father; and he shall come again, with glory, to judge both the quick and the dead; whose kingdom shall have no end. And I believe in the Holy Ghost, the Lord, the Giver of Life, who proceedeth from the Father and the Son; who with the Father and the Son together is worshipped and glorified; who spake by the Prophets. And I believe one holy Catholic and Apostolic Church; I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins; and I look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

Prayers of the People (*congregation kneeling*)

## Penitential Rite

Almighty God, Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, maker of all things, judge of all men: We acknowledge and bewail our manifold sins and wickedness, which we from time to time most grievously have committed, by thought, word, and deed, against thy divine Majesty, provoking most justly thy wrath and indignation against us. We do earnestly repent, and are heartily sorry for these our misdoings; the remembrance of them is grievous unto us, the burden of them is intolerable. Have mercy upon us, have mercy upon us, most merciful Father; for thy Son our Lord Jesus Christ's sake, forgive us all that is past; and grant that we may ever hereafter serve and please thee in newness of life, to the honour and glory of thy Name; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Offertory Antiphon: *In te speravi (congregation sitting)*

*Psalm 31:16-17*

My hope hath been in thee, O Lord: I have said, Thou art my God, my times are in thy hand.

Anthem at the Offertory: "Now yield we thanks and praise"

Johann Sebastian Bach

[Text: Hymn 14]

Offertory Hymn 21: "O little town of Bethlehem"

*Forest Green*

*After the altar is prepared the priest says,*

Pray, brethren, that my sacrifice and yours may be acceptable unto God, the Father almighty.

*The People stand and respond:*

May the Lord accept the sacrifice at thy hands, for the praise and glory of his Name, for our good and the good of all his holy Church.

Prayer over the Offerings

*V.* The Lord be with you.

*R.* And with thy spirit.

*V.* Lift up your hearts.

*R.* We lift them up unto the Lord.

*V.* Let us give thanks unto the Lord our God.

*R.* It is meet and right so to do.

Preface of the Incarnation

Sanctus and Benedictus (Healey Willan)

*Hymnal 797*

HOLY, HOLY, HOLY, Lord God of hosts,

Heaven and earth are full of thy glory. Glory be to thee, O Lord Most High.

Blessed is he that cometh in the name of the Lord: Hosanna in the highest.

Eucharistic Prayer *The People kneel.*

*After the Elevations:*

*Priest:* The mystery of faith.

*The People with the Priest:*

O Saviour of the world, who by thy Cross and precious Blood hast redeemed us: save us and help us, we humbly beseech thee, O Lord.

Our Father (*congregation standing*)

*Hymnal 722*

*The Priest continues:* "Deliver us ... and safe from all distress."

*The People respond:*

**For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen.**

Peace and Fraction

*The Priest offers a prayer for the peace of Christ, and then says:*

**V.** The peace of the Lord be always with you.      **R.** And with thy spirit.

*The Peace is not exchanged among the faithful at this Mass.*

*At the Fraction:*

**V.** Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us.

**R.** Therefore let us keep the feast.

Agnus Dei (Healey Willan)

*Hymnal 712*

O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world, have mercy upon us.

O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world, have mercy upon us.

O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world, grant us thy peace.

Prayer of Humble Access

We do not presume to come to this thy Table, O merciful Lord, trusting in our own righteousness, but in thy manifold and great mercies. We are not worthy so much as to gather up the crumbs under thy Table. But thou art the same Lord whose property is always to have mercy. Grant us therefore, gracious Lord, so to eat the flesh of thy dear Son Jesus Christ, and to drink his blood, that our sinful bodies may be made clean by his body, and our souls washed through his most precious blood, and that we may evermore dwell in him, and he in us. Amen.

*Priest:* Behold the Lamb of God, behold him that taketh away the sins of the world. Blessed are those who are called to the Supper of the Lamb.

*The People respond thrice:*

**Lord, I am not worthy that thou shouldest come under my roof, but speak the word only, and my soul shall be healed.**

Distribution of Holy Communion

*Holy Communion is offered in one Kind only. The Sacrament can be received either on the palm or on the tongue. Allow six feet between families at the rail. Those receiving Communion must remove their masks.*

**Communion Antiphon:** *Fili, quid fecisti*

*Luke 2:48-49*

Son, why hast thou thus dealt with us? Behold, thy father and I have sought thee sorrowing.  
And he said unto them, How is it that ye sought me? Know ye not that I must be about my  
Father's business?

**Motet:** "O Jesu, so sweet"

Johann Sebastian Bach

O Jesu, so sweet, O Jesu, so mild,  
Thou cam'st to us a little child,  
From highest heaven to earth below,  
Because thy Father willed it so,  
O Jesu, so sweet, O Jesu, so mild.

O Jesu, so sweet, O Jesu, so mild,  
Mankind was all by sin beguiled,  
But through the power of thy great love  
Our hearts were turned to heaven above,  
O Jesu, so sweet, O Jesu, so mild.

O Jesu, so sweet, O Jesu, so mild,  
We praise thy Name, thou Holy Child.  
Oh, may we learn as néer before  
To serve and love thee evermore,  
O Jesu, so sweet, O Jesu, so mild.

**An Act of Spiritual Communion** (*for the private use of the faithful*)

I worship thee, Lord Jesus, and kneeling unto thee, as thou didst come to Mary, I pray thee come to me. O most loving Jesus, O most blessed Saviour, come to me, I beseech thee, and unite me to thyself. Though I cannot now receive thee sacramentally, yet I believe that thou art able, even when received by faith and desire only, to heal, enrich and sanctify me. Come thou spiritually into my heart. I desire to unite myself to thee with all the affections of my soul. Possess me wholly; let the consuming fire of thy love absorb me, and thy presence abide so intimately in me, that it will be no longer I that live, but thou who livest in me. Come, Lord Jesus, and dwell in my heart. Amen.

**Ablutions Hymn 45:** "Joseph dearest, Joseph mine"

*Resonet in laudibus*

**Prayer of Thanksgiving** (*said by the congregation kneeling with the celebrant*)

Almighty and everliving God, we most heartily thank thee for that thou dost feed us, in these holy mysteries, with the spiritual food of the most precious Body and Blood of thy Son our Saviour Jesus Christ; and dost assure us thereby of thy favour and goodness

towards us; and that we are very members incorporate in the mystical body of thy Son, the blessed company of all faithful people; and are also heirs, through hope, of thy everlasting kingdom, by the merits of the most precious death and passion of thy dear Son. And we humbly beseech thee, O heavenly Father, so to assist us with thy grace, that we may continue in that holy fellowship, and do all such good works as thou hast prepared for us to walk in; through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom, with thee and the Holy Ghost, be all honour and glory, world without end. Amen.

Post-Communion Collect

Blessing and Dismissal

*V.* The Lord be with you. *R.* And with thy spirit.

*The Priest gives the blessing. The Deacon dismisses the People, and they respond:*

**Thanks be to God.**

The Last Gospel (*congregation standing*)

Matthew 2:1-12

*V.* The Lord be with you. *R.* And with thy spirit.

*V.* A reading from the Holy Gospel according to Matthew. *R.* **Glory be to thee, O Lord.**

*After the Gospel reading: Thanks be to God.*

Hymn 30: "The first Nowell"

*The first Nowell*

Voluntary: Noël Suisse (No. 12)

Louis-Claude Daquin



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