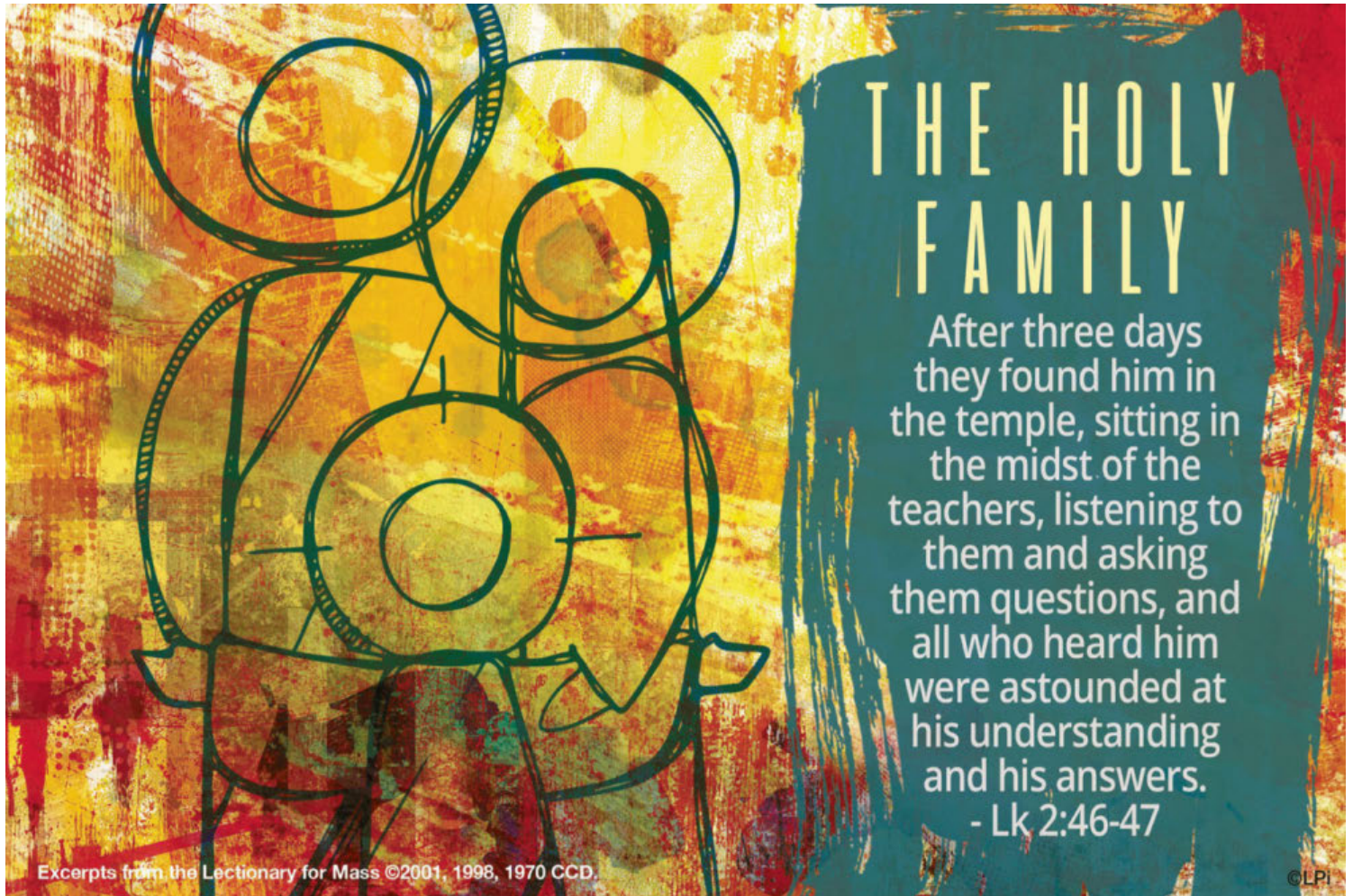


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The Poor Are Our Hope

“Jesus said, the poor you will always have with you, and whenever you wish you can do good to them, but you will not always have me.” (Mark 14:7)

Love begins at home. This is what we must know. Do we really know that in our own family? Maybe there is my brother, my sister, my wife, my husband, who feels unwanted, unloved, exhausted, looking for a little compassion, a little sympathy and I have no time. This is the great poverty and I think unless and until we begin to love in our communities, that love for one another as Jesus has loved us, as he was loved by his Father, we cannot hope for peace. That’s why the poor are the hope of salvation.

The poor are the hope of mankind. The poor are the hope for you and me to go to heaven for at the last judgment, we are going to be judged on that. “For I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me drink, a stranger and you welcomed me, naked and you clothed me, ill and you cared for me, in prison and you visited me.” (Mt 25:35-36)

People are not only hungry for bread and rice but hungry for love, to be wanted, to be known that I’m somebody to you, to be called by name, to know my name, to have that deep compassion. Today in the world there is a tremendous hunger for that love. People are thirsting for understanding. Very often we pass by our own brothers and sisters and we don’t understand their difficulty.

St. Mother Teresa

Where There is Love, There is God

How might I be more attentive to the need of those around me who are hungry in some way?

Many, many thanks for sending my sweet son the items. We’re very blessed and grateful to have been a part of your thoughts.

Wishing you great holidays!

God bless you!

Jasmine & Axel

Pine Ridge Indian Reservation

*Thank
You*

Confirmation Preparation Classes

11:00-12:00 in the Parish Hall

January 16 & 23

Parish FUNDRAISER

Scrip cards make great gifts! Orders received Monday will be here the following Monday for pick up. It also helps our parish as a portion of the card money comes back to Holy Cross. Please contact Connie Larson in the office for more information. Thank you for supporting our parish Scrip Program.

Mass Times & Mass Intentions 12/27/21 to 01/02/22

12-27-21 Monday St. John
9:00 a.m. No Mass

12-28-21 Tuesday The Holy Innocents
7:00 a.m. No Mass

12-30-21 Thursday
8:30 a.m. Rosary
9:00 a.m. †Mike Santangelo
9:30 a.m. Adoration until 10:30 a.m.

12-31-21 Friday Anticipatory Mass for the Solemnity of Mary
5:30 p.m. †Ann Loehr

01-01-22 Saturday Anticipatory Mass for the Epiphany of the Lord
4:30p.m. †Rose & †Harry Meltzer

01-02-22 Sunday The Epiphany of the Lord
8:00 a.m. †Gene Namest
10:00 a.m. †Morris Schultz Jr.
5:00 p.m. †Chad Charnas

The Sanctuary Candle is burning for the parishioners of Holy Cross



PRAYER REQUESTS

May they be touched by the healing hand of the Lord and be restored soon to the full and active life of their families and our community.

Greg Althof, Robin Broshous, Rita Brown, Chris & Jim Eastwood, Betty Finnegan, Jack Finnegan, Matthew Foltz, Gary Griebel, Janet Groezinger, Paul Heller, Bill Homb, Shawn Homb, Ilene Lamm, Jack Larson, Kit Leitzen, Rita Magee, Mark Puls, Yvonne Raether, Jerome Rakowska, Rosemary Schultz, Don Schwartz, Ed Vondra, Eunice Vondra, Carl White, Janice Wright, Jeff Wright

PARISH SUPPORT ~ December 12, 2021

Sunday Offering: \$7789

Your generosity enables us to continue the work Jesus began.

WORSHIP & MEDITATION



FIRST READING

"I prayed for this child, and the LORD granted my request. Now I, in turn, give him to the LORD; as long as he lives, he shall be dedicated to the LORD."
(1 Sm 1:27-28)



PSALM

Blessed are they who dwell in your house, O Lord. (Ps 84)



SECOND READING

See what love the Father has bestowed on us that we may be called the children of God. And so we are. (1 Jn 3:1)



GOSPEL

After three days they found him in the temple, sitting in the midst of the teachers, listening to them and asking them questions. (Lk 2:46)

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GOSPEL MEDITATION

Encourage Deeper Understanding of Scripture

Families can be very difficult things to negotiate. This is true not only of our families of origin, the current family of which we are a part, the family of our Church, our society, and our global family as well. Everything human can be found in family stories. Those stories speak of wonderful life-giving successes as well as painful spirit-robbing abuses. Our greatest joys and our greatest wounds are usually connected with the experience of family. Our needs, experiences, and unresolved baggage often color what we bring to our familiar relationships. They contribute to our level of defensiveness, how guarded and protected we become, and what prejudices we believe.

In order to break the cycle of dysfunction we have to remember that it is not only by human effort that we negotiate the difficult and challenging events of our lives. There is a Divine Effort at work as well. For sure, the human effort can create quite a mess and easily destroy lives. This is true of any family with which we are associated. Today's Feast of the Holy Family serves to help us understand that there is a Divine Story being told as well. It is a story of perseverance in the face of hardship, determination in the face of despair, healing when we see nothing but wounds, and light where there is darkness.

Do we believe that God is always working, guiding, restoring, and leading? Unless we do, we will never be free from the imperfections and wounds that bind us and never be able to understand what it really means to forgive. Pope Francis tells us that the "light which comes from the Holy Family encourages us to offer human warmth to other families." While this is most certainly true, we can only really begin to do this when we realize that we are still works in progress, not anchored to the wounds and sins of our past, and still a leading star in God's continually unfolding story of love. The Holy Family persevered and radiated warmth because they knew they were not alone. We can too.

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