

THE HOLY FAMILY

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Blessed Sacrament Roman Catholic Parish

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Sunday	7.00a, 9.30a, 5.00p
Monday	7.00a
Tuesday	7.00a, 6.00p
Wednesday	7.00a
Thursday	7.00a
Friday	7.00a
Saturday	8.00a, 4.00p Sunday Vigi

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As the Family Goes, So Goes Society

On this Feast of the Holy Family, why do we, as human beings, need family? Since Almighty God in Himself is a family of three divine Persons, yet One God, in the Trinity, you might say that being in a family is built into who we are as human beings. We are all created by God in His image and likeness. We need family because we are made for love and need to know that we are loved.

God as Trinity is a family of love, and that love is so real it has a name and is the divine person of the Holy Spirit. As one way to show us that type of infinite love, God created man and woman to love each other in the Sacrament of Holy Matrimony, fully, faithfully, forever, and fruitfully. That love can become so real that in 9 months, you need to name the newborn. Baptism is the initiation into God's family of life and love. Like the Trinity, mom, dad, and child form one family, yet they are three distinct persons. St. Pope John Paul II taught that the family is the building block or cell of society and that as the family goes, so goes society. It takes strong families to raise a village, and it takes a family to raise a child!

Finally, Satan is obviously intent on destroying natural marriage (between a man and a woman) and the traditional family, a great image of the Trinity. Our faith can be lost in just one generation, so parents, godparents, family, friends, and the Church all have an important responsibility to pray for, support, and teach all newly baptized Catholics.

Merry Christmas! In Christ, Deacon Jeff

OFFICE HOURS

Friday,12/24: 8.30a - 2.00p Monday - Thursday, 12/27 - 12/30: 8.30a - 4.30p Friday, 12/31: Closed Monday, 1/3: 8.30a - 4.30p



IMAGES OF FAITH By Dr. Larry Fraher, Director of Faith Formation



On this Feast of the Holy Family, we hear the familiar story of the Mary and Joseph seeking for and finding the boy Jesus in the temple. William Holman Hunt's painting, "The Finding of the Saviour in the Temple," provides us with an interesting vision of the events described in today's gospel. Hunt was the founder of the Pre-Raphaelite Brotherhood, a school of painters in the late 19th century that sought to emphasize images of the Scriptures that were less imbued with devotional

characteristics and presented more as interpretations of the Scripture passage portrayed. This particular image is one of Hunt's best examples of this principle.

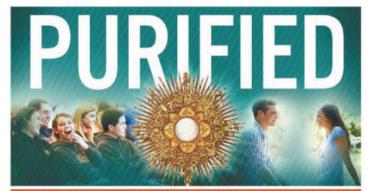
The first aspect of this image to be noticed is that it portrays both the happenings in the forecourt of the temple, where the boy Jesus has met with the teachers of the Law, and the bustling exterior of the Temple grounds. The interior is presented in a fashion that could be defined as orientalism, a tendency in European art to portray Middle Eastern settings as elaborately styled with ornate geometric patterns and decoration. Of more importance, however, is the group of men gathered in a semi-circle around Jesus. Notice their eyes. The oldest members of the group, one of whom clutches the scrolls of the Scriptures, seem confused, debating among themselves the wisdom of this boy. To their left, is a relatively young man, eyes wide with realization that this may be the Messiah. As the viewer moves from person to person, we see a variety of responses.

Ultimately the eyes return to the Holy Family. Mary and Joseph are portrayed in traveling clothes as they embrace their son with relief. In the portrayal, Holman emphasizes that they are concerned parents, confused and unsure why their Son has left the traveling party, only to be found with a gathering of the faith's religious leaders at the most sacred of places in their religion. Jesus, however, does not reciprocate their fear and concern. Instead he stares outward to the viewer in a bit of a challenge as we recall His reply to Mary, "Did you not know that I must be in my Father's house?" (Lk: 2:49b)

In the small portion of the image that portrays the Temple courtyard, one observes the commerce of the area. Immediately at the entry, we see a blind man (perhaps the blind man of John's Gospel) begging for alms. In the distance, work is being done on what appears to be an altar, below scaffolding that appears in the shape of a triangle and behind that, a cross. Above the blind man, we see a dove moving toward Jesus, an indication of the Holy Spirit in His life and ministry. These aspects of the commerce on the Temple grounds foreshadow scenes in the life and ministry of the adult Christ who cures the man born blind, cleanses the temple and becomes, through the cross, the means of God and humanity intersecting upon the Altar.

There is one final aspect to this image that offers us a deep reflection. Returning to the wide eyes of the man to the left of the bearded older men, one can draw a straight line from his eyes through the eyes of Christ to Mary's eyes. As the boy Jesus looks upon the viewers, we are asked: Which house must you be in? Whose work must you be about? The answers lie in Mary and Joseph's finding of their Son. We are all invited, as the New Year approaches, to return to that place where we can encounter Christ upon the altar and beneath a cross. FIND YOUR PLACE!





A LIFE-CHANGING EVENT FOR FAMILIES (AGES 13+)



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> SUNDAY March 27, 2022 7:00 PM - 9:00 PM





BLESSED SACRAMENT WOMEN'S COMMUNITY

Our next get-together for breakfast will be on Tuesday, December 28, at Perk Eatery at 9:00 a.m. It is located at 6501 E. Greenway Road. If you have any questions, you can call Karen at 480-318-4634.





If you are an active volunteer/minister at Blessed Sacrament, Safe Environment Training (SET) Renewal is required to be updated on July 1 of each year. The 2021 Renewal Video titled "A Safe Side of the Line" can be found on the CMG website. Go to https://phoenix.cmgconnect.org and complete your renewal.

If you are a new volunteer/minister and have never taken the Safe Environment Foundation class, it is required to do so before volunteering. Follow the directions above, choosing "Safe Environment for LAY PEOPLE ONLINE Foundation Training."

Call the office at (480) 948-8370 for questions.

Julie McBride and Farah Olson, SET Coordinators





You Can Make a Difference January 16-23, 2022

We need you. Your gifts, your time, your talents, you. Volunteers are the key to the success of any ministry. We need 30+ people involved to successfully host our families for one week. This is a great opportunity for you to act as the hands and teet of Christ for families who are working tirelessly to transition from homelessness to self-sufficiency. These individuals simply need a bit of extra support to regain their independence. If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to contact:

Veronica Piotrowski - 602.540.2363; veronica@vpconsultinggrp.com

Lauri Cooney - 480.326.2064; lauri.cooneyebhhsaz.com

Please pray about how you can help families stay off the street and keep children safe. What a beautiful way to live out our Blessed Sacrament Mission.

Know God-Love God-Serve God



We Ad-

What do you call Jesus? Lord? Savior? Friend? He is the One who has promised to stay with us to the end of the world. And He does so

in the Eucharistic Host that is consecrated at Holy Mass, and then exposed on the altar in our Corpus Christi Adoration Chapel. He waits patiently for you. He wishes to shower you with His peace and holy joy. Please prayerfully consider committing to a weekly Holy Hour. Check out the "We Adore Him" web page on our website and find an hour that suits your schedule.

Please contact Kim Zeeman (602-301-3972) for more information. Thank you!



Keveavement

GONE FROM OUR SIGHT, NEVER FROM OUR HEARTS

Blessed Sacrament offers Grief and Bereavement support for those who have lost someone. If you have suffered the death of a loved one and would benefit from sharing with other adults, please join us. We meet on the 2nd and 4th Tuesday of the month at 6.30p in the Conference Room. For more information, please contact Dr. Isabella Rice at irice@bscaz.org.

Share the Warmth

Blanket, Sock & Backpack Drive

The nights are cold and people are homeless, so let's share the warmth of God's love!

Between November 28 and January 9, bring a NEW* blanket and/or NEW* backpacks, and men's and women's socks, and deposit them in the wrapped boxes inside the iron gates of the courtyard and the entry near the adoration chapel. All collected items will be given directly to Andre House for direct distribution to people who are homeless.

*Due to the Covid-19 Pandemic, we are requesting only new items this year. Thank you for your understanding. The Office of Faith Formation & Education is sponsoring this year's drive.



I HAVE BEEN AWAY FROM THE CHURCH FOR A FEW YEARS AND REALLY WANT TO GET ACTIVE AGAIN, NOT SO MUCH FOR ME, BUT FOR MY CHILDREN. IS THIS A BAD REASON TO COME BACK TO CHURCH?

of Love

If you are on your way to the supermarket, and you are forced to detour from your

But God's grace comes to us in ways we understand and recognize and need. Your children leading you back to the Church is not as important as the fact that you are back.

This is an opportunity for you to renew, strengthen, and deepen your faith. Regardless of how we get to Church, or what draws us closer to God, the fact is

usual route because of road work, does the food you buy taste different? Is the meal less filling? Are the vegetables less tasty? Of course not. In our faith journey, there are many detours called sin. Some are greater than others, some are even a bit longer.



we are there. Do what you need to do to get right with God and the Church. Go to confession, begin good family religious practices, and be involved in the ministries your parish offers. Be more than a lukewarm parishioner. Be the kind of Catholic you want your children to be.

Reduce Your Tax Liabilty

Distributions from an IRA are usually treated as taxable income.

However, you can avoid this taxable income when you make a Qualified Charitable Distribution to Blessed Sacrament Catholic Church.



Are you over 70 ½ years old and required to take annual minimum distributions from your IRA?

 A Qualified Charitable Distribution to Blessed Sacrament made directly from your IRA could potentially save you money on your income tax bill and Medicare premiums!

+ Do you want to lower your income taxes but can no longer itemize deductions?

- A **Qualified Charitable Distribution** made directly from your IRA to Blessed Sacrament could be a way to receive a tax benefit from your gift.
- Each dollar gifted directly from your IRA reduces your taxable income dollar for dollar!
- For example, if you are in the 22% bracket, even a \$1,000 **Qualified Charitable Distribution** from your IRA will save approximately \$220 in federal tax and \$40 in AZ state income taxes!

Is your income nearing the Medicare high-income surcharge?

- In 2022, single people will pay progressively more for their monthly Medicare premiums once their income is over \$91,000.
- Married couples will pay more monthly once their income is more than \$182,000.
- Ask your tax preparer if a Qualified Charitable Distribution made directly from your IRA would lower your income sufficiently to pay less in monthly Medicare premiums.

How do I make a Qualified Charitable Contribution from my IRA?

Talk to your IRA Custodian. Checks should be made payable to:

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Saturday, December 25, 2021 12.00a 8.00a +David Hall 10.00a +Denny Wales Sunday, December 26, 2021 7.00a +Pat Hersey 9.30a +George Odish Family 5.00p Pastoral Mass Monday, December 27, 2021 7.00a Leonila Tecson Tuesday, December 28, 2021 7.00a John Conlin 6.00p +Mary & Andrew Kacic Wednesday, December 29, 2021 7.00a +D & M Holleran Thursday, December 30, 2021 7.00a +Stanley Zaidel Friday, December 31, 2021 7.00a +Carmelo La Fauci Saturday, Janurary 1, 2021 8.00a Memorial Mass for January 2021 4.00p Pastoral Mass Sunday, January 2, 2021 7.00a +Alyson Quintana 9.30a +Aileen Strom 5.00p Helene Surowiec

Readings Week

Readings for the week of December 26, 2021 Sunday: Sir 3:2-6, 12-14/Ps 128:1-2, 3, 4-5 [cf. 1]/Col 3:12-21 or 3:12-17/Lk 2:41-52 or 1 Sm 1:20-22, 24-28/Ps 84:2-3, 5-6, 9-10 [cf. 5a]/1 Jn 3:1-2, 21-24/Lk 2:41-52 Monday: 1 Jn 1:1-4/Ps 97:1-2, 5-6, 11-12 [12]/Jn 20:1a, 2 - 8Tuesday: 1 Jn 1:5–2:2/Ps 124:2-3, 4-5, 7b-8 [7]/Mt 2:13-18 Wednesday: 1 Jn 2:3-11/Ps 96:1-2a, 2b-3, 5b-6 [11a]/Lk 2:22-35 Thursday: 1 Jn 2:12-17/Ps 96:7-8a, 8b-9, 10 [11a]/Lk 2:36-40

Friday: 1 Jn 2:18-21/Ps 96:1-2, 11-12, 13 [11a]/Jn 1:1-18 Saturday: Nm 6:22-27/Ps 67:2-3, 5, 6, 8 [2a]/Gal 4:4-7/Lk 2:16-21

Observances for the week of December 26, 2021 Sunday: The Holy Family Monday: St. John, Apostle and Evangelist Tuesday: The Holy Innocents, Martyrs Wednesday: St. Thomas Becket, Bishop and Martyr Friday: St. Sylvester I, Pope; New Year's Eve Saturday: New Year's Day; Mary, The Holy Mother of God; World Day of Peace

Those who are sick

Dori Brevner Bob Becke Linda Montemurro Fr. Doug Spina Julie Aswad Fr. Greg Schlarb Sandy Watson Halford

Remember in your Prayers



Those who have died

Claire Previte Carrie Pustai Richard G. Brown Maxine McDowell Elizabeth Gardner Liwan De Guzman



A special thank you to those who are faithfully contributing during this difficult time. 12/12/2021 - \$42,550 | Retired Religious - \$7,578



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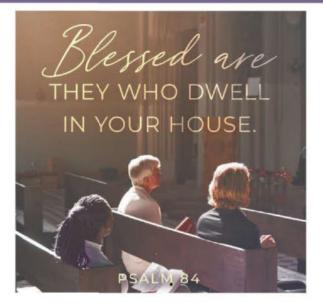
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