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Sunday, December 26, 2021 "The Holy Family" www.stjosephparish.org



The Holy Family

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DECEMBER 26, 2021

Livestream Mass: 5pm Saturday
on our YouTube channel
(Available for viewing throughout the week)
9 AM Sunday, 11 AM Sunday
5:30 PM Sunday

Weekday Mass Schedule
Tuesday - Friday, 7 am, YouTube

Readings for January 2, 2021
FIRST READING: ISAIAH 60:1-6
SECOND READING: EPHESIANS 3:2-3A, 5-6
GOSPEL: MATTHEW 2:1-12
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Upcoming Events



Walking with Holy Families
Save Asylum!
New Date!
Saturday, January 29 2022 from 3-5pm
Steps of St. James Cathedral
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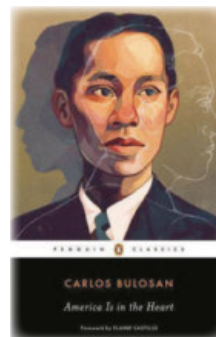
Racial Justice Book Group

Jan 12th at 7pm on Zoom

America Is In The Heart by Carlos Bulosan

"First published in 1946, this autobiography of the well-known Filipino poet describes his boyhood in the Philippines, his voyage to America, and his years of hardship and despair as an itinerant laborer following the harvest trail in the rural West. Bulosan does not spare the reader any of the horrors that accompanied the migrant's life; but his quiet, stoic voice is the most convincing witness to the terrible events he witnessed." (From Goodreads.)

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The Holy Family

Presider

Ryan Rallanka, S.J.

Entrance Song

Hark The Herald Angels Sing

MENDELSSOHN/Wesley

1. Hark! The her - ald an - gels sing, "Glo - ry to the new - born King!
2. Christ, by high - est heav'n a - dored; Christ, the ev - er - last - ing Lord!
3. Hail the heav'n-born Prince of Peace! Hail the Sun of Right-eous-ness!

Peace on earth and mer - cy mild, God and sin - ners rec - on - ciled!"
Late in time be - hold him come, Off - spring of the Vir - gin's womb.
Light and life to all he brings, Ris'n with heal - ing in his wings.

Joy - ful, all you na - tions, rise; Join the tri - umph of the skies;
Veiled in flesh the God-head see; Hail the'in - car - nate De - i - ty,
Mild he lays his glo - ry by, Born that we no more may die,

With the'an - gel - ic host pro-claim, "Christ is born in Beth - le - hem!"
Pleased as man with us to dwell, Je - sus, our Em-man - u - el.
Born to raise each child of earth, Born to give us sec - ond birth.

Hark! The her - ald an - gels sing, "Glo - ry to the new-born King!"

Gloria

GLORIA/French/Gates

1. Glo - ry to our God on high; peace to all on earth who dwell.
2. Je - sus, on - ly Son of God, Lamb of God, our sins you bear;
3. You a - lone, O Ho - ly One, You a - lone are Lord most high;

Migh - ty God and heav'n - ly King we wor - ship You, we give you thanks.
Sea - ted at our God's right hand, — show us mer - cy, hear our pray'r.
with the Spi - rit in God's glo - ry, now to you our voi - ces sing.

Glo - - - - - ri - a in ex - cel - sis De - o.

Glo - - - - - ri - a in ex - cel - sis De - o.

First Reading

1 Samuel 1:20-22, 24-28

In those days Hannah conceived, and at the end of her term bore a son whom she called Samuel, since she had asked the LORD for him. The next time her husband Elkanah was going up with the rest of his household to offer the customary sacrifice to the LORD and to fulfill his vows, Hannah did not go, explaining to her husband, "Once the child is weaned, I will take him to appear before the LORD and to remain there forever; I will offer him as a perpetual nazirite."

Once Samuel was weaned, Hannah brought him up with her, along with a three-year-old bull, an ephah of flour, and a skin of wine, and presented him at the temple of the LORD in Shiloh. After the boy's father had sacrificed the young bull, Hannah, his mother, approached Eli and said: "Pardon, my lord! As you live, my lord, I am the woman who stood near you here, praying to the LORD. 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." Hannah left Samuel there.

Psalm

Psalm 96

INFANT HOLY/Gates

1. Sing God's glo - ry to the na - tions, let us sing a
2. Let the plains and hills be joy - ful, all that in the
3. Then shall all the trees and mea - dows, then shall all the
glad No - el. God's sal - va - tion now is gi - ven
sea a - bounds. All the trees of all the for - ests
hills on earth sing God's glo - ry, tell the sto - ry
to the peo - ple Is - ra - el. Tell the sto - ry
with God's prai - ses now re - sound. Let the hea - vens,
of the migh - ty Sa - vior's birth. For he comes to
to all na - tions, won-drous things to all the world,
let the moun - tains, let the o - ceans all re - joice,
rule the earth, to rule with jus - tice, rule with love,
of our Sa - vior Christ the Lord.
prai - sing God with grate - ful voice.
praise our God who reigns a - bove.

Second Reading

1 John 3:1-2, 21-24

Beloved: See what love the Father has bestowed on us that we may be called the children of God. And so we are. The reason the world does not know us is that it did not know him. Beloved, we are God's children now; what we shall be has not yet been revealed. We do know that when it is revealed we shall be like him, for we shall see him as he is.

Beloved, if our hearts do not condemn us, we have confidence in God and receive from him whatever we ask, because we keep his commandments and do what pleases him. And his commandment is this: we should believe in the name of his Son, Jesus Christ, and love one another just as he commanded us. Those who keep his commandments remain in him, and he in them, and the way we know that he remains in us is from the Spirit he gave us.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia

"May the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, and the fullness of his message live within you"

Gospel

Luke 2:41-52

Each year Jesus' parents went to Jerusalem for the feast of Passover, and when he was twelve years old, they went up according to festival custom. After they had completed its days, as they were returning, the boy Jesus remained behind in Jerusalem, but his parents did not know it. Thinking that he was in the caravan, they journeyed for a day and looked for him among their relatives and acquaintances, but not finding him, they returned to Jerusalem to look for him. After three days they found him in the temple, sitting in the midst of the teachers, listening to them and asking them questions, and all who heard him were astounded at his understanding and his answers. When his parents saw him, they were astonished, and his mother said to him, "Son, why have you done this to us? Your father and I have been looking for you with great anxiety." And he said to them, "Why were you looking for me? Did you not know that I must be in my Father's house?" But they did not understand what he said to them. 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 advanced in wisdom and age and favor before God and man.

Homily

Ryan Rallanka, S.J.

Creed

I believe in one God, the Father almighty,
maker of heaven and earth, of all things visible and invisible.
I believe in one Lord Jesus Christ, the Only Begotten Son of God,
born of the Father before all ages.
God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God,
begotten, not made, consubstantial with the Father;
through him all things were made.
For us (men) and for our salvation he came down from heaven,
All bow.
and by the Holy Spirit was incarnate of the Virgin Mary, and became man.
All stand upright.

For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate, he suffered death and was buried,
and rose again on the third day in accordance with the Scriptures.
He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead
and his kingdom will have no end.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,
who with the Father and the Son is adored and glorified,
who has spoken through the prophets.
I believe in one, holy, catholic and apostolic Church.
I confess one Baptism for the forgiveness of sins
and I look forward to the resurrection of the dead
and the life of the world to come. Amen.

Offertory Song

Once In Royal David's City

IRBY/Cecil Frances Alexander

1. Once in roy - al Da - vid's cit - y Stood a
2. He came down to earth from heav - en Who is
3. And through all his won - drous child - hood He would

low - ly cat - tle shed, Where a moth - er laid her
God and Lord of all, And his shel - ter was a
hon - or and o - bey, Love and watch the lo - ly

ba - by In a man - ger for his bed. Mar - y
sta - ble, And his cra - dle was a stall. With the
maid - en In whose gen - tle arms he lay. Chris - tian

was that moth - er mild, Je - sus Christ her lit - tle Child.
poor and mean and low - ly Lived on earth our Sav - ior ho - ly.
chil - dren all should be Kind, o - be - dient, good as he.

Holy, Holy, Holy

Holy, Holy, Holy Lord God of hosts.
Heaven and earth are full of your glory.
Hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest.

Mystery of Faith

When we eat this bread and drink this cup we proclaim
your death, O Lord, until you come again.

Great Amen

Amen

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Lamb of God

Jesus, Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world;
have mercy on us.

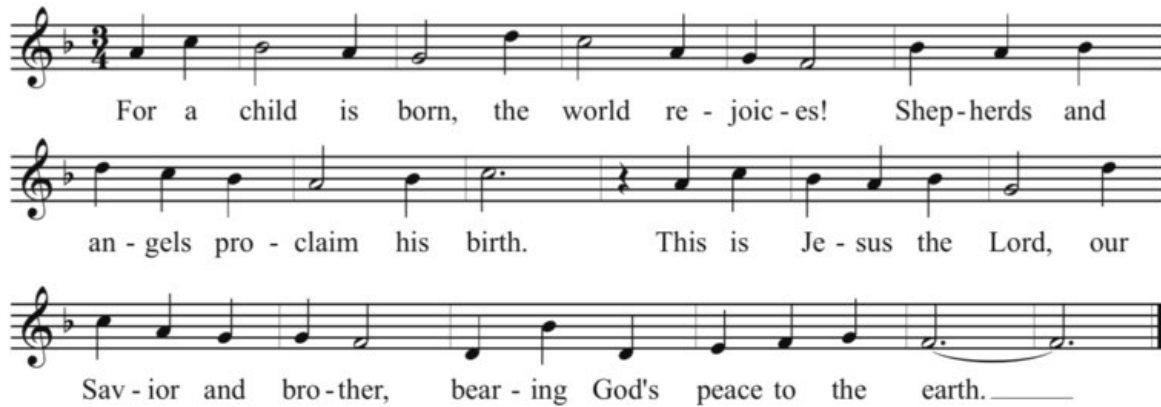
Jesus, Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world;
have mercy on us.

Jesus, Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world;
grant us peace.

Communion

Nativity Carol

O'Brien



For a child is born, the world re-joic-es! Shep-herds and
an-gels pro-claim his birth. This is Je-sus the Lord, our
Sav-ior and bro-ther, bear-ing God's peace to the earth. _____

1. Silent, in the chill of midnight, starlight shines upon a lowly manger.
Wonder, wonder of the ages; heaven breaks forth on the earth. Ref.
2. "Fear not," said angelic voices; "tidings of a wondrous love we bring you.
Go now, find him in a manger; visit God's home on the earth." Ref.
3. Jesus, Lord of all creation, sleep now close beside your mother, Mary.
Bring us light amid the darkness, promise of life without end. Ref.

Joy
TO
THE
World ©LPi

1. Joy to the world! the Lord is come: Let
 2. Joy to the world! the Sav - ior reigns; Let
 3. He rules the world with truth and grace, And

earth re - ceive her King; Let ev - 'ry
 us, our songs em - ploy; While fields and
 makes the na - tions prove The glo - ries

heart pre - pare him room, And
 floods, rocks, hills and plains; Re -
 of his right - eous - ness, And

heaven and na - ture sing, And heaven and na - ture
 peat the sound - ing joy, Re - peat the sound - ing
 won - ders of his love, and won - ders of his

sing, And heaven and heaven and na - ture sing.
 joy, Re - peat, re - peat the sound - ing joy.
 love, and won - ders, won - ders of his love.



Calendar

Saturday Jan. 1: Epiphany Mass at 5pm (in-person & livestreamed)

Sunday Jan. 2: Epiphany Sunday Masses at 9am, 11am, & 5:30pm

Friday Jan. 7: First Friday Healing Mass at 11:30am

Saturday Jan. 8/Sunday Jan. 9: Baptism of the Lord Masses

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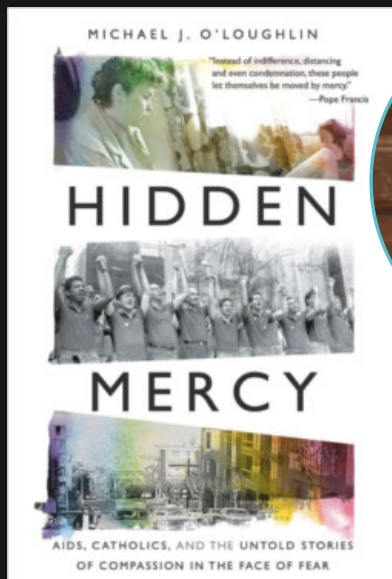
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*Stories of Catholic
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A talk with author
Michael J. O'Loughlin
Wednesday, February 16th
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Michael J. O'Loughlin is an award-winning journalist and national correspondent for America Media.

He is the host of the New York Times recommended podcast *Plague: Untold Stories of AIDS and the Catholic Church*, which was honored with awards from the National LGBT Journalists Association and the Religion News Association.

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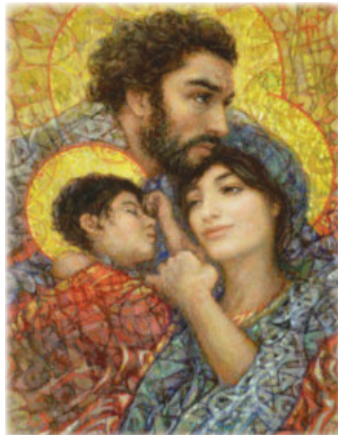
by Theresa Shepherd-Lukasik

A few years ago, a dear pastor friend gave me an icon of the Holy Family and said, "this is for your holy family." It was such a simple gift, but the words rang in my heart, "Yes, my family is a holy family." That was the purpose of our marriage, to love God, to love each other, but through our love we felt called to serve the community of God together. We hoped the "fruit" of our love would extend beyond us one day to our children, either biologically or through adoption, but we also felt called to be "sisters" or "aunties" to our chosen family and members of the church.

At our wedding, the second reading was from Romans 12, in which we were promising to make our marriage an offering of service to God and to the community. Our love was never just for ourselves, but to be shared with our chosen family, the church, the family of God.

"Rejoice in hope, be patient in suffering, persevere in prayer. Contribute to the needs of the saints; extend hospitality to strangers. Bless those who persecute you; bless and do not curse them. Rejoice with those who rejoice, weep with those who weep. Live in harmony with one another." With these words, we aspired to be people of hope who extended hospitality to the community. As a gay couple, we knew that we'd experience resistance, both in our families and in the church, and yet we want to bless and pray for those who do so. We wanted to weep with those who weep, celebrate with those in joy, we wanted to be a couple who lives the beatitudes not just in our own marriage, but that our love would extend to the community around us.

As I contemplate the Holy Family, I think we tend to sentimentalize families and we make of them idyllic Hallmark movie style families, but that was not reality for the holy family and nor for our own. Mary was an unwed mother, and Joseph was a father who confronts this scandal and wants to send her away quietly; and later on, they became refugees. In the holy family there was real suffering and struggles, yet they trusted in God, they were faithful to God, and they prayed together. Being a family is difficult - there are disagreements, hurts, and struggles, but there is also love, mercy, forgiveness, and joy, which become real signs of God's love in the world. God desires to come to us, to be with us in the messiness of our family, we acknowledge that we are not perfect, but God is with us and is manifest in our love.



After I was presented with the icon of the holy family, I began to see Holy Families everywhere: in refugee and immigrant families seeking work to support their families, in unhoused families looking for a safe place to lay their heads at night, in our parishioners, and in our queer families who adopt children, especially in families where the child is "of the flesh" of one of the parents (as Jesus was), and the spouse, like Joseph, raises the child as their own.

Chosen Families

By Chris Galloway

Not all LGBTQ folks are accepted by their birth families. Some have been told to get out and never come back. Some have been shunned not only by their parents, but also siblings and their entire extended family. Some parents have refused to acknowledge a beloved partner. Sometimes, family invitations continue, but the partner is specifically excluded. LGBTQ weddings can be ignored or seen as sinful. Funerals are especially painful when the deceased's family refuses to acknowledge a gay spouse or partner.

In the midst of judgment and rejection by families of origin, the desire for loving and welcoming families is very real and important. Hence, the concept of "chosen families." A friend told me "It's pretty simple. I choose to celebrate with people who love and accept me. People I like, who are like me. Gay people can pick who we want for family. I bet lots of people wish they could do that."

Chosen family does not mean substitute family. Chosen families are committed to each other, build their own traditions and ways of celebrating. Chosen families are all about love.

A friend I worked with told me about spending Thanksgivings with his chosen family in a house in the Alpine Lakes near Leavenworth. Together, they baked pies and rolls and cooked a turkey dinner with each one making his favorite side dish. They had leftovers to last through the weekend and hiked for hours. He told me about this the week after their 9th annual Thanksgiving in the mountains.

A group of friends I knew (a gay male couple, a lesbian couple and a straight couple) became each other's chosen local family. Each had loving family elsewhere but they celebrated holidays together at each other's homes. They explored the Northwest (Mt. St. Helens, the Olympic Coast, Port Townsend), cooking together, taking long walks, and always a big puzzle going on the dining table. They were part of each other's weddings - gay and straight - and saw each other through joy and sorrow, jobs and children, illness and death.

Holidays are about celebrating with family. All kinds of families- extended traditional families, nuclear families, blended families, chosen families, adopted families. All are part of God's family. All are children of God.

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