

## SUNDAY 29th December 24 - Cycle C HOLY FAMILY



### IN FAMILY



#### **SETTING**

Today it is proposed to us as a reference to the Family of Nazareth. A family like any other whose journey runs through joys, difficulties, pain.

A family is the circle of reciprocal love, dialogue and it is a school that prepares you for life, it is the springboard that launches you forward.

Enjoy yours, human, congregational, open yourself in that warm space where gifts intermingle, where we grow and learn to be.

Open your hands to infinity and let the grace that pours into you flow.

#### SONG. O LITTLE TOWN OF BETHLEHEM

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=yWsCW5xiSPc

### **GOSPEL – Luke 2, 41-52**

"His parents went to Jerusalem every year for the Passover festival. When he was twelve years old, they went up to the festival as usual, and when they returned after a few days, the child Jesus remained in Jerusalem, unknown to his parents. But believing that he would be in the caravan, they traveled for a day, and searched for him among their relatives and acquaintances; but when they did not find him, they returned to Jerusalem in search of him. And it happened that, after three days, they found him. the Temple sitting in the midst of the teachers, listening to them and asking them; all those who heard him were amazed by his intelligence and his answers. When they saw him, they were surprised, and his mother said to him: "Son, why have you done this to us? Distraught, we were looking for you. He said to them: "And why were you looking for me? Did you not know that I should be in my Father's house?" But they did not understand the answer he gave them. He went down with them and came to Nazareth, and lived subject to them. His mother carefully preserved all things in her heart. Jesus progressed in wisdom, in stature, and in favor before God and before them. men."

# To deepen the Word today (Marie-Noëlle THABUT)

**1 Sam. 1,20-22.24.28.** Anna de Dios consecrates her son, she is aware that her son is a gift from God. Anna thanks God and consecrates this much-desired son to him.

**Psalm 83.** Listen to the calls of the Lord, find your strength in Him and thank Him in this "house of God that is the family."

**1 Jn 3,1-2. 21-24.** Our Father in heaven does not only confer upon us the wonderful gift of life. He fills us with his love and grace.

Luke 2, 41-52. It would seem that the story we read today in the gospel of Luke is an illustration of what John said. Because this story presents us, at the same time, a manifestation of the mystery of Jesus and the incomprehension of his parents regarding Jesus' attitude. That the family went up to Jerusalem for the Passover festival is not a strange

fact. That the stay lasted eight days is not true either: the two traditional festivals of Easter and Unleavened Feasts were only one and both together lasted effectively eight days. But what is strange is what follows: the young Jesus stays in the Temple without worrying about anything and, apparently, without warning his parents. And the parents left Jerusalem with the entire group, which was what they did every year without checking to see if Jesus was traveling with them. This separation will last three days, Lucas is careful to specify the number three. When the three meet, they do not have the same point of view: Mary, affectionately, throws her reproaches at Jesus. The mother still feels the anguish caused by the disappearance of her son. Furthermore, he is faced with Jesus' sincere but somewhat strange response: "Why were you looking for me? Don't you know that I must be in my Father's house? The manifestation of the mystery of Jesus lies, without a doubt, in the admiration of everyone, and especially of the doctors of the Law, before the evident light that Jesus inhabits. The manifestation of this mystery is also found in the three days mentioned by Luke and which, in the Bible, symbolize the time necessary to meet God. Finally, the manifestation of the mystery of Jesus lies in that strange phrase coming from the mouth of a twelve-year-old boy, accompanied by his two very human parents: "I must be in my Father's house": there, Jesus clearly affirms himself. as the Son of God. Jesus, today, says: "I am in my Father's house"... Today Luke shows us the path to follow: accepting not to understand everything and quickly, but, rather, letting meditation work on our interior.

## Tips for prayer

- Jesus, children of Mary and Joseph, Jesus, son of God, How do we perceive divinity in the human family?
  - Dialogue with God made man, son, family.
- What do today's readings invite us to do as a human-divine Family?



AMBIENTAL MMUSIC.
EINAUDI - SOTTO VENTO
https://youtu.be/m26azKzTl7A?si=2AB0Is\_k6kwdFzLf

In the small universe, Family of Nazareth, Jesus grew and coining values. So any family is called to be safe environment. space of love, trust, transparency, generosity and other values that they have to prepare us for life. It is the place where our life takes shape, in which we learn to be in simplicity and spontaneity. It is the place where we learn to walk, taking the first steps in the safety of parents' hands It is the place where We learn to be with others, like-minded or not, and in the friction of each day we draw the meaning of ours. It is the place where we learn to speak, pronouncing the first words, dad and mom; SONG.

endearing words in which we recognize, our origin, to those loved ones. It is the place where we learn to look to capture sensations, feelings, where we experiment in flower of skin the future of times and people, paths and possibilities. It is the place where we can dream, what is already and what can be, the earth as an environment friendly, everyone's home, in which it is possible peaceful coexistence. The family is a treasure, in which we are born, in which we become, from which we can to become what we desire; because it is the environment of universal love, without measure, total, the one that makes us better people, creatures of the Lord, open to all.

## **SONG: JOY TO THE WORLD**

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=30OaM6b48k8







