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"See what love the Father
has given us, that we should
be called children of God."

1 John 3:1



FEAST OF THE HOLY FAMILY

DEC. 30, 2012

(Unless otherwise mentioned, all weekday Masses are at 9 AM)

HAPPY NEW YEAR!

Monday, Dec 31 9:00 AM † HOWARD FITZPATRICK by Hazel Major & Family
7:00 PM St Ignace Church Willow Bunch
Tuesday, Jan 1 11:00 AM Assiniboia
World Day Of Peace **Mary, The Holy Mother Of God**

Wednesday, Jan 2 HEALTH OF RON MAYES by Walt & Carole Agopsowicz
⇒ ⇒ ⇒ **7:00 P M**

Thursday, Jan 3 † LOUISE BERGERON by St. George's C W L
⇒ ⇒ ⇒ **1:30 P M** MASS & C W L MEETING

Friday, Jan 4 † TERRY BAKER by Alvin & Laverne Karst
First Friday

Saturday, Jan 5 † KENNETH KRAUSHAAR by Walt & Carole Agopsowicz
7:30 PM **SUNDAY MASS ~ ASSINIBOIA**

Sunday, Jan 6 9:00 AM **SUNDAY MASS ~ WILLOW BUNCH**
11:00 AM **SUNDAY MASS ~ ASSINIBOIA**

RECONCILIATION: Before Mass or by appointment

MARRIAGES: Contact priest at least 6 months prior

BAPTISMS: Contact priest 2 months prior

House Blessings By Appointment

W E L C O M E

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Holy Family: Dec. 30th

The first reading today provides a challenging blueprint for the good stewardship of our family relationships. How do I measure up?

New Year's Day: Jan. 1st

The Gospel today says that, having found the infant Jesus, the shepherds returned to their work, glorifying and praising God for all they had heard and seen. We, too, have seen and celebrated the mystery of the Word made flesh. Will we follow their example when we return to work tomorrow?

NEW Rosary Leaders List at the back of the church

2013 Church Envelopes also at the back of the church; envelope numbers have changed - saved us 50 orders of envelopes, by aligning them; please change your records accordingly. Thanks for your understanding !



13th ARCHDIOCESAN ANNUAL APPEAL: The Archdiocese of Regina thanks all those who have contributed to our annual appeal, "Archdiocesan Annual Appeal" through your time, talent and treasure. Your contributions, whether large or small will continue to assist our Archdiocese in making known the message of Jesus Christ in our world. Please remember, gifts for the 2012 Archdiocesan Appeal can be made until December 31, 2012.

PLEASE KEEP PINK COPY, when donating - we need white & yellow for office use. Please make cheques to ST. GEORGE'S PARISH.

*** **2013** Calendars and Year C New Missals & Youth Missals all available for \$5.00, each, at the back of the church. ** Also French & Polish Calendars **

HOW CAN I MAKE A DIFFERENCE IN THE WORLD TODAY

4th Annual Divine Mercy Conference February 21 – 24, 2013

St. Therese Institute of Faith and Mission, Bruno with Dr. Bryan Thatcher, MD founder of Eucharistic Apostles of the Divine Mercy & Dr. Robert Stackpole, STD, Director of the John Paul II Institute of Divine Mercy. For more info or registration call 369-2555 or at www.sttherese.ca.

CWL MEETING : Thursday, January 3, 2013 Time: 1:30 Mass

Reader - Maureen Powrie Lunch - Annabelle Hartman & Irene Montgomery

NEW YEAR'S SCHEDULE :

Mon Dec 31 :

9:00 AM Assiniboia;

7:00 PM Willow Bunch

Tues Jan 1 :

11:00 AM Assiniboia



CHILDREN'S LITURGY HELP

needed: Call Parish Office or
Tammy Franks642-3538 at home



*We remember those who
have gone before us*

Let us hold in prayer the family
and friends of the dearly
departed, especially :
Vel(ma) Shenner, Delores
Bouffard, Howard Fitzpatrick
and Arnold Koller.

dear Padre

December 30, 2012

Did Jesus have siblings?

In Mark 6:3, someone says of Jesus, "Is he not the carpenter, the son of Mary, and the brother of James and Joses and Judas and Simon? And are not his sisters here with us?" I'm so confused. Why no mention of Joseph, and since when did Jesus have brothers and sisters?

Susan

Dear Susan,

In Mark 6:3, Jesus teaches in the synagogue at Nazareth. The astounded townspeople recall Jesus' origins and ask where he gained all this wisdom.

This is one of two times in Mark's Gospel where Jesus' mother is mentioned with no reference to Joseph. Because the people of Jesus' time would ordinarily identify a son in relation to his father, many Scripture scholars conclude that at this point, Joseph had died.

As for Jesus' "brothers" and "sisters," Mark 6:3 isn't the only place in the Bible that uses those terms. Others include Matthew 12:46 ("his brothers appeared outside, wishing to speak with him") and John 2:12 ("He and... [his] brothers, and his disciples went down to Capernaum"). It was customary in Jesus' day to identify cousins as brothers and sisters; in a later chapter, Mark identifies James and Joses as having a different mother (15:40).

So Jesus had no brothers and sisters in the sense you're asking about. The Holy Family consisted only of Jesus, Mary, and Joseph.

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Tuesday, Jan 1	11:00 A M
Greeters & Offerings	Carole & Walt Agopsowicz
Readers	George Marcenko Philomene Brochu
Communion Minister	Andy LeClaire Jeremie Brochu Philomene Brochu
Altar Servers	PLEASE VOLUNTEER
Saturday, Jan 5	
Greeters & Offerings	Irene Klein
Rosary Leaders	Ron Scheltgen
Readers	Rita Walters Dave Young
Communion Ministers	Janice Erfle Andy LeClaire
Cross Bearer	PLEASE
Candle Bearers	VOLUNTEER
Altar Servers	PLEASE
Sunday, Jan 6	
Greeters & Offerings	Michel & JoAnn Girardin
Rosary Leaders	Marie Shenher Irene Clermont
Readers	Carole Agopsowicz Walter Agopsowicz
Communion Ministers	Aime Morin Claire Schuweiler Ken Schuweiler
Cross Bearer	PLEASE
Candle Bearers	VOLUNTEER
Altar Servers	PLEASE

Church Finances

Saturday Collection Dec 22 - \$ 417.00
 Sunday Collection Dec 23 - \$ 1306.50
 Dec 24/25 Christmas Offering - \$ 6697.74
 Archdiocesan Annual Appeal - \$15,125.00
 (Total to date); Parish Goal is \$19,121.00

Thank You Very Much!

Good News!

December 30, 2012

HOLY FAMILY OF JESUS, MARY, AND JOSEPH

Sir 3:2-6, 12-14 or 1 Sm 1:20-22, 24-28
 Col 3:12-21 or 3:12-17 or 1 Jn 3:1-2, 21-24
 Lk 2:41-52

When I was in junior high, my mother was mugged as we left our local library. A man came out of nowhere, grabbed her purse, knocked her down, and ran. I was paralyzed with fear until I heard my mother yell, "Janel, get him!" With no hesitation or realization that this man might have a weapon, I took off after him. I got fairly close before I heard my mom screaming for me. When I got back, she was terrified. She had actually screamed "Someone get him!" but that's not what I'd heard. My instinct was to heed my mother's words even if doing so made no sense.

We see Jesus in the Gospel doing something that makes no sense to his parents—something that wouldn't make sense to most parents. "Losing" your child is every parent's nightmare, and I can't imagine the worry Mary and Joseph felt when they realized Jesus had stayed behind in the temple.

However, Jesus was responding to his Father's voice—he had an instinctual connection to his Father's will, and he followed without question. But realizing the anxiety his actions had inadvertently caused his parents, he went home and lived obediently with them until he was grown.

We may not have been conceived without sin, but that doesn't keep us from nurturing holiness in our families. We belong first to God, so we need to deepen our instinctual response to God's call just as Jesus did. When we're first rooted in right relationship with God, we're able to more clearly see our family members' needs and how we can respond to those needs in love.

That's what a "holy family" looks like.

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