



Family Gifts

FR. JOSEPH JUKNIALIS

I asked some folks what they carried with them as their most treasured gift from their parents. One spoke of the gift of freedom. As an adult he always felt loved and welcomed by his parents. Although he was not always able to visit them as frequently as his life would allow, he was never made to feel guilty about it. It was an atmosphere unpressured by any "have-tos" whether it concerned choices for marriage or profession or simply for occasional family visits.

Another spoke of being taught by example that love in a family always extends to welcoming the stranger, caring for the unfortunate, opening one's home to those in pain. She learned to live that way because that was how her parents lived.

Yet another spoke of her father's gentleness and faithfulness as treasured gifts. And in truth she herself had become gentle and faithful, both with life and with God. Yet another took note of his parents' acceptance and openness to differing cultures and traditions and value systems. It was a way of living he now took to himself and his own family.

Not every family may seem as graced as these individuals remember their own families, and no doubt these families had flaws, too. Yet those qualities of a believer, enumerated by St. Paul in his Letter to the Colossians, make for good family life as well: "heartfelt compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness and patience, bearing with one another and forgiving one another. And over all these put on love" (Colossians 3:12-14). ●

Reflect

What gift from your family do you hope to pass to the next generation?



The child grew and became strong,
filled with wisdom; and the favor of
God was upon him.

LUKE 2:40

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Mass Intentions

Sat. Dec. 30 7:00 p.m.	Vigil †Rosemary Dreher - AF
Sun Dec. 31 8:00 a.m.	Mass/The Holy Family Graces/Knights of Columbus
Mon Jan. 1 6:00 p.m.	Mass/Holy Mother of God For Parishioners
Tues Jan. 2 5:30 p.m.	Mass/Sts. Basil & Gregory †Bernard Armstrong - LVP
Wed Jan. 3 7:30 a.m.	Mass †Andrew Stanek
Sat. Jan. 6 7:00 p.m.	Vigil †Rosemary Dreher - AF
Sun Jan. 7 8:00 a.m.	Mass/Epiphany of the Lord †Soccoro Herrera

In need of prayer support, call
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Please Pray For Our Sick:
Kane Schrock, Geneva Aguilar, Mary Ann
Kreutzer, Barbara Wolf, Bobby Dreher, Al
Figueroa, Terry Hart, Pauline Frenzl, Dan
Killip, Ray & Marcella Hottinger, Deacon
Taylor Elder, Bridget Glosson, Ed Basler,
Carol Benjamin, Don Mollendor, Ken Kuntz,
Scott Allen, Randy Kraich, Von Axtell, Art
Aaron, Maria Foy, Beverly Gebauer, Tricia
Dreher, Tracy Basler, Bibiana Camacho

For the Soul: Misty Jo Harper

Eucharistic Adoration at St. Joseph
Spend time with our Lord...
Every Tuesday from 5:00 a.m. till 9:00 a.m.

May the Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph inspire our families and be for us the encouraging example to follow.

New Year's Day Masses
Not a Holy Day of Obligation
Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God
Monday, January 1st
8:00 a.m. - St. Mary, Brush
6:00 p.m. - St. Joseph, Akron
6:00 p.m. - St. Mary, Brush



From Fr. Marek, Fr. Maurice, & Deacon Joe

Thank you for your prayers, cards, and gifts.

God's Blessings! *May your New Year be blessed with peace, love, and joy!*

Fr. Maurice will be going home to Nigeria. Our prayers for a happy and safe vacation!

From Robbi....

I want to thank the collection counters who are so faithful and efficient. They have to count for flowers, building fund, offertory, masses, food pantry, youth collections and other miscellaneous donations. As the person who has to record this information for your parishioners, and make sure the bank accounts reflect the proper income and receipts, I am very grateful for their efficiency.

Thank You!

Saint Joseph's corner:

"St. Joseph, I am embracing this time of silence and waiting, trusting that God will light my way forward. Help me to hope in God always, and to follow the path he sets for me. Amen"

Lay Minister Schedule

Sierra Mireles

January 7, 2024

Greeters/Gifts: David & Anita Poss

Pianist: Julie Green

Cantor: M Hottinger, S Samber, E Friedly

Lector: Cathay Schrock

Altar Servers: T Weis, A Willeke, K Schrock

Head Usher: Mark Hart

Euch Ministers: Brian Etl, Jim Kuemmerig

January 7, 2024

Todd & Katrina McPheron

1st Sunday Adoration / January 7

Exposition / Adoration / Benediction

7:40 a.m. - 7:55 a.m.

We pray for our youths as they prepare for the Steubenville Retreat.

REQUEST FOR MASS INTENTIONS

PLEASE PRINT CLEARLY

There is no charge for Mass; however, a customary offering of \$10 is appreciated.

Intention Name: _____

_____ Living _____ Deceased

Requested by _____

Phone _____

Date Wanted _____

May this request be done privately

by Father _____ Yes _____ No

Email: office@stjosephsakron.org

* Office Hours: 9:00 AM - 2:30 PM (Tuesday, Wednesday)

Dear Padre,

How much should we support our adult children? We have a niece and a daughter who are both healthy, capable, and in their twenties. We have set boundaries and continue to give to them but they just can't seem to get their act together. Would it be unchristian to cut them off?



The *Catechism of the Catholic Church* describes in detail the duties of family members toward each other (CCC 2214–33). Parents are responsible to ensure that their children grow up in faith and to meet their basic needs. Children should show respect toward their parents and, as they grow older, assist them as needed. As children become adults, they should take on responsibility for themselves and parents are not to pressure them into choices of a profession or a spouse, while at the same time, “giving their children judicious advice....” (CCC 2230). At some point, children need to become responsible adults, which brings us to your point.

You seem to have done what is required as parents. At the same time, you would not want to abandon young adults if physical, mental, or emotional factors prevent them from assuming the responsibility of adulthood. If they are healthy, capable young people they should be able to progress in life without your financial assistance. To help them toward this goal, you may want to set very specific limits, perhaps with the help of a counselor, and then consistently follow those limits. ●

Fr. John K. Schmidt, CSSR / DearPadre.org

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY
January 1 <i>Mary, Holy Mother of God</i> Nm 6:22–27 Gal 4:4–7 Lk 2:16–21	January 2 <i>Sts. Basil the Great and Gregory Nazianzen, Bishops and Doctors of the Church</i> 1 Jn 2:22–28 Jn 1:19–28	January 3 <i>Christmas Weekday</i> 1 Jn 2:29–3:6 Jn 1:29–34	January 4 <i>St. Elizabeth Ann Seton, Religious</i> 1 Jn 3:7–10 Jn 1:35–42	January 5 <i>St. John Neumann, Bishop</i> 1 Jn 3:11–21 Jn 1:43–51	January 6 <i>Christmas Weekday</i> 1 Jn 5:5–13 Mk 1:7–11 or Lk 3:23–38 or 3:23, 31–34, 36, 38	January 7 <i>Epiphany of the Lord</i> Is 60:1–6 Eph 3:2–3a, 5–6 Mt 2:1–12

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A WORD FROM POPE FRANCIS

In imitation of the Holy Family, we are called to rediscover the educational value of the family unit: it requires being founded on the love that always regenerates relationships.... [I]f you quarrel within the family, do not end the day without making peace.... And do you know why? Because a cold war, day after day, is extremely dangerous.

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HOLY FAMILY WITH SAINTS ANNE AND JOHN THE BAPTIST (DETAIL), ANDREA MANTEGNA / WIKIMEDIA COMMONS



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