



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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Brush: Sat. - 3:00 PM
1/2 hr. before weekday Masses
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Mass Intentions

Sat. Dec. 30 Vigil

5:00 p.m. Graces for Teodosia Perez

Sun Dec. 31 Mass/The Holy Family

8:00 a.m. Health for Tom Koch

10:00 a.m. †Judy Garcilazo - EP

Mon Jan 1 Mass/Holy Mother of God

8:00 a.m. For Parishioners

6:00 p.m. For Parishioners

Thurs Jan 4 Mass/St. Elizabeth Ann Seton

5:30 p.m. Graces for Martina

Fri. Jan. 5 Mass/St. John Neumann

First Friday

8:00 a.m. †Mardel Heywood - BD

Sat. Jan. 6 Vigil

5:00 p.m. Graces/Elizabeth Jarrell-PD

Sun Jan. 7 Mass/Epiphany of the Lord

10:00 a.m. †Maria Carmen Garcilazo-EP

12:00 p.m. Spiker Family Intentions

PLEASE PRAY FOR:

Our Sick: Joseph Wilson, Tom Flores, Rosa Maria Santos, Gia Marquez, Jan Yokum, Kane Schrock, Deja Adam, Bernice Padilla, Rosemary Garcia, Sean Gleason, Marj Blatt, Ben Mettlen, Arabella Macias, Brianna Hill, Gina Mortenson, Margaret Mann, Paula Meier, Sheryl Garvik, Izaac Morales, Kayla Albrant, Stan Prather, Christy Chapman, Ron Uhrig, Anthony Steven Villarreal, Shelby Daughenbaugh, Caiden Lee, Frank Laso, Fritz & Irene Ramirez, Rodney Hergenreter, Stella, Amanda Weisensee, Norma Wolfe, Daniel Hoffman, Alvin Vigil, Jessica Penner, Eloy Padilla, Nadine Odell, Jennifer Romero, Pennie Haller, Armando Saucedo, Richard Radke, Jeffery Pieper, Carmona Family, Delbert Meier, Leo Millburg, Teodosia Perez

For the Soul: Crisanta Gonzalez

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 and Fr. Maurice

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!



To our Knights of Columbus for the Christmas gift of the book: ***Beautiful Eucharist!***

Religious Education Classes will resume
Sunday, January 7th at 9:00 a.m.

Adult Study in the Church
Tuesday, Jan. 2nd / 6:30 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.
Fr. John Riccardo's **The Rescue Project**



NATIONAL
**Eucharistic
Revival**

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament
Exposition / Adoration / Benediction

St. Mary's: January 6th/7th

First Sunday of the month

Saturday **4:30 p.m. - 4:50 p.m.**

Sunday **9:30 a.m. - 9:50 a.m.**

St. John's: January 14th

Second Sunday of the month

11:30 a.m. - 11:57 a.m.

REQUEST FOR MASS INTENTIONS

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

Intention Name:

_____ Living _____ Deceased

Requested by:

Phone: _____

Date wanted: _____

Which church? ____ St. Mary ____ St. John



Food Drive - Help feed families

Consider canned goods & items for the Brush Food pantry.

Monetary donations welcomed.

Drop off at St. Mary's

Thank you for your support!

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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