

The Family as a Communion of Love

The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph

When they had fulfilled all the prescriptions of the law of the Lord, they returned to Galilee, to their own town of Nazareth. The child grew and became strong, filled with wisdom; and the favor of God was upon him. [Luke 2:39-40](#) (Gospel Year B)

Today we honor family life in general by pausing to ponder the particular and beautiful hidden life within the home of Jesus, Mary and Joseph. In many ways, their daily life together would have been very similar to other families at that time. But in other ways, their life together is entirely unique and provides us with a perfect model for all families.

By God's providence and design, the family life of Jesus, Mary and Joseph was spoken of in the Scripture very little. We read of the birth of Jesus, the presentation in the Temple, the flight into Egypt and the finding of Jesus in the Temple at age twelve. But other than these stories of their life together, we know very little.

The line from today's Gospel quoted above does, however, give us some insight worth pondering. First, we see that this family "fulfilled all the prescriptions of the law of the Lord..." Though this is in reference to Jesus being presented in the Temple, it should also be understood to apply to all aspects of their life together. Family life, just like our individual lives, must be ordered by the laws of our Lord. The primary law of the Lord regarding family life is that it must share in the very unity and "communion of love" found in the life of the Most Holy Trinity. Each person of the Holy Trinity has perfect respect for the other, gives selflessly to each other without reserve, and receives each person in their totality. It is their love that makes them one and enables them to act together in perfect harmony as a communion of divine Persons. Though Saint Joseph was not immaculate in his nature, the perfection of love did live in his divine Son and in his immaculate wife. This overwhelming gift of their perfect love would have daily drawn him into the perfection of their lives.

Ponder your own closest relationships today. If you are blessed with a close family, ponder them. If not, ponder the persons put into your life who you are called to love with familial love. Who are you to be there for in good times and in bad? Who are you to sacrifice your life for without reserve? Who are you to offer respect, compassion, time, energy, mercy, generosity and every other virtue? And how well do you fulfill this duty of love?

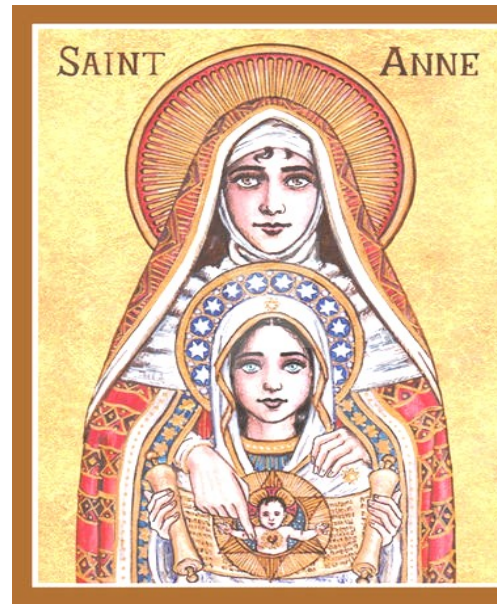
Reflect, today, upon the fact that God wants you to share in a communion of life, not only with the Most Holy Trinity but also with those around you, especially your family. Try to ponder the hidden life of Jesus, Mary and Joseph and seek to make their family relationship the model for how you love others. May their perfect communion of love be a model for us all.

Lord, draw me into the life, love and communion that You lived with Your Immaculate Mother and Saint Joseph. I offer You myself, my family and all those to whom I am called to love with a special love. May I imitate Your family love and life in all my relationships. Help me to know how to change and grow so that I may more fully share in Your family life. Jesus, I trust in You.

St. Anne Catholic Parish

December 29, 2024

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Holy Mass and Sacraments Schedule

Saturday Vigil: 5:00 pm

Sunday Mass: 9:00 am

Daily Mass: Mondays & Fridays @ 6:00 pm
Tuesdays, Wednesdays, Thursdays @ 9:00 am
First Saturday's ONLY @ 9:00 am

Reconciliation: 30 minutes prior to each Mass

Eucharistic Adoration: Mondays and Fridays 5:00-6:00 pm
Tuesdays, Wednesdays, Thursdays 9:30-10:30 am

Baptism and Holy Matrimony: The family should be registered and active at St. Anne Parish for a least three months prior to Baptism or Holy Matrimony. Couples are engaged to marry need to contact Fr. Ishida at least four months prior to the wedding date for marriage preparation.

Anointing of the Sick: Please contact Father Ishida.

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(meets 1st Tuesday quarterly @ noon)

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welcome
to our Parish

Feast of the Holy Family of Jesus, Mary, and Joseph

Lectionary #17
Liturgical color: white

1st Reading: Sirach 3:2–6, 12–14
Responsorial Psalm: Psalm 128:1–2, 3, 4–5
2nd Reading: Colossians 3:12–21 or 3:12–17
Gospel: Luke 2:41–52
or, for Year C:

1st Reading: 1 Samuel 1:20–22, 24–28
Responsorial Psalm 84:2–3, 5–6, 9–10
2nd Reading: 1 John 3:1–2, 21–24
Gospel: Luke 2:41–52
The Gloria and the Creed

Today's Feast:

In their mutual love and forbearance, in their patience in times of trial, and in their total obedience to God's will for them, the Holy Family shows us how to live together in peace.

Please note: Mass Intensions take approximately two (2) weeks to get processed and on the calendar. Please note this when giving your stipends for Intensions.

MASS INTENTIONS FOR DECEMBER

22	Sunday	Pro Populo
23	Monday	Thomas Schindler
24	Tuesday	
25	Wednesday	
26	Thursday	Thomas Schindler
27	Friday	Adolf & Lorraine Klein
28	Saturday	Adolf & Lorraine Klein
29	Sunday	Pro Populo

St. Anne ... Pray for us!
Mary, Queen of Heaven ... Pray for us!


Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God

December 31, Mass @ 5:00 PM
January 1, Mass @ 9:00 AM

Saint Anne's Quilting Group will begin again on January 8th @ 9:45 am in the Parish Hall. You are welcome to join us ... and you do not need to know how to quilt.

Daily Prayer for Priests

O Jesus, I pray for
Your faithful and fervent priests;
for Your unfaithful and tepid priests;
for Your priests laboring at home
or abroad in distant mission fields;
for Your tempted priests;
for Your young priests;
for Your dying priests;
for the souls of Your priests in purgatory.
But above all I recommend to You
the priests dearest to me;
the priest who baptized me;
the priest who absolved me from my sins;
the priests whose Masses I assisted
and who gave me Your Body and Blood
in Holy Communion;
the priests who taught and instructed me;
all the priests to whom I am indebted
in any other way, especially *list all priests.*
O Jesus, keep them close to Your heart,
and bless them abundantly
in time and in eternity.
Amen.



2024 ACA Parish Goals St. Anne, Medical Lake: \$21,368
We have currently received \$16,890— 79.04% of our goal.
Thank you!



Welcome to St. Anne Parish To all visitors who are joining us for worship today. May your time with us be grace-filled and may the Lord Jesus bless you and your loved ones today and every day. Pax et Bonum (Peace & Happiness)

St. Anne Parish

Weekend Mass Schedule:

Saturdays @ 5:00 pm—confession @ 4:30 pm
Sundays @ 9:00 am - confession @ 8:30 am

Join us for FELLOWSHIP immediately following Sunday 9:00 am Mass in St. Anne Hall.

Daily Mass Schedule

Mondays & Fridays— 6:00 pm Mass
Tuesdays, Wednesdays, Thursdays - 9:00 am Mass
ADORATION
Mondays & Fridays @ 5:00 pm;
Tuesdays, Wednesdays, Thursdays—following Mass
CONFESSION
Mondays & Fridays @ 5:30 pm;
Tuesdays, Wednesdays, Thursdays @ 8:30 am

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St. Anne Events!

Join us for FELLOWSHIP immediately following Sunday 9:00 am Mass in St. Anne Hall.

Wednesday, January 8 @ 9:45 AM
Quilting Group @ 9:45 am in the Hall

Tuesday, January 14 @ 12:00 PM (noon)
Finance Council Meeting @ NOON in the Hall

Tuesday, January 14 @ 6:00 PM
Parish Council Meeting @ 6:00 PM in the Hall

Wednesday, January 15 @ 9:45 AM
Quilting Group @ 9:45 am in the Hall

Wednesday, January 22 @ 9:45 AM
Quilting Group @ 9:45 am in the Hall

We need you!

Please prayerfully consider helping St. Anne's parish with your gift of time and talent.

Safe Environment Lead:

This is a great opportunity to be involved in our parish community. The role of the Safe Environment lead is to help to maintain records of employees, teachers, volunteers—making sure that everyone is trained and aware.

Parish Council:

If you are interested in being part of the Parish Council, please talk to Father Ishida. Two members' terms are up at the end of the school year. Parish council members have a unique opportunity to build our parish community. Please prayerfully consider and talk to Father.