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Good Morning

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December 23, 2021 - <https://youtu.be/caJZ7S2Ok4Y>
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Today we pray for families

Amen
Lord have mercy;
Christ have mercy;
Lord have mercy;

Reading I

[Sir 3:2-6, 12-14](#)

God sets a father in honor over his children;
a mother's authority he confirms over her sons.
Whoever honors his father atones for sins,
and preserves himself from them.
When he prays, he is heard;
he stores up riches who reveres his mother.
Whoever honors his father is gladdened by children,
and, when he prays, is heard.
Whoever reveres his father will live a long life;
he who obeys his father brings comfort to his mother.
My son, take care of your father when he is old;
grieve him not as long as he lives.
Even if his mind fail, be considerate of him;
revile him not all the days of his life;
kindness to a father will not be forgotten,
firmly planted against the debt of your sins
—a house raised in justice to you.

OR:

[1 Sm 1:20-22, 24-28](#)

In those days Hannah conceived, and at the end of her term bore a son whom she called Samuel, since she had asked the LORD for him. The next time her husband Elkanah was going up with the rest of his household to offer the customary sacrifice to the LORD and to fulfill his vows, Hannah did not go, explaining to her husband, "Once the child is weaned, I will take him to appear before the LORD and to remain there forever; I will offer him as a perpetual nazirite." Once Samuel was weaned, Hannah brought him up with her, along with a three-year-old bull, an ephah of flour, and a skin of wine, and presented him at the temple of the LORD in Shiloh. After the boy's father had sacrificed the young bull, Hannah, his mother, approached Eli and said: "Pardon, my lord! As you live, my lord, I am the woman who stood near you here, praying to the LORD. I prayed for this child, and the LORD granted my request. Now I, in turn, give him to the LORD; as long as he lives, he shall be dedicated to the LORD." Hannah left Samuel there.

Thanks be to God.

Response: Blessed are those who fear the Lord and walk in his ways.

Responsorial Psalm

[Ps 128:1-2, 3, 4-5.](#)

R. (cf. 1) Blessed are those who fear the Lord and walk in his ways.

Blessed is everyone who fears the LORD,
who walks in his ways!
For you shall eat the fruit of your handiwork;
blessed shall you be, and favored.

R. Blessed are those who fear the Lord and walk in his ways.

Your wife shall be like a fruitful vine
in the recesses of your home;
your children like olive plants

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around your table.

R. Blessed are those who fear the Lord and walk in his ways.

Behold, thus is the man blessed
who fears the LORD.

The LORD bless you from Zion:

may you see the prosperity of Jerusalem
all the days of your life.

R. Blessed are those who fear the Lord and walk in his ways.

OR:

[Ps 84:2-3, 5-6, 9-10.](#)

R. (cf. 5a) Blessed are they who dwell in your house, O Lord.

How lovely is your dwelling place, O LORD of hosts!
My soul yearns and pines for the courts of the LORD.
My heart and my flesh cry out for the living God.

R. Blessed are they who dwell in your house, O Lord.

Happy they who dwell in your house!
Continually they praise you.

Happy the men whose strength you are!

Their hearts are set upon the pilgrimage.

R. Blessed are they who dwell in your house, O Lord.

O LORD of hosts, hear our prayer;

hearken, O God of Jacob!

O God, behold our shield,

and look upon the face of your anointed.

R. Blessed are they who dwell in your house, O Lord.

Reading II

[Col 3:12-21 or 3:12-17](#)

Brothers and sisters:

Put on, as God's chosen ones, holy and beloved,
heartfelt compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness, and patience,
bearing with one another and forgiving one another,
if one has a grievance against another;
as the Lord has forgiven you, so must you also do.

And over all these put on love,
that is, the bond of perfection.

And let the peace of Christ control your hearts,
the peace into which you were also called in one body.

And be thankful.

Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly,
as in all wisdom you teach and admonish one another,
singing psalms, hymns, and spiritual songs
with gratitude in your hearts to God.

And whatever you do, in word or in deed,
do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus,
giving thanks to God the Father through him.

Wives, be subordinate to your husbands,
as is proper in the Lord.

Husbands, love your wives,
and avoid any bitterness toward them.

Children, obey your parents in everything,
for this is pleasing to the Lord.

Fathers, do not provoke your children,
so they may not become discouraged.

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with gratitude in your hearts to God.
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OR:

[1 Jn 3:1-2, 21-24](#)

Beloved:

See what love the Father has bestowed on us
that we may be called the children of God.
And so we are.

The reason the world does not know us
is that it did not know him.

Beloved, we are God's children now;
what we shall be has not yet been revealed.

We do know that when it is revealed we shall be like him,
for we shall see him as he is.

Beloved, if our hearts do not condemn us,
we have confidence in God and receive from him whatever we ask,
because we keep his commandments and do what pleases him.

And his commandment is this:

we should believe in the name of his Son, Jesus Christ,
and love one another just as he commanded us.

Those who keep his commandments remain in him, and he in them,
and the way we know that he remains in us
is from the Spirit he gave us.

Thanks be to God.

Alleluia

[Col 3:15a, 16a](#)

R. Alleluia, alleluia.

Let the peace of Christ control your hearts;
Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly.

R. Alleluia, alleluia.

OR:

[Cf. Acts 16:14b](#)

R. Alleluia, alleluia.

Open our hearts, O Lord,
to listen to the words of your Son.

R. Alleluia, alleluia.

P: "The Lord be with you" All: "And with your spirit"

P: "A reading from the Holy Gospel according to Luke All: "Glory to your O Lord"

Gospel

[Lk 2:41-52](#)

Each year Jesus' parents went to Jerusalem for the feast
of Passover,

and when he was twelve years old,
they went up according to festival custom.

After they had completed its days, as they were returning,
the boy Jesus remained behind in Jerusalem,
but his parents did not know it.

Thinking that he was in the caravan,
they journeyed for a day
and looked for him among their relatives and acquaintances,
but not finding him,

they returned to Jerusalem to look for him.
After three days they found him in the temple,

sitting in the midst of the teachers,
listening to them and asking them questions,
and all who heard him were astounded
at his understanding and his answers.

When his parents saw him,
they were astonished,
and his mother said to him,
"Son, why have you done this to us?"

Your father and I have been looking for you with great anxiety."
And he said to them,

"Why were you looking for me?
Did you not know that I must be in my Father's house?"
But they did not understand what he said to them.

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He went down with them and came to Nazareth,
and was obedient to them;
and his mother kept all these things in her heart.
And Jesus advanced in wisdom and age and favor
before God and man.

P: "The Gospel of the Lord." **All:** "Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ."

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The Nicene Creed

I believe in one God,
the Father almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
of all things visible and invisible.
I believe in one Lord Jesus Christ,
the Only Begotten Son of God,
born of the Father before all ages.
God from God, Light from Light,
true God from true God,
begotten, not made, consubstantial with the Father;
through him all things were made.
For us men and for our salvation
he came down from heaven, *(Pause and Kneel)*
and by the Holy Spirit was incarnate of the Virgin Mary,
and became man.
For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate,
he suffered death and was buried,
and rose again on the third day
in accordance with the Scriptures.
He ascended into heaven
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again in glory
to judge the living and the dead
and his kingdom will have no end.
I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,
who with the Father and the Son is adored and glorified,
who has spoken through the prophets.
I believe in one, holy, catholic and apostolic Church.
I confess one Baptism for the forgiveness of sins
and I look forward to the resurrection of the dead
and the life of the world to come.

Amen.

Prayer of the faithful:

Response: Lord hear our prayer

Let us pray for an end to the current COVID-19 pandemic and all who are impacted by it, especially those who are ill and those who have lost their lives.

Let us offer a prayer of thanksgiving as well for those who risk their own health to help others.

Let us offer a prayer for people that are administering the vaccine and those getting it and that the effectiveness of the vaccine may help end the pandemic.

Let us pray for people suffering from physical and mental illness that God may heal them according to His will.

Let us pray that the Holy Spirit come upon all and continue to inspire us.

Let us pray for peace around the world.

Let us pray for protection of the unborn.

Let us pray for the newly installed members of the Parish Pastoral that they may be guided by the Holy Spirit

Let us pray for our Church

Let us pray for people around the world that continue to suffer due to the pandemic

Today we pray for all families

Let us pray for our men and women serving our country, for the veterans

Let us pray for the children and youth at the schools and the educators and other people that help the school systems

Let us pray for the people in Kentucky, Illinois, Missouri, Arkansas and Tennessee devastated by tornados and other people affected by natural disasters

Back to School Prayer

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Dear God, with a new school year upon us, we pray for our students and teachers, that You would ease their anxiety about going back to school amidst the pandemic. We pray for safety for those returning to in-person classes, and for the needed technology, self-discipline, and adult oversight for those learning online. We pray that every child has enough to eat, a supportive network of friends and family, and perseverance to face every challenge with Your strength. Amen

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Offertory:

At this time we would have our weekly collection. We ask you to prayerfully consider making a donation through our online, text to give or parish envelope options. Thank you for your generosity.

Parish Giving:

<https://www.parishgiving.org/index?e=876D52DCC9C937F21282F9D33E7E517ED8C94E18D7AF78A1>

Go Fund Me:

<https://charity.gofundme.com/en/campaign/immaculate-heart-of-mary-scotch-plains>

Text to Give option by texting a dollar amount to (908) 224-3545

The church is also collecting monetary donations for those affected by the earthquake in Haiti – please contact the church office for details – this will be the second collection during mass.

Blessed be God forever

May the Lord accept the sacrifice at your hands, for the praise and glory of his name, for our good and the good of all his holy church.

Amen

And with your spirit ;

We lift them up to the lord ;

It is right and just;

Holy, Holy, Holy

Holy, Holy, Holy Lord God of hosts.

Heaven and earth are full of your glory.

Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest.

Eucharistic prayer:

TAKE THIS, ALL OF YOU, AND EAT OF IT,

FOR THIS IS MY BODY, WHICH WILL BE GIVEN UP FOR YOU

R: My Lord and my God

TAKE THIS, ALL OF YOU, AND DRINK FROM IT,

FOR THIS IS THE CHALICE OF MY BLOOD,

THE BLOOD OF THE NEW AND ETERNAL COVENANT,

WHICH WILL BE Poured OUT FOR YOU AND FOR MANY

FOR THE FORGIVENESS OF SINS.

DO THIS IN MEMORY OF ME.

R: My Lord and my God

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Memorial Acclamations

Memorial Acclamations (pick the one that is sung)

[Priest]

The mystery of faith.

1. We proclaim your Death, O Lord,
and profess your Resurrection
until you come again.
2. When we eat this Bread and drink this Cup,
we proclaim your Death, O Lord,
until you come again.

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3. Save us, Savior of the world,
for by your Cross and Resurrection
you have set us free.

Amen

Our Father

Our Father who art in heaven,
hallowed be thy name.
Thy kingdom come.
Thy will be done on earth, as it is
in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread,
and forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive those who trespass
against us,
and lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.

For the kingdom the power and the glory are yours now and forever

Amen

Peace be with you all.

Lamb of God

Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world,
have mercy on us.
Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world,
have mercy on us.
Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world,
grant us peace.
Lord, I am not worthy that you should enter under my roof; but only say the word and my soul shall be healed.

Prayer of Spiritual Communion

My Jesus, I believe that you are present in the most Blessed Sacrament. I love You above all things and I desire to receive You into my soul. Since I cannot now receive You sacramentally, come at least spiritually into my heart. I embrace You as if You were already there, and unite myself wholly to You. Never permit me to be separated from You. Amen.

Prayer after Communion:

Amen

Announcements:

Please note there will be a livestream broadcast of the mass at 9 am tomorrow.

Please visit our website <https://ihmparish.net> – we will continue to have activities in our parish - all of the announcements and details will be posted on the website.

Please see letter from Fr. Mike regarding Engaging Disciples Update.- Parish Pastoral Council: <https://ihmparish.net/s/Engaging-Disciples-Update-Pastoral-Council.pdf>

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Remember our Sick

John Allen, Rose Badala, George Becker, Larry Biunno, Fran Boglioli, Erin Brennan, Samantha Bridge, James Brown, Kevin Brown, John Burkert, Mary Calabrese, Anna Cassella, Paul Cassidy, Matthew Cassio, Frank Chimento, Edward Clark, William Consoyoy, Colm Cosgrove, Ray Clark, Albert Fischer, Jr., Emily Fleming, Mary Foster, Nicole Griffin, Kathleen Herron, Juliann Junio, Anna Koch, Jillian Lapidus, Eileen Lynch, Maureen Lynch, Bill Malone, Owen Mike McCabe, June McManus, Christine Morris, Thomas Moore, Marlene Mosko, Hilda Pizza, Diane Pricken, Marisol Rodriguez, Susan Rozborski, Dolores

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Rust, Diana Scariati, Elisa Silversey, Bernard Slaza, Beverly Sopp, Ryder Francis Spillane, Paul Szeker, Phyllis Szeker, Carole Ventre, Daniel Ventura, Sr. Elizabeth, Vermaelen, Stephen Voorhees, Christy Ward

Remember Our Departed

Bernadette Chemidlin, Madeline Koch, Edward Clancy, Richard Garcia, Michael Iarrapino Jr. (father of Mike Iarrapino)

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Archbishop's annual appeal has launched. Please consider donating. <https://support.rcan.org/a/donate>

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IHM Food Pantry needs:

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LEADERSHIP OPPORTUNITY: IHM Peer Servant Team

For high school students who have received the Sacrament of Confirmation, and want to go deeper in discipleship, leadership and service.

Contact Rachael Flanagan to let her know you're interested!

908-280-2893 or ihmsp@boldym.com

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Amen

Dismissal

And with your Spirit

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Thanks be to God

Merry Christmas!

Have a safe and blessed week!