

CATHEDRAL *Weekly*

26th Dec. 2021

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**A GUIDE TO THE
DAILY READINGS**

27th DECEMBER
1st January 2022

THE HOLY FAMILY OF JESUS, MARY AND JOSEPH



Christmas party moments for the street families organized by Holy Ghost Cathedral Ppc

Reflection

THE HUMAN FAMILY

Christmas is a time for families to be together. We have our Christmas dinner together; exchange gifts; we come here to church to celebrate the Eucharist; we visit our friends and relatives – the list is endless. We thank God for our families; they are God’s gifts to us.

In our world today however, there are many families who are separated from each other. In war-torn countries, many family members are separated by force, kidnapped and even killed. Here in our society, there are many families who don’t love each other. There are husbands who cheat on their wives and vice-versa; parents whose divorce hurt their children; children who kill their parents; children who place their aging parents in nursing homes but rarely visit nor call them; parents who physically (and even sexually) abuse their kids.

We read learn about these stories in the media and hear about it from other people. Many families do not make the effort to communicate and talk to each other, to support one another and they therefore give up so easily on loving each other. A few disagreements between a husband and wife, for example, can easily lead to a divorce, which, if the couple has kids, affects them for life.

There can be a lack of patience and compassion in our families.

In today’s Gospel according to St. Matthew, we hear of one family who practiced patience, obedience, love and faith in God. This is the family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph, whose feast we celebrate today. The Holy Family is a model for us and we cannot compare ourselves to them. Look at its members: Joseph “the upright man,” Mary the virgin mother, and Jesus the only Son of God. They had ideal relationships with God and with each other.

But like us they were also very human and had their share of life’s difficulties. They were poor, powerless and homeless. A decree by the Roman emperor Caesar Augustus forced them to leave for Bethlehem, where Mary gave birth to her son Jesus and laid him in a stable of animals. King Herod’s cruelty forced them to seek refuge in Egypt. But through all these trials, they placed themselves in the hands of God. Joseph and Mary were living with God, the Word made flesh in Jesus Christ.

Jesus, the Son of God, was truly human; born of a woman. He grew in age and wisdom in a family. He experienced all human conditions, including being at the mercy of the rulers of the world, together with his parents, and living a life with many dangers.

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Mon. 27th Dec.2021

St John, Apostle and evangelist, feast White
1 Jn 1:1-4;
Ps 97:1-2.5-6.11-12.
Jn 20:2-8.

Tue. 28th Dec. 2021-

The Holy Innocents, martyrs, feast Red
1 Jn 1:5 - 2:2;
Ps 124:2-3.4-5.7b-8.
Mt 2:13-18.

Wed.29th Dec. 2021

1 Jn 2:3-11; Ps 96
Lk 2:22-35.

Thur. 30th Dec. 2021

1 Jn 2:12-17; Ps 96
Lk 2:36-40.

Fri. 31st Dec.r 2021

1 Jn 2:18-21; Ps 96
Jn 1:1-18.

SAT.1st Jan. 2022

**SOLEMNITY OF MARY,
THE HOLY MOTHER
OF GOD**

Nm 6:22-27; Ps 67
Gal 4:4-7.
Lk 2:16-21.

DUTY SCHEDULE FOR DEC. 2021

TODAY

24th DECEMBER

VIGIL MASS- 9.00PM (PPC)

25TH DEC 2021

07:00 AM ST. JUDE

08:00 AM ST. PAUL & ST. PETER

09:00 AM HOLY SPIRIT

11:00 AM ALLIANCE OF
TWO HEARTS

CLEANING OF THE CHURCH

24th Dec 2021: ST. BENEICT

31st DEC 2021

VIGIL MASS- 9.00PM (PPC)

01ST JAN 2022

07:00 AM ST MAGDALANE &
ST ANTHONY

08:00 AM ST GABRIEL & ST. KIZITO

09:00 AM ST. BENEICT

CLEANING OF THE CHURCH

31st Dec 2021: ST. MONICA


**PROGRAM FOR
CHRISTMAS &
NEW YEAR**

24TH DEC. 2021
Morning Mass 6:15am

**CHRISTMAS EVE -
24TH DEC. 2021**
6.30pm – 07.30 pm Carols
(Choir / Children)
7.30pm- 08.00pm Launching
of the church
vision/ strategy
8.00pm – 08.15pm Carols
(Choir / Children)
8.15pm- 08.45pm
Continuation of launch
9.00pm Holy Mass

CHRISTMAS PROGRAM

**The Mass program for
25th December 2021**

7:00am - Kiswahili
8:00am - English
9:00 am (Church & Hall)
- Kiswahili/English
11:00am - Kiswahili

SUN. 26TH DEC. 2021

Masses will be as follows
7:00 am - Kiswahili
8:00 am - English
9:00 am (Church / Hall)
Kiswahili/English
11:00 am -Kiswahili

FRI. 31ST DEC. 2021

Morning Mass - 6:15am

FRIDAY 31ST DEC. 2021

VIGIL MASS - 9:00pm

SAT. 1ST JAN. 2022

7:00am - English
9:00 am - Swahili


1 Samueli 1:20-22, 24-28

Wakati ulipowadia, Hana alishika mimba, akamzaa mtoto wa kiume, akamwita jina lake Samueli, akisema, “Kwa maana nimemwomba kutoka kwa Bwana.”

Kisha wakati ulipowadia, Elkana mumewe na watu wote wa nyumbani kwake, wakapanda kumtolea Bwana dhabihu ya mwaka na nadhiri yake. Lakini Hana hakupanda nao, maana alimwambia mumewe, “Sitakwea hadi mtoto wangu atakapoachishwa maziwa. Hapo nitampeleka mimi, atatolewa mbele ya Bwana, naye atakaa huko daima.” Mara alipokwisha kumwachisha maziwa, akamchukua pamoja naye, na ng’ombe

dume wa miaka mitatu, na efa moja ya unga, na chupa ya divai, akamleta katika hekalu la Bwana huko Shilo. Baada ya baba yake kumchinja na kumtolea sadaka yule ng’ombe dume, wakamleta mtoto kwa Eli, na Hana mama yake akamwendea Eli, na kusema, “Tafadhali bwana, kama iishivyo roho yako, mimi ndimi yule mwanamke niliyesimama karibu nawe hapa, nikimwomba Bwana. Nilimwomba nimpate mtoto huyu, naye Bwana alisikiliza maombi yangu niliyomwomba. Sasa nami pia, ninampa Bwana mtoto huyu; siku zake zote za maisha, atakuwa amepewa Bwana.” Akamwacha mtoto pale na kuondoka.

Zaburi 84

**K. Heri wale wanaokaa nyumbani mwako, ee Bwana.
Maskani zako zapendeza kama nini,
ee Bwana wa majeshi!**

Nafsi yangu inazitamani nyua za Bwana hata inataka kuzimia.
Moyo wangu na mwili wangu vinamlilia Mungu aliye hai. K.

Heri wale wanaokaa nyumbani mwako!
Wanakusifu daima.

Heri mtu anayepata nguvu kwako,
anayetamani kupanda hekaluni mwako. K.

Ee Bwana, Mungu wa majeshi, usikie sala yangu; utege sikio lako, ee Mungu wa Yakobo.
Ee Mungu uliye ngao yetu, uangalie; utazame uso wa mpakwa wako. K.

1 Yohane 3:1-2, 21-24

Wapendwa: Tazameni jinsi mapendo aliyotujalia Mungu Baba yalivyo makubwa. Tunaitwa watoto wa Mungu, na ndivyo tulivyo. Kwa sababu hii ulimwengu haututambui kwa kuwa haukumtambua yeye. Wapendwa, sasa tu watoto wa Mungu, lakini hali yetu ijayo haijulikana bado. Ila itakapojulikana, tunajua kwamba tutakuwa hali moja na Yesu, kwa maana tutamwona kama alivyo. Wapendwa, mioyo yetu isipotuhukumu, tuna tumaini kwa Mungu. Na lolote tuombalo, twalipata kwake, kwa kuwa twashika amri zake na kutenda yampendezayo. Amri yake ni hii: tusadiki kwa jina la Mwana wake Yesu Kristo, na tupendane sisi kwa sisi, kama alivyotuamuru. Ashikaye amri zake anaishi ndani ya Mungu, na Mungu ndani yake. Kujua ya kuwa anaishi ndani yetu, twajua kwa Roho aliyetupa.

Aleluya!

Ifungue mioyo yetu, ee Bwana, tupate kusikiliza maneno ya Mwanao.

Aleluya.

Luka 2:41-52

Kila mwaka wazazi wa Yesu walikwenda Yerusalemu kwa Sikukuu ya Pasaka. Alipopata umri wa miaka kumi na miwili, walikwenda kama ilivyokuwa desturi ya sikukuu. Baada ya siku zile, walirudi kwao, lakini Yesu alibaki Yerusalemu, wazazi wake hawakuwa na habari. Wakidhani yuko katika msafara, walisafiri mpaka jioni, kisha wakamtafuta kwa jamaa na rafiki, walipokosa kumwona, wakarudi Yerusalemu wamtafute huko. Ikawa baada ya siku tatu, walimkuta hekaluni, ameketi kati ya walimu akiwasikiliza na

maswali; nao wote waliomsikia walistaajabia ufahamu wake na majibu yake. Walipomwona walishangaa, na mama yake akamwambia, “Mwanangu, kwa nini umetufanyia hivi? Tazama, baba yako na mimi tumekutafuta kwa huzuni.” Naye akawaambia, “Kwa nini mmenitafuta? Hamkujua ya kuwa imenipasa kuwamo katika nyumba ya Baba yangu?” Lakini hawakuelewa neno alilowaambia. Akashuka pamoja nao, akafika Nazareti, na aliwatii; mama yake akayatunza maneno hayo yote moyoni mwake. Naye Yesu akaongezeka katika hekima na umri, akimpendeza Mungu na wanadamu.

**1 Samuel 1:20-22,24-28**

And in due time Hannah conceived and bore a son, and she called his name Samuel, for she said, "I have asked him of the LORD." And the man Elkanah and all his house went up to offer to the Lord the yearly sacrifice, and to pay his vow. But Hannah did not go up, for she said to her husband, "As soon as the child is weaned, I will bring him, that he may appear in the presence of the LORD, and abide there for ever." And when she had weaned him, she took him up with

her, along with a three-year-old bull, an ephah of flour, and a skin of wine; and she brought him to the house of the LORD at Shiloh; and the child was young. Then they slew the bull, and they brought the child to Eli. And she said, "Oh, my lord! As you live, my lord, I am the woman who was standing here in your presence, praying to the LORD. For this child I prayed; and the LORD has granted me my petition which I made to him. Therefore I have lent him to the LORD; as long as he lives, he is lent to the LORD."

PSALM 84

**R. Blessed are they who dwell in your house, O Lord.
How lovely is your dwelling place,
O LORD of hosts.**

My soul is longing and yearning
for the courts of the LORD.
My heart and my flesh cry out
to the living God. R.

Blessed are they who dwell in your house,
forever singing your praise.
Blessed is the man whose strength is in you,
whose heart is set on pilgrim ways. R.

O LORD God of hosts, hear my prayer;
give ear, O God of Jacob.
Turn your eyes, O God, our shield;
look on the face of your anointed. R.

One day within your courts
is better than a thousand elsewhere.
The threshold of the house of God
I prefer to the dwellings of the wicked. R.

1 John 3:1-2,21-24

Beloved: See what love the Father has given us, that we should be called children of God; and so we are. The reason why the world does not know us is that it did not know him.

Beloved, we are God's children now; it does not yet appear what we shall be, but we know that when he appears we shall be like him, for we shall see him as he is. Beloved, if our hearts do not condemn us, we have confidence before God; and we receive from him whatever we ask, because we keep his commandments and do what pleases him. And this is his commandment, that we should believe in the name of his Son Jesus Christ and love one another, just as he has commanded us. All who keep his commandments abide in him, and he in them. And by this we know that he abides in us, by the Spirit which he has given us.

Alleluia

*Open our hearts, O Lord, that we may give heed to the words of your Son.
Alleluia.*

Luke 2:41-52

The parents of Jesus went to Jerusalem every year at the feast of the Passover. And when he was twelve years old, they went up according to custom; and when the feast was ended, as they were returning, the boy Jesus stayed behind in Jerusalem. His parents did not know it, but supposing him to be in the company they went a day's journey, and they sought him among their kinsfolk and acquaintances; and when they did not find him, they returned to Jerusalem, seeking him. After three days they found him in the temple, sitting among the teachers, listening to them and asking them questions; and all who heard him were amazed

at his understanding and his answers. And when they saw him they were astonished; and his mother said to him, "Son, why have you treated us so? Behold, your father and I have been looking for you anxiously." And he said to them, "How is it that you sought me? Did you not know that I must be in my Father's house?" And they did not understand the saying which he spoke to them. And 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 increased in wisdom and in stature, and in favour with God and man.


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Reflection

Yet despite all this, Jesus was obedient to his Father's will, even unto death and he therefore accomplished the work of salvation. God came to us through Jesus Christ, the incarnate Word, and through Jesus, we can be saved. Through his life, Jesus shows us the way to God. Jesus Christ is God's gift to us.

Jesus, Mary and Joseph are good examples for us to follow in our family lives. We can learn from them. In addition, today's readings show us how to love one another as family members. To you fathers, St. Paul, in his letter to the Colossians, says, "Love your wives; do not provoke your children lest they become discouraged." To you mothers, Paul says to "love your husbands." To you children Paul says, "Obey, love and respect your parents." In the first reading, Sirach says, "If you show reverence to your father, you will live a long life. And if you comfort your mother, you obey God." To the whole family, Paul says, "Put on patience, kindness and compassion. Forgive each other." These are the ways in which the Holy Family lived.

Love, forgiveness, kindness, patience and other virtues begin at home, in our families. The practice of loving each other in our families trains us to love God, our neighbors and other families. We bring that love from our families to love and serve a larger family, the Body of Christ, the Church – all of us. We are all brothers and sisters in Christ and we are called to love one another, as God loves us.

Let us ask God, as we continue this Christmas Eucharist, to help us live like the Holy Family, united in love and respect. Let us ask for Mary and Joseph's prayers that God will unite our families in peace and love. And let us thank God for the gifts of Christ Jesus, Mary and Joseph, our families and our church.

HOLY GHOST CATHEDRAL WOMEN

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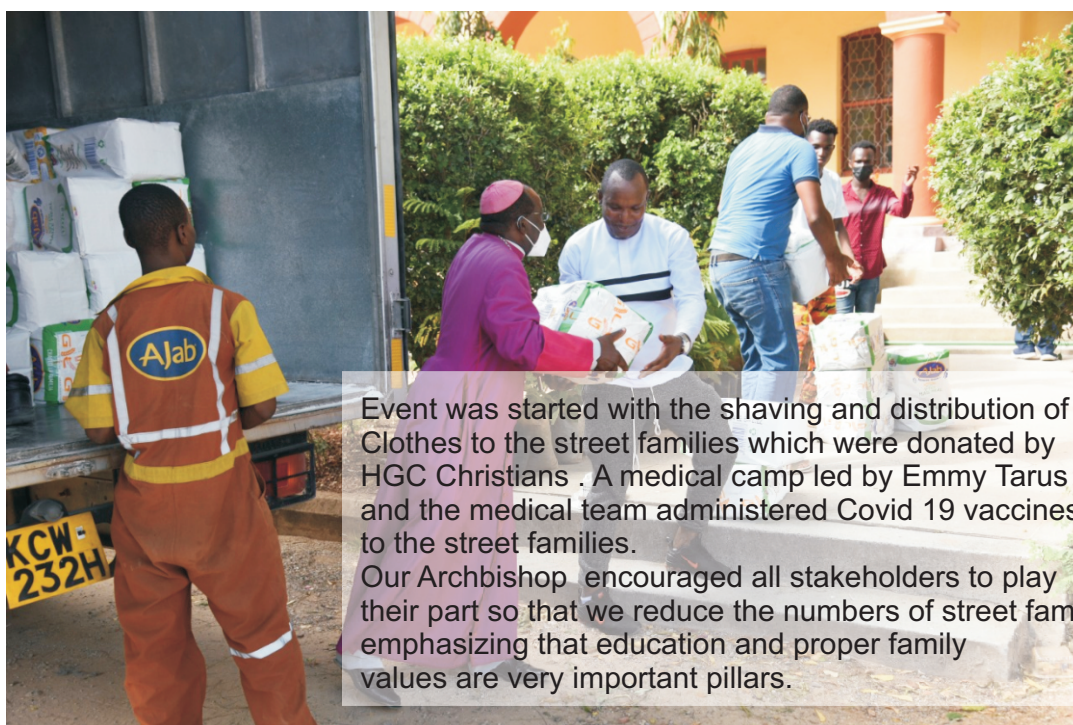
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HOLY GHOST CATHEDRAL PPC CHRISTMAS PARTY FOR THE STREET FAMILIES



Event was started with the shaving and distribution of Clothes to the street families which were donated by HGC Christians . A medical camp led by Emmy Tarus and the medical team administered Covid 19 vaccines to the street families.

Our Archbishop encouraged all stakeholders to play their part so that we reduce the numbers of street families emphasizing that education and proper family values are very important pillars.



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