

This Week's Readings

First Reading: Genesis 15; 17; 21.

Isaac is born to Abraham and Sarah as a fulfillment of God's promise.

Second Reading: Hebrews 11: 8, 11-12, 17-19.

By faith Sarah received power to conceive, because she considered God to be faithful to his promise. By faith, Abraham offered up Isaac, because he considered the fact that God is able even to raise someone from the dead.



Gospel: Luke 2:22-40.

Mary and Joseph brought Jesus up to the temple so that he could be presented to the Lord.

Points for Reflection

The Holy Family is every family's model.

1. Bound by ties of unity, love and mission, the Holy Family, one-in-three, mirrors the perfect harmony of the Holy Trinity. Through poverty, hardships and trials, Joseph and Mary were serene, for they had Jesus, and, in Jesus, they had everything.

Because God made them guardians of the most precious treasure, they worked and prayed constantly to be worthy of God's trust and gift. Gradually, God made them understand the mission of Jesus.

Centering their lives on their Child Jesus, Joseph and Mary cared for him and for each other with a holy love. Jesus, in turn, humbly subjected himself to his human parents, although he knew that he came to this world to do the will of the Father.

2. The life of the Holy Family is presented to the whole Church as an example and encouragement for all families.
 - **Spouses** are called to live their Christian vocation in marriage and to practise the same simple but heroic virtues perfected by Joseph and Mary in the foundation of the family.
 - **Children** are called to imitate Jesus, subjecting themselves to their parents, but keeping in mind that they are called to accomplish the plan that God has in store for each one of them.

--Fr Carlo Tei

Happy New Year to all and each one of you!

New Year's Day Mass in English will be celebrated at 9.00 am

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Kids' Corner

Colour the picture of the Holy Family below.



And so it was, that, while they were there, the days were accomplished that she should be delivered. And she brought forth her firstborn son, and wrapped him in swaddling clothes, and laid him in a manger; because there was no room for them in the inn.

Luke 2:6-7