

KEEPING FAITH FIRST- WORD SEARCH

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Catechizing Corner!

In today's liturgy, the Church has set aside this day to remember and uplift the Christian family. The Holy Family is offered as the model. There is much to be gleaned from the 1st and 2nd readings in regard to familial relationships. After reflecting upon what it means to love in the context of family, family systems, and societal structures, the Gospel reminds us that there is One who is filled with wisdom, who lavishly showers us with love, and who promises to be with us, even as we struggle to love in difficult situations.

Mary Birmingham, Word and Worship Workbook.

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Disciple's Reflection for the Question of the Week

Feast of the Holy Family

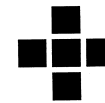
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A Call to Prayer

The Word of God
Luke 2:22-40

Faith Sharing
Questions of the week

Closing Prayer



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Christ connecting faith with life and reaching
out to those in need!***

Call to Prayer

Begin by calling upon God: **In the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit, Amen.** Let us pause for a moment and listen attentively to this week's passage.

The Word of God Luke 2:22-40

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke

When the days were completed for their purification according to the law of Moses, they took him up to Jerusalem to present him to the Lord, just as it is written in the law of the Lord, Every male that opens the womb shall be consecrated to the Lord, and to offer the sacrifice of a pair of turtledoves or two young pigeons, in accordance with the dictate in the law of the Lord. Now there was a man in Jerusalem whose name was Simeon. This man was righteous and devout, awaiting the consolation of Israel, and the Holy Spirit was upon him. It had been revealed to him by the Holy Spirit that he should not see death before he had seen the Christ of the Lord. He came in the Spirit into the temple; and when the parents brought in the child Jesus to perform the custom of the law in regard to him, he took him into his arms and blessed God, saying: "Now, Master, you may

let your servant go in peace, according to your word, for my eyes have seen your salvation, which you prepared in sight of all the peoples, a light for revelation to the Gentiles, and glory for your people Israel." The child's father and mother were amazed at what was said about him; and Simeon blessed them and said to Mary his mother, "Behold, this child is destined for the fall and rise of many in Israel, and to be a sign that will be contradicted – and you yourself a sword will pierce – so that the thoughts of many hearts may be revealed." There was also a prophetess, Anna, the daughter of Phanuel, of the tribe of Asher. She was advanced in years, having lived seven years with her husband after her marriage, and then as a widow until she was eighty-four. She never left the temple, but worshiped night and day with fasting and prayer. And coming forward at that very time, she gave thanks to God and spoke about the child to all who were awaiting the redemption of Jerusalem. 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.

The Gospel of the Lord



Gospel Glossary

Purification means being made clean before God in a religious ceremony.

Being **consecrated** to the Lord means being offered to God or set apart to serve him in a special way.

A **prophetess** was a female prophet.

Redemption means being set free from slavery or imprisonment.

The **prescriptions of the law** were the rules and commandments from the Bible that the Jews had to follow

Faith Sharing

Questions of the Week:

Children: Talk about a time when God didn't give you what you wanted.

Teen: God keeps his promise to Simeon. How are we going to keep our promise to God by being faithful to him?

Adult: Seeing the Christ Child was enough for Simon and Anna to believe. What is enough for us?

Family: When do we acknowledge those in our lives who reflect the presence of

Closing Prayer

God, help us to live as the holy family, united in respect and love. Bring us to the joy and peace of your eternal home. We ask this, as we ask all things, through Christ our Lord, Amen.

Feast of The Holy Family