

FAMILY: A COMMUNITY OF LOVE

“How precious is the family as the privileged place for transmitting the faith!” -Pope Francis

SUNDAY MASS HOMILY POINTS - CYCLE C

The Fourth Sunday of Advent

Luke 1:39-45: “Mary set out and traveled to the hill country in haste to a town of Judah, where she entered the house of Zechariah and greeted Elizabeth.”

- Mary visited Elizabeth her kinswoman to help her in her time of need. The presence of Mary gave comfort and strength to Elizabeth and the two of them prayed. Presence, prayer and accompaniment are important aspects of family life.

The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph

Luke 2:51-52: “He [Jesus] went down with them and came to Nazareth, and was obedient to them...And Jesus advanced in wisdom and age and favor before God and man.”

- Jesus lived in a family with Mary and Joseph: A community of Love.

The Most Holy Trinity

John 16:12-15: “...the Spirit of truth...will guide you to all truth...Everything that the Father has is mine.”

- The divine love that exists between Father, Son and Holy Spirit is given to each person that they might live out that love in their relationships with others. The family is a privileged place where this divine love is manifested through sacrificial love and community.