

**For the Love of God** Today we are reminded of the Holy Family and the role of family in our lives. If you have children, you know that their upbringing is a huge responsibility, involving hard work, anxiety, and distress as well as moments of joy. You understand Mary and Joseph and the frantic search, as well as the mixture of immense relief and annoyance when they found Jesus. Maybe your own family is not that ideal family, but is somehow divided. Healing hurts begins in love. Perhaps one can bridge the distances with more contact, disagreements by sincere attempts to reconcile, and divorce—for all its pains and griefs—by learning to love again. The early Christians' *agape*, translated as "charity" in scripture, expresses a love greater than family love or sexual love; it is the love that God has for and wants us to share. If we each become aware that God loves us as beloved children we can spread that love to the unloved in words, deeds, and attitude. Don't wait, start now!

### The Readings For The Week

**Monday:** 1 Jn 1:5— 2:2; Mt 2:13-18

**Tuesday:** 1 Jn 2:3-11; Lk 2:22-35

**Wednesday:** 1 Jn 2:12-17; Lk 2:36-40

**Thursday:** 1 Jn 2:18-21; Jn 1:1-18

**Friday:** Nm 6:22-27; Psalm 67  
Gal 4:4-7; Lk 2:16-21

**Saturday:** 1 Jn 2:22-28; Jn 1:19-28

**Sunday:** Is 60:1-6; Psalm 72

Eph 3:2-3a, 5-6; Mt 2:1-12

How lovely is your  
dwelling place,  
O Lord of  
Hosts



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"Hermanos míos,  
ahora somos  
hijos de Dios,  
pero aún no se  
ha manifestado

cómo seremos al fin." —1 Juan 3:2a

### Our Calendar of Events



#### Saturday, December 26

5:00 pm Mass (Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph)

#### Sunday, December 27

9:00 am Mass (Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph)

11:00 am Misa (Sagrada Familia de Jesús, María y José)

#### Monday, December 28

Gupo de Oración—Ríos de Agua Viva a las 7:00 pm

No RE Classes this week / Christmas Vacation

#### Friday, January 1, 2010

Mass at 7:00 pm (Holy Mary, Mother of God)



#### Saturday, January 2, 2010

Mass at 5:00 pm (Eve-The Epiphany of the Lord)

#### Sunday, January 3, 2010

Mass at 9:00 am (The Epiphany of the Lord)

SVDP meeting/food collection after Mass

Mass at 11:00 am (La Epifanía del Señor)

#### Monday, January 4, 2010

Finance committee meeting (2:00)

#### Wednesday, January 6, 2010

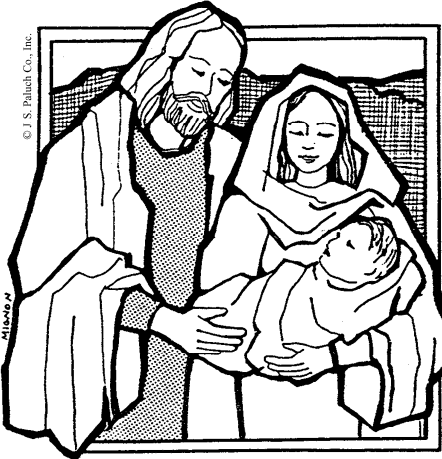
Knights of Columbus at 6:00 pm



**Family in Crisis...** Today's Gospel gives us the only real glimpse we have into the life of the Holy Family during the childhood of Jesus. Here we see a family in crisis. A son is lost and frantic parents search and search until they finally find him. We hear these words from the mother of Jesus: "Son, why have you done this to us? Your father and I have been looking for you with great anxiety" (Luke 2:48). We can only imagine the distress felt by Mary and Joseph. Their love for their son brought them to their wits' end. Let us take the opportunity this day to ask the Blessed Virgin Mary and Saint Joseph to intercede for us in times when our families experience anxiety and fear.

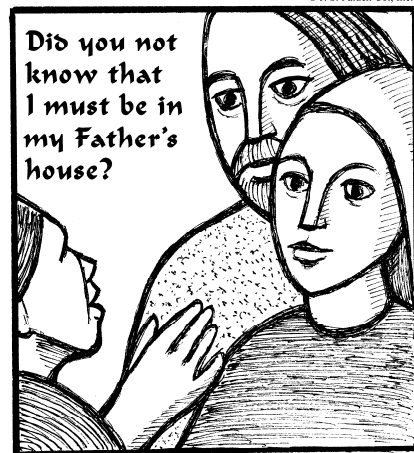
**El niño iba creciendo en edad y sabiduría**

**Por El Amor De Dios...** Hoy se nos recuerda acerca de la Sagrada Familia y del papel que la familia tiene en nuestra vida. Si tienes hijos sabes que su crianza es una inmensa responsabilidad, la cual envuelve el trabajo arduo, la ansiedad y la aflicción, pero también momentos de gozo. Podrás entender a María y a José en su búsqueda desesperada por Jesús, así como la mezcla de inmenso alivio y a la vez enfado cuando lo encontraron. Tal vez tu propia familia no sea la familia ideal, sino que experimenta alguna división. Las heridas comienzan a sanarse en el amor. Tal vez se pudieran salvar las distancias con un mayor contacto, los desacuerdos con intentos sinceros de reconciliación y el divorcio—sus Dolores y sus penas—aprendiendo a amar de nuevo. El agape de los primeros cristianos, traducido en las Escrituras como “caridad”, expresa un amor mayor que el amor familiar o sexual; es el amor que Dios nos tiene y que quiere compartamos los unos con los otros. Si llegáramos a estar conscientes de que Dios nos ama como hijos suyos, podríamos difundir ese amor, sobre todo a aquellas personas a quienes nuestras palabras, acciones o actitudes no demuestran amor. ¡No esperes,



**Ministers Schedule/Horario de Ministros**

**Jan 1 Friday 7:00 pm (New Year's Day)**  
 (L) JoAnn Stover (1st) Lourdes McKenna (2nd)  
 (Ems) Pat Bradley, Andy McKenna, Elsa Vaquero, Irma y Pedro Celez,



Did you not know that I must be in my Father's house?

“Joseph and Mary find the lost Jesus in the temple in the midst of the teachers, listening to them and asking questions”  
 (Luke 2:41-52).

**Pro-Life Meeting** Every 1st Saturday of the month at 9:30 am at the Desert Springs Academy, 3833 E 2nd Street in Tucson. (2 blocks south of Speedway; off Alvernon) The Latin Mass is the same time and place on the first Saturday of the month.

*Respect life*



**Weekly Offering—Ofertorio**  
**December 20 — Not available**  
**Thank You! ¡Muchas Gracias!**

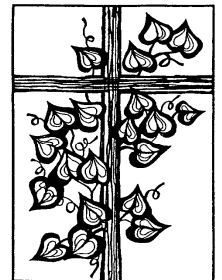
For advertising in the back of the bulletin call Claudia Borders at 289-1265.



**Las Lecturas de La Semana**

**Lunes:** 1 Jn 1:5— 2:2; Mt 2:13-18  
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**Domingo:** Is 60:1-6; Psal 72 (71)  
 Ef 3:2-3a, 5-6; Mt 2:1-12



**Mass Intentions / Intenciones**

**January 3**

(9:00 Mass) **Francisca Quihuis (+)** special intention  
**Daniel Quihuis (+)** special intention  
**Sara Quihuis (+)** special intention  
 (11:00 Mass) **Joseph Meyers (+)** special intention

**Familia en Crisis..** El Evangelio de hoy nos ofrece la única verdadera ojeada a la vida de la Sagrada Familia durante la niñez de Jesús. Aquí vemos una familia en crisis. El hijo se ha perdido y, frenéticos, los padres buscan y buscan hasta que al final lo encuentran. Escuchamos a la madre de Jesús decir: “Hijo mío, ¿por qué te has portado así con nosotros? Tu padre y yo te hemos estado buscando, llenos de angustia”. Apenas logramos imaginar la angustia que María y José sintieron. El amor por su hijo casi los saca de quicio. Aprovechemos esta oportunidad hoy para pedir a la Santísima Virgen María y a San José que intercedan por nosotros cuando nuestras familias estén pasando por ansiedades y temores

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**For information on church scheduled activities.**