

## Holy Family B (GEN, COL, LK)

### INTRO - 1<sup>st</sup> and PS ENGLISH

### 2<sup>nd</sup> and Gospel SPANISH

Today is Feast of the Holy Family – JMJ – wreath is replaced by statue --- Magi not here yet

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Today's reading all focus on the family – it's all about the Holy Family for sure, BUT much more

1<sup>st</sup> reading is GEN – Abe and Sarah & God's promise fulfilled in Isaac

2<sup>nd</sup> reading is COL – gives us direction as to HOW to live as family

not just mother/father/child but also as Brothers and Sisters in the Lord

Gospel is LK – Presentation – Joe and Mary present newborn JC in the Temple, amid great promises

FAMILY – not all families are perfect Abe, Sarah, Isaac or JMJ

We know families like this BUT not there's not too many perfect families

We know families in crisis – mother on crack, abusive fathers, and others

On this day we bring them all before the Lord

On this day we ask the Holy Family to help us with our families

Let's to cover today so LET US PRAY

### GEN (Gen 15 – Gen 21)

We're going to hear about God's promise to Abe -and- God's fulfillment of that promise READ IT

I said GEN 15 & GEN 21 – there are 5 chapters between the 2

What is missing is what happens when WE inject ourselves into God's plan

Abe gets the promise – then no son, no son, no son – time is passing SO (Hagar and Ishmael)

God did not intend His promise to be fulfilled with the son of a slave CONFLICT EVER SINCE

Abe + Sarah = Isaac (God's intent, and God's plan fulfilled in God's time)

God is faithful – He yearns for us to be faithful too

SO – we have this Psalm “Blessed are those who fear the Lord and walk in His ways” READ

Blessed shall you be and favored      Wife shall be a fruitful vine      ^

Children will be like olive plants      |

May you see prosperity all the days of your life WHY ----->

*HOW do we do this* COL

Listen to directions

READ IT

GOSPEL – READ IT – OK Let's talk about family

Reality is some of us have had good family experiences, others NOT SO MUCH

COL tells us characteristics of how to live as Christians (BUT applicable to family life too).

“Put on kindness, compassion, humility, gentleness, patience, bearing with one another and forgiving”

Nice idea but let's get real – hard to do, *especially with family*

I have two sisters “bearing with one another” is one thing “forgiving” is something else

Still borne Ashley      years later baby named Ashley HOW COULD YOU?!

ANOTHER ONE “Happiness is not being beaten with the hot wire”

COL “Let the peace of Christ control your hearts” - **not** revenge, resentment, anger

Easy for me to say – I'm not my sister, or that kid being beaten

Some of you have family rage – family anger – and its justified BUT IT WILL NOT BRING PEACE

COL “As the Lord has forgiven you, so must you also do” – **That's a hard thing**

**But we are not alone** – Jesus sent the HS to make this possible for us – COL said:

GAL - Fruit of the HS is “love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, generosity, faithfulness, gentleness, self control”

COL says put on patience, kindness, and gentleness – those are fruit of the HS in our lives

THE HS has been given to us – WE ALREADY HAVE THE ABILITY to be patient, kind and forgiving

Gospel says JC grew, became strong, filled with wisdom and the favor of God was upon Him

WE can grow from anger, revenge, and resentment and be filled with patience, kindness and peace

WE ARE not only part of our earthly family – we are part of a heavenly family – a Holy Family

If we want to be