



30th December 2018 – 10h00 Sunday Mass

Holy Family Sunday, Year C

Chapel of Our Lady of Penha de França,
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THE CATHOLIC MASS IN ENGLISH

Good morning! Welcome to the Chapel of Our Lady of Penha de França. Our priest this morning is Fr. Bernardino Andrade, who celebrates the Mass in English every Sunday morning at 10h00. There are also masses celebrated in Portuguese here at the Chapel: on Saturday evenings at 18h30, and on Sunday mornings at 11h30.

TODAY'S SCRIPTURE READINGS

(1 Sam 1:20-22.24-28; Psalm 83(84); 1 John 3:1-2.21-24; Luke 2:41-52)

Hannah was constantly tormented for her barrenness by Elkanah's other wife. Every year, they went on pilgrimage to Shiloh, where the Ark of the Covenant resided. One year Hannah prayed for a long time, promising the Lord that if he granted her request for a son, she would dedicate him to the Lord. The priest Eli added his prayers to hers. After Samuel was born, Hannah took him to Shiloh and left him with Eli, dedicated to the Lord, where later he was called as a prophet. **The psalm** expresses intense longing to experience the Lord's presence in his Temple. The first letter of **John** was written near the end of the first century against false ideas that were being spread, especially that Jesus was not truly man. Jesus – “what we have seen” “and touched with our hands” – was true man, the greatest gift of the Father. And the Father has made us his children. We will know in truth that we belong to him if we keep his commandments. Knowledge of God and love for one another are inseparable. **Luke's** story of the boy Jesus in the Temple poses the question: did the human child Jesus show divine knowledge and powers before his baptism, when God proclaimed him as his Son and he started his ministry?

- **Brought to you by:** Chris Oliver. (www.bible-groups.info)

PSALM RESPONSE: They are happy who dwell in your house, O Lord.



TODAY'S HYMN MUSIC

By: Larysa (violin), Anastasia (tambourine),
and Rui (accordion)

Entry Hymn: "Gloria in excelsis Deo" – n. 36

Offertory Hymn:

"The first Nowell" - n. 541

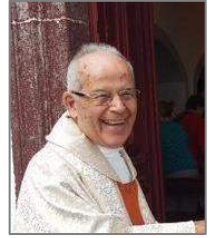
Communion Hymn: "This is Christ the King" - n. 619

Thanksgiving: *Instrumental*

Final Hymn:

"O come, all ye faithful" - n.394

The Catholic Liturgy celebrates the Feast of the Holy Family on the Sunday after Christmas. Church is about relationships. Family is about relationships. The difference between a good family and a bad family is the level of communication.



1.

HEALTHY FAMILIES = HEALTHY SOCIETIES

A few years ago, a study was undertaken to find the U.S. city with the lowest incidence of cancer and heart disease. The winner was Roseto, Pennsylvania. Soon experts descended upon the city expecting to see a town populated by non-smokers, people who ate the correct food, took regular exercise and kept close track of their cholesterol. To their great surprise, however, the researchers discovered that none of the above was true. They found instead that the city's good health was tied to the close family bonds that prevailed within the community. This suggests that there is much to be said for a close and loving family relationship. (Robert Duggan & Richard Jajac).



2.

A HEALTHY FAMILY IS A CONFESSIONAL AND NOT A COURTROOM

A senior Judge of the Supreme Court congratulated the bride and groom in a marriage with a pertinent piece of advice: "See that you never convert your family into a courtroom; instead let it be a confessional. If the husband and wife start arguing like attorneys in an attempt to justify their behaviour, their family becomes a court of law and nobody wins. On the other hand, if the husband and the wife -- as in a confessional -- are ready to admit their faults and try to correct them, the family becomes a Heavenly one."



3.

DOROTHY LAW NOLTE wrote: "Children Learn What They Live"

If children live with **criticism**, they learn to **condemn**.
If children live with **hostility**, they learn to **fight**.
If children live with **fear**, they learn to be **apprehensive**.
If children live with **pity**, they learn to **feel sorry for themselves**.
If children live with **ridicule**, they learn to feel **shy**.
If children live with **jealousy**, they learn to feel **envy**.
If children live with **shame**, they learn to feel **guilty**.
If children live with **encouragement**, they learn **confidence**.
If children live with **tolerance**, they learn **patience**.
If children live with **praise**, they learn **appreciation**.
If children live with **acceptance**, they learn to **love**.
If children live with **approval**, they learn to **like themselves**.
If children live with **recognition**, they learn it is good to have a **goal**.
If children live with **sharing**, they learn **generosity**.



If children live with **honesty**, they learn **truthfulness**.
If children live with **fairness**, they learn **justice**.
If children live with **kindness** and **consideration**, they learn **respect**.
If children live with **security**, they learn to have **faith in themselves** and in those about them.
If children live with **friendliness**, they learn the world is a nice place in which to live.



Love and Peace, Fr. Bernardino Andrade

THE 52nd WORLD DAY OF PEACE – On 1st of January 2019

On Tuesday, January 1st, besides celebrating the Solemnity of Mary Mother of God, the Church also celebrates the 52nd World Day of Peace. Every year, the Pope chooses a different theme. This year, the theme chosen by Pope Francis is "Good Politics is at the Service of Peace". Here is a short paragraph from his message shared on the Vatican's website:



« Peace.. is like a delicate flower struggling to blossom on the stony ground of violence. We know that the thirst for power at any price leads to abuses and injustice. Politics is an essential means of building human community and institutions, but when political life is not seen as a form of service to society as a whole, it can become a means of oppression, marginalization and even destruction.. »

The full text of Pope Francis' Message for the Celebration of the 52nd World Day of Peace can be read here: <https://w2.vatican.va/content/francesco/en/messages/peace/index.html>.

“Peace begins with a smile.”
--*Saint Mother Teresa*

What can you do to promote World Peace? Go home and love your family
--*Saint Mother Teresa*

Peace is not just the absence of war. Like a cathedral, peace must be constructed patiently and with unshakable faith.
--*Pope John Paul II*

SPECIAL MASS ON TUESDAY, JANUARY 1ST 2019 – 10am:

On **Tuesday, January 1st**, there will be a **Mass** in English at **10am** to celebrate the Solemnity of Mary, the Mother of God. It is a Holy day of Obligation for Catholics. It is also the 52nd World Day of Peace. The Solemnity of Mary is a liturgical feast day honouring the Blessed Virgin Mary's motherhood in the wake of the birth of the baby Jesus Christ. Please join us! ☺

- Mass in English at 10:00am. - Mass in Portuguese at 11:30am

PEOPLE HELPING PEOPLE (PHP)



"You should wash each other's feet"
(John 13:14).

People Helping People is a small project founded in the Chapel of Penha de França to help those in need. Our Bishop D. António once said, "One must find new ways of helping the poor". A very small group of people attending the English Mass decided to do just that after the floods in 2010! In a short period of time we created partnerships with supermarket chains and restaurants; we have paid dozens of medical prescriptions, we have spent gallons and gallons of petrol riding across the island giving lifts, we have prevented families from going hungry, getting their electricity cut off, running out of gas, losing their homes. **We have tried to keep them warm, keep them hopeful, and keep them dreaming...**

The Mission Statement of People Helping People is... through social solidarity, to mobilize many people to help many people in a combat against poverty, hunger, illness, exclusion, indifference, intolerance, and social injustice, with a special preference for the last, the least and the lost, having as a model the person of Jesus, the «Good Shepherd» (Gospel according to Luke, chapter 15). Our wish is that it may always be an open door when all the other doors close, building in this way, different feelings and acts of Mercy (Gospel according to Luke, chapter 6 and Matthew chapter 25).

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Every Sunday morning at the door of the Chapel there will be a **basket to collect food for the poor**. You are welcome to bring any little thing to help alleviate their suffering. (Rice, pasta, milk, canned tuna, biscuits etc.) Thank you to all who donated last week Sunday! 😊



Tea and Coffee
After Mass!!
in the Social Room
across the garden -
please join us.



Please sign our
Chapel's Visitor's Book
in the Social Room
- We'd love to know
which
country you're from!



MASS SCHEDULE:

Saturdays: 18h30 Portuguese

Sundays: 10h00 English

11h30 Portuguese

Other Holy Day Masses in English:

Jan. 1st 2019 - Solemnity of Mary,

Mother of God. 10h00

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