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Holy Family of Jesus, Mary & Joseph

1 Samuel 1: 20 -22, 24 – 28

1 John 3: 1 -2, 21 -24

Luke 2: 41- 52

The Gospel reading for the first Sunday in the Octave after Christmas is the Feast of The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph. This Scripture has been referred to as “Christ Sitting with the Doctors”. This is the only passage recorded in Scripture of Jesus from his infancy to his adult life, which is actually something to think about!

At 12 years of age Jesus went with his parents to Jerusalem for the feast of Passover. By this time, children would have fasted from time to time so many children his age were around and in the company of their parents. Jesus knew what was going on around him in the Temple area and so he decides to stay and “sit with the doctors” and have a little chat. Thus, his parents having lost their Son had to turn around from the road already taken. Three days later they found “Christ sitting with the Doctors” in the Temple - both asking and answering questions. Mary & Joseph finally found Jesus “in my Father’s House”. Where else would Christ be?

2010 is just around the corner. Our collective prayer is that we shall all be in our Father’s House and chatting with Our Father who art in heaven in prayer. Where else would you be?

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