

An address given at Nazareth by Blessed Pope Paul VI

The Example of Nazareth

The home of Nazareth is the school where we begin to understand the life of Jesus – the school of the Gospel.

The first lesson we learn here is to look, to listen, to meditate and penetrate the meaning – at once so deep and so mysterious – of this very simple, very humble and very beautiful manifestation of the Son of God. Perhaps we learn, even imperceptibly, the lesson of imitation.

Here we learn the method which will permit us to understand who Christ is. Here above all is made clear the importance of taking into account the general picture of his life among us, with its varied background of place, of time, of customs, of language, of religious practices – in fact, everything Jesus made use of to reveal himself to the world. Here everything is eloquent, all has a meaning.

Here, in this school, one learns why it is necessary to have a spiritual rule of life, if one wishes to follow the teaching of the Gospel and become a disciple of Christ.

How gladly would I become a child again, and go to school once more in this humble and sublime school of Nazareth: close to Mary, I wish I could make a fresh start at learning the true science of life and the higher wisdom of divine truths.

But I am only a passing pilgrim. I must renounce this desire to pursue in this home my still incomplete education in the understanding of the Gospel. I will not go on my way however without having gathered – hurriedly, it is true, and as if wanting to escape notice – some brief lessons from Nazareth.

First, then, a lesson of silence. May esteem for silence, that admirable and indispensable condition of mind, revive in us, besieged as we are by so many uplifted voices, the general noise and uproar, in our seething and over-sensitized modern life.

May the silence of Nazareth teach us recollection, inwardness, the disposition to listen to good inspirations and the teachings of true masters. May it teach us the need for and the value of preparation, of study, of meditation, of personal inner life, of the prayer which God alone sees in secret.

Next, there is a lesson on family life. May Nazareth teach us what family life is, its communion of love, its austere and simple beauty, and its sacred and inviolable character. Let us learn from Nazareth that the formation received at home is gentle and irreplaceable. Let us learn the prime importance of the role of the family in the social order.

Finally, there is a lesson of work. Nazareth, home of the ‘Carpenter’s Son’, in you I would choose to understand and proclaim the severe and redeeming law of human work; here I would restore the awareness of the nobility of work; and reaffirm that work cannot be an end in itself, but that its freedom and its excellence derive, over and above its economic worth, from the value of those for whose sake it is undertaken. And here at Nazareth, to conclude, I want to greet all the workers of the world, holding up to them their great pattern, their brother who is God. He is the prophet of all their just causes, Christ our Lord.

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Weekday Masses: Monday thru Friday 7:00 am

St. James Catholic Church

December 31, 2017

The Holy Family

Mon. Jan 1	Solemnity of Mary, the Holy Mother of God
Tue. Jan 2	Saints Basil the Great and Gregory Nazianzen
Wed. Jan 3	Christmas Weekday
Thu. Jan 4	Saint Elizabeth Ann Seton
Fri. Jan 5	Saint John Neumann
Sat. Jan 6	Christmas Weekday

Mass Intentions

Saturday	Dec 30	5:30 pm	People of the Parish
Sunday	Dec 31	9:00 am	†Sue Ann Versch
Monday	Jan 1	9:00 am	Ryan Murphy
Tuesday	Jan 2	8:00 am	†Poor Souls in Purgatory
Wednesday	Jan 3	8:00 am	†Lila Springer
Thursday	Jan 4	7:00 am	†Ray Woita
Friday	Jan 5	7:00 am	†Stan Kucera
Saturday	Jan 6	5:30 pm	†Harold Baderstadt
Sunday	Jan 7	9:00 am	People of the Parish

Mary, Mother of God

Because the Solemnity of Mary, the Mother of God falls on Monday this year it is not a holy day of obligation. You are encouraged to attend the 9:00am Mass, if at all possible, in thanksgiving to God who gave us the Mother of his son, Jesus.



Eucharistic Adoration will be held January 6-7. Take some time to spend with our Lord.



Minister Assignments

	Jan. 6	Jan. 7
Acolytes	Chris Kems	Bob Sabata
Readers	Connie Eckley	Craig Quick
Servers	Landen Montanio Matt Determan	Vinny Hageman Bobby Hageman

Vocation Prayer of the Week

Please pray for:

Caleb Hile, St. Charles Borromeo Seminary

Theology 2

Dec 23-24 Collection

Adults	\$3,650.00
Loose	98.00
Second	137.00
Christmas	6192.00
Total:	\$10,077.00

Monthly Obligations

<i>St. Wenceslaus School</i>	\$ 3,258.33
<i>Bishop Neumann</i>	9,479.00
Total Parish Expenses:	\$ 12,737.33

The Diocese of Lincoln—requires that its employees and volunteers report any allegations of abuse or neglect of a minor or elder connected with church related activity to law enforcement, consistent with the requirements of Nebraska law. If anyone has information that a minor or elder is being or has been subjected to abuse or neglect please report it immediately to local law enforcement or to the Nebraska Department of Health and Human Services toll-free number 1-800-652-1999, and also to any Parish Pastor, School Administrator, Teacher, or to any Diocesan official at the Catholic Chancery (402)488-0921, so that immediate steps may be taken for the protection of the minor or elder.

Snow Removal Needed!

St. James Parish is in need of snow removal for the parking lot, either a volunteer basis or contract work. So far five parishioners and/or companies have been contacted and are not interested. Please contact Fr. Morin if you know anyone who might be interested either in offering the Pope's Discount on the work or to offer a proposal.

Marriage Saving – the Weekend Phase- During the weekend phase of Retrouvaille a series of presentations are given by a team of three couples and a priest. The team presents a technique of communication that enables you to take a good look at most areas of your relationship. After each presentation you have time in the privacy of your room to discuss the previous presentation. For confidential information about or to register for the program beginning with a weekend on Feb 16-18, 2018, call 1-888-317-5654 or www.retrouvaille.org on the web.

Mass of the Holy Innocents—will be celebrated on **Thursday, December 28th**. All are invited to attend this Memorial Mass, especially those families who have suffered the loss of a baby through miscarriage, stillbirth, infant death or abortion. Reading of names will begin at **6:30 p.m.** with Mass at **7:00 p.m.** at **John XXIII Diocesan Center Chapel**, 3700 Sheridan Blvd., Lincoln. If you would like your child's name to be remembered & placed on the banner for this year, please call the Family Life Office at 473-0620 **before 5:00 p.m. on Dec. 19th**. If you placed your child's name previously, it will remain on the list.

St. John Nepomucene School—Weston is hosting a New Year Eve Celebration on Dec. 31 at the St. John School Gym. Dinner, catered by CK Catering, will be served from 6:30pm – 7:30pm followed by dancing to the Kenny James Band starting at 8:30pm! \$35 per person. Advance tickets only! Must be 21 to attend! To purchase tickets or for more info call St. John School 642-5234.

Call to Joy Women's Retreat: Are you convinced artificial contraception is a good idea? Would you like to get off the pill but are afraid? Do you find it difficult to see your fertility as a good thing? Would you like to learn more about NFP? Do you yearn to grow more in deeper intimacy with your spouse? If so, this retreat is for you. **"So...Contraception...Why Not?"** is our second retreat in our Theology of the Body series. Join us **January 6th, 8am at St. Wenceslaus for Mass followed by breakfast and retreat 8:30-12 noon Bishop Neumann Library**, as we reflect on this so very important area with real women who struggle just like you. **Dr. Karen Laurer-Silva, OB/GYN**, will be joining us. **Babysitting available by request**, contact Jennifer Benes 499-4542 by Jan 1st.

The PCCW (Parish Council of Catholic Women)—will have our next meeting on Monday, January 15th at 6:30pm in the meeting room. All ladies of the parish are members and we encourage you to come. The PCCW is involved in most of the functions here at St James and it is a great way to participate.

For Men & Women seeking healing from Divorce—The Catholic Divorced Survival Guide was created to bring hope and healing to divorced and separated Catholics. This 12-week program will be leader facilitated & features 30-minute DVD segments that cover topics of shock, denial, anger, grief, guilt, forgiveness, money, kids, annulment, and much more. The next session will begin February 5, 2018 and is held at John XXIII Diocesan Center, Lincoln, NE from 7-9pm. Classes are kept small. Register by calling the Family Life Office at 402-473-0620, or catholicflo@cdolinc.net.

Pietra Fitness® Exercise Classes for Women—are now forming... Pietra (meaning “rock” in Italian) is a word that reminds us of the importance of a solid foundation when building anything that is to have strength, stability, and longevity. At Pietra Fitness, our “whole person” workouts are built upon this concept. We utilize physical exercise to promote core strength as a solid physical foundation for the rest of the body. For the soul, our workouts include prayer and meditations built upon the strongest of foundations: the rock of Christ and His Church. This powerful combination truly benefits the entire human person – restoring harmony and wholeness to both body and soul. Please contact Mary Miller, certified Pietra Fitness Instructor, at tm68041@windstream.net for questions and more information.

Healing: Bringing the Gift of God's Mercy to the World—will be presented by Dr. Mary Healy, S.T.D. at St. Thomas Aquinas Church/UNL Newman Center on Feb. 24 from 3:30-4:30 p.m. Registration for this presentation is \$10. All are welcome for the 6 p.m. vigil Mass, then join Dr. Healy for a healing prayer service from 7-10 p.m. There is no cost or registration required for the prayer service. To register for the presentation, go to <https://lincolndiocese.regfox.com/healing-presentation>.