

Christ Our Hope Catholic Church

Faith in Laity Corner



Reading Sir.3:2-6, 12-14

2019 New Year Blessings

Special blessings to all readers for a prayerful and reflective 2019. Being away for a while permitted me to relax and enjoy renewal and refocus on my spiritual growth; so important to regroup my energies for ongoing scriptural sharing. The Season of the Nativity brings with it many celebrations.... Feast of Holy Innocents, feast of the first recorded Christian martyr, St. Stephen, Feasts of the Holy Family and Mary Mother of God. The Nativity celebrations reminded us that God sent His Only Son into a corrupt and sinful environment to be born into the status and economic situation that would be a disaster for any human. Yet, it was not about the human status, but that the Messiah would provide hope and eternal life for those in the past and in the future. Emmanuel, *"God With Us"* was to grow, always obedient to the Father in every aspect of His life and to achieve atonement for the sins of all humanity.

"Those who honor their father atone for sins..." (Sir. 3:3)

Jesus demonstrated that total submission to the Will of the Father has provided us with the hope of everlasting life.

"Those who respect their father will live a long life..." (Sir.3:6)

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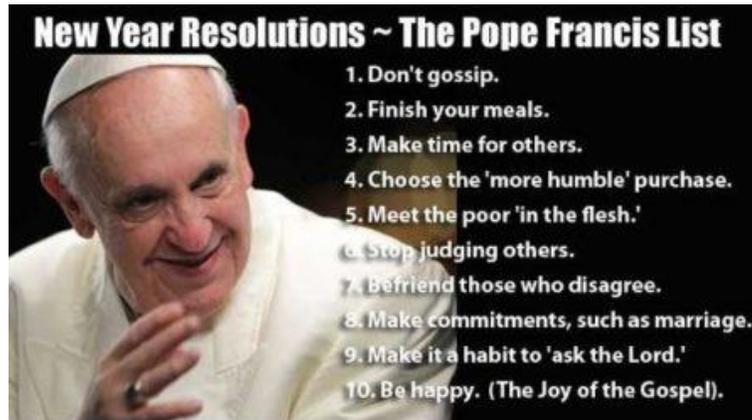
No one has demonstrated more commitment and dedication to the Will of His Father, by actions, than the Messiah, Jesus. Just like the Christ, we too will be richly rewarded for our loyalty to God's Will and our ability to permit 'His Will be done.' The promise of eternal life has been proved by the Son's resurrection and this gift could be ours too.

The Sunday after Christmas always places focus on the Holy Family of -Jesus, Mary, and Joseph. Jesus lived the perfect example of how to submit one's desires to remain obedient to our parents. The only human question will be if the requests of the parents will cause physical, emotional and psychological damage to the person, (*small children have little options.*). Most parents do desire the best for their children and do not want them to make the mistakes of the parents' past. Our caring for sick and elderly parents should not be taken as a thankless task; but with confident it will earn the child eternal rewards.

"A father's glory is glory also for oneself ." (Sir. 3:11)

Just as God was glorified through the actions of His Son, so shall we be elevated as sons and daughters in the kingdom of Heaven.

Sharing the Pope's 2019 Resolutions.



Let us pray for our country and our leadership as we begin the new year and ask God for a keen sense of charity as we celebrate the Nativity Season. Being mindful of those who have lost loved ones over the past year and those who are in pain right now. May God renew their spirit.

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