

Stewardship Messages for Advent 2017

December 30/31, 2017

The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary, and Joseph

On the feast of the Holy Family, may we heed the following words from our Holy Father, Pope Francis: "*I want to repeat these three words: please, thank you, sorry. Three essential words! We say please so as not to be forceful in family life: "May I please do this? Would you be happy if I did this?" We do this with a language that seeks agreement. We say thank you, thank you for love! But how many times do you say thank you to your wife, and to your husband? How many days go by without uttering this word, thanks! And the last word: sorry. We all make mistakes and on occasion someone gets offended in the marriage, in the family, and sometimes... harsh words are spoken but please listen to my advice: don't ever let the sun set without reconciling. Peace is made each day in the family: "Please forgive me", and then you start over. Please, thank you, sorry! Shall we say them together? Let us say these words in our families!*"