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Poetic Reflections for Sundays and Feastsdays
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Babe of Bethlehem

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Holy Family Sunday–Cycle A December 29, 2013

*“He rose, took the child and his mother, and went to the land of Israel.”
(Matthew 2:21)*

Babe of Bethlehem

Babe of Bethlehem,
...Family of David,
...Son of a pregnant teenager,
...Joseph, engaged to Mary, considers divorce,
...Called to Bethlehem for a census,
...Born in a cave—no room in the inn.

What a way to treat a King!

Babe of Bethlehem,
...Innocent children slaughtered,
...Family escaped to Egypt,
...Refugees in a strange land,

About Sr. Juliemarie McDonald, SND

Sister Juliemarie McDonald joined the Sisters of Notre Dame of Chardon, Ohio in 1951. She holds an MA in English Studies from John Carroll University MA in Scripture from St. Charles Seminary. After 32 years of teaching classes ranging from first grade to college level, she then became a researcher, campus minister, director of religious education and a pastoral minister in Mease Hospital in Dunedin, Florida. In her semi-retirement, Sister Juliemarie writes reflections and faith sharing sessions for the young sisters in formation in Africa, Philippines, Korea, India and the USA. Her spare time is spent as a crafter.



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...Dream of Joseph—return trip to Nazareth.
What good can come out of Nazareth?

Babe of Bethlehem,

...Jobless Joseph, foster-father of Jesus,

...Mary, Mother of God,

...Jesus, obedient Son of Man.

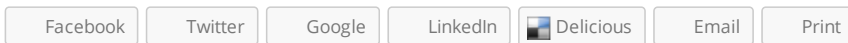
What makes this family holy?

For Reflection and Sharing:

1. What insights did Matthew open to you in this gospel?
2. Why did Jesus become incarnate?
3. What virtues are tested in the events surrounding Jesus' birth?
4. What makes Jesus, Mary and Joseph a holy family?
5. How do you define holy?
6. Mention a holy family you have met in your journey of faith?



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Sister Kathleen Tobin December 29, 2013 at 9:33 pm



This short poem covers so much! Many people in distress can identify with Mary or Joseph. The story continues in our own day.

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Sr. Juliemarie McDonald, SND December 30, 2013 at 8:09 am



This is my hope. May it bring encouragement. No one is alone. God with Us - Emmanuel.

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