

Feast of the Holy Family
of Jesus, Mary & Joseph
December 28th, 2025

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First Reading: Sirach 3:2-6, 12-14
Responsorial Psalm: Psalm 128:1-2, 3, 4-5.
Second Reading: Colossians 3:12-21
Gospel: Mt 2:13-15, 19-23

[Full readings can be found here!](#)

1. HEAR

Grab your bible and look up the Gospel reading. Don't have one? No worries you can find the Gospel reading by clicking [HERE](#). (Bishop O'Connell's Gospel Reflection page.)

As an alternative to reading the Gospel, you can watch a short video with the proclamation for adults by clicking [HERE](#). (YouTube, WOG channel, 1:24 min.)

Children can also watch a video proclamation of the Gospel by clicking [HERE](#). (YouTube, Holy Heroes channel, 2:43 min.)

2. PRAY

Today is a special day in our Church, as we celebrate the Feast of the Holy Family of Jesus, Mary & Joseph. This celebration is important because it reminds us that God wants to be close to us and he chose Mary & Joseph as the parents for his son, Jesus.

Invite your family or a friend to gather with you for a time of prayer. Invite Jesus to come into your hearts and show you how much love each person receives from those who are part of the family.

If a father, mother, or parent figure is present, he/she can offer a prayer for the needs of the children, youth, or adults that are part of her household, or for those friends who are visiting today.

If children or youth are present, invite them to say a prayer of thanksgiving for the blessings they received from their parents or parent figures who live with them.

To close this time of prayer, invite all to recite the following prayer from the [USCCB page](#):

We bless your name, O Lord, for sending your own incarnate Son, to become part of a family, so that, as he lived its life, he would experience its worries and its joys. We ask you, Lord, to protect and watch over this family, so that in the strength of your grace its members may enjoy prosperity, possess the priceless gift of your peace, and, as the Church alive in the home, bear witness in this world to your glory. We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.



3. TALK

In today's Gospel, we hear that story of how Joseph protected Jesus & Mary at a time when their lives were put in danger by a powerful king. Many parents today live by the example of Joseph and they do everything possible to keep their families safe and to provide for all their needs.

Yet, many times there are families who simply cannot provide secure means for their children due to many limitations such as money, health, lack of opportunities, immigration status, etc.

Identify one family in your circle of relatives, friends or neighbors who might be having a hard time during this Christmas season. Once a family has been identified, discuss ideas for practical ways your family can do to help that family.

For example: provide a food basket for a family that is struggling; help clean an elderly person's yard, offer ideas for job sources to someone who is unemployed, etc. Let the Holy Spirit guide you!