

**THE HOLY FAMILY OF JESUS, MARY,
AND JOSEPH**

*Beloved, we are God's children now;
what we shall be has not yet been revealed
— 1 John 3:2a*



FAMILY LIFE

Christmas celebrates the Incarnation, the “en-flesh-ment” of God as a human person. In Jesus, God is bodily present in the human story. Today we honor the Holy Family, helping us to see that God is active in daily family life. God is near at hand, amidst the tensions, joys, and uncertainties of family life. As our Gospel passage describes, even with family miscommunications and **with limited understanding of Jesus’ mission, the Holy Family** persevered in their life together. Like many family conflicts, there was no immediate or clear resolution of the issues raised by Jesus and by Mary. God’s intentions for the family, and for Jesus, were still unfolding. They continued to stay connected with each other and with God. Within the turbulence of family life, they trusted God to actively sustain and guide them into an uncertain future. We are invited to follow their example.
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TODAY’S READINGS

First Reading — Hannah gives her son Samuel back to the LORD, leaving him in the temple at Shiloh: “As long as he lives, he shall be dedicated to the LORD” (*1 Samuel 1:20-22, 24-28*) or *Sirach 3:2-6, 12-14*.

Psalm — Blessed are they who dwell in your house, O Lord (*Psalm 84*) or *Psalm 128*

Second Reading — We are children of God when we believe in the name of God’s Son, Jesus Christ, and love one another just as he commanded us (*1 Jn 3:1-2, 21-24*) or *Colossians 3:12-21 [12-17]*

TODAY’S GOSPEL

— Joseph and Mary find the lost Jesus in the temple in the midst of the teachers, listening to them and asking questions (Luke 2:41-52).

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

- Monday:1 Jn 1:1-4; Ps 97:1-2, 5-6, 11-12; Jn 20:1a, 2-8
- Tuesday: 1 Jn 1:5 — 2:2; Ps 124:2-5, 7b-8; Mt 2:13-18
- Wednesday: 1 Jn 2:3-11; Ps 96:1-3, 5b-6; Lk 2:22
- Thursday: 1 Jn 2:12-17; Ps 96:7-10; Lk 2:36-40
- Friday: 1 Jn 2:18-21; Ps 96:1-2, 11-13; Jn 1:1-18
- Saturday: Nm 6:22-27; Ps 67:2-3, 5, 6, 8; Gal 4:4-7; Lk 2:162
- 1Sunday: Is 60:1-6; Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 10-13; Eph 3:2-3a, 5-6; Mt 2:1-12

SPECIAL SAINTS AND OBSERVANCES

- Sunday: The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary, and Joseph
- Monday: St. John, Apostle and Evangelist
- Tuesday: The Holy Innocents
- Wednesday: Fifth Day within the Octave of the Nativity of the Lord; St. Thomas Becket
- Thursday: Sixth Day within the Octave of the Nativity of the Lord
- Friday: Seventh Day within the Octave of the Nativity of the Lord; St. Sylvester I; New Year’s Eve
- Saturday: The Octave of the Nativity of the Lord; Mary, the Holy Mother of God; World Day of Prayer for Peace; First Friday; New Year’s Day; First Saturday

WEEKLY WORSHIP SERVICES

Masks are required .

- \SUNDAY:** 8:00 A.M MASS. (Live)
10:00 A.M. MASS
(Live and Recorded)
- WEDNESDAY – 9:00 A.M. MASS (Live)**
- SATURDAY 9:00 A.M New Years Day MASS**

The child
grew to maturity



and was
filled with wisdom

PRAYER OF THE WEEK

The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary, and Joseph

O God, who were pleased to give us
the shining example of the Holy Family,
graciously grant that we may imitate them
in practicing the virtues of family life
and in the bonds of charity,
and so, in the joy of your house,
delight one day in eternal rewards.

Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son,
who lives and reigns with you
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
God, for ever and ever.

REFLECTION QUESTION:

How can I imitate the Holy Family this week?

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- (1) Call the Missouri Child Abuse Hotline at 1-800-392-3728 (if the victim is currently under the age 18), and
- (2) Contact your local law enforcement agency or call 911, and
- (3) 2 After reporting to these civil and law enforcement authorities, report suspected sexual abuse of a minor or vulnerable adult to the Ombudsman, Joe Crayon, at 816-812-2500 or crayon@ombudsmankcs.org if the abuse involves a priest, deacon, employee or volunteer of the Diocese of Kansas City-St. Joseph.

The Diocese has a sincere commitment to providing care And healing resources to victims of sexual abuse and their fami



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