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HOLY FAMILY OF JESUS, MARY & JOSEPH



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Mass Schedule for this Week

Tuesday Morning Mass - Tuesday December 30, 2025

St. Margaret Mary - Calmar

10:30 AM

NEW YEAR'S EVE - Wednesday December 31, 2025

St. Maria Goretti - Devon

9:00 AM

Our Lady of Victory - Thorsby

4:00 PM

NEW YEAR'S DAY - Thursday January 1, 2026

St. Maria Goretti - Devon

9:00 AM

St. Margaret Mary - Calmar

10:30 AM

Friday January 2, 2026 to Tuesday January 6, 2026

Masses at normal time - All Parishes

Sick? Shut-in?

Would you like to receive communion? Please call the office at 780-987-2858 to arrange communion, and/or to be put on our prayer list.

Holy Family of Jesus, Mary & Joseph – December 28, 2025

1st Reading: Sirach 3.2-6, 12-14

2nd Reading: Colossians 3, 12-21

Gospel: Matthew 2.13-15, 19-23

Family Life and the Holy Family

Today we honor and ponder the family life of Jesus, Mary, and Joseph. The love within their home exceeded that of any other household, and the love within their family poured forth upon their extended family and wider community. Scripture gives us limited details about the life of the Holy Family. What we do know is that from the very beginning, they suffered through enormous challenges.

Mary's pregnancy was the first challenge they faced. She conceived the Christ Child before she and Joseph lived together. Though she knew how she conceived the Son of God, Joseph did not understand until the angel of the Lord appeared to him in a dream. We can imagine that relatives and members of the community expressed their disapproval, given that the angel of the Lord did not reveal the truth to everyone.

Jesus was born far away from their home, in the little town of Bethlehem, in a cave, where animals dwelt. Humble shepherds were their first guests, and the magi from the East soon followed. Within a year or two after Jesus' birth, this family had to uproot from their home and flee to Egypt, find accommodations, and earn a living because Herod sought to kill the child Jesus.

After Herod's death, Joseph was instructed in two subsequent dreams that he could return to Israel and was to move his family to the small and unremarkable village of Nazareth. Though Nazareth was not held in high esteem, it was within this simple setting that Jesus was raised and learned the virtues of hard work, obedience, and humility. Nazareth, though overlooked by the world, became the sacred ground where the Savior of the world was prepared for His mission. Finally, given that Saint Joseph is not mentioned during the time that Jesus exercised His public ministry, it is commonly believed that Jesus and His mother experienced the human sorrow of Joseph's earthly death.

Despite the hardships the Holy Family endured, the love in their home overshadowed every challenge, making their family life a source of the utmost consolation and joy. Amidst the trials they faced, the Holy Family found joy, not in worldly comforts, but in their deep union with God and with each other. Their home was a sanctuary of love, prayer, and mutual support, where God's presence was always felt. How fascinating it will be one day, in Heaven, if God reveals to us the details about the earthly and hidden life of the Holy Family. Though the angels witnessed their lives as they unfolded in time, we can hope and imagine that God, in His goodness, will share these mysteries with the saints, revealing the true beauty of the Holy Family's earthly life together. Their conversations, interactions, charity, prayer, fun, work, and all that made up their family life will be a source of eternal admiration and gratitude.

Through daily prayer, acts of sacrifice, and a commitment to love one another, we can create a family life that reflects the holiness and unity of Jesus, Mary, and Joseph. (mycatholiclife.com)

Mass Intentions for next week

Date		Intention
27	Sat	Thanksgiving for Fr. Luan Vu and for his personal intentions
		Thanksgiving for Connie Schumacher - Personal intentions
28	Sun	Family & Friends in Ukraine - May God's guidance & protection be with them always
		Blessings for our new Archbishop Stephen Hero
29	Mon	Anniversary of Sean Forchuk Baptism
30	Tue	Family & Friends in Ukraine - May God's guidance & protection be with them always
31	Wed	Repose of the Soul of Sharon Macor R.I.P.
		Fr. Stephan and Family - Personal Intentions
1	Thu	Repose of the Soul of Bill Bates R.I.P.
2	Fru	Thanksgiving for the Birthday of Karleen Rhodes
3	Sat	Rhodes & Hills Family Members, Living & deceased
4	Sun	Repose of the Soul of Irene Rhodes R.I.P.