

The Holy Family



Today we celebrate the feast of the Holy Family: Jesus, Mary and Joseph. When God sent His Son Jesus into the world He wanted Him to come in a humble and quiet way. He wanted Jesus to have a mother and an earthly father and be raised in a happy home.

God brings us into the world in families too. He wants us to have good and loving mothers and fathers to look after us and teach us. Our Lady and Saint Joseph are great examples for parents. They loved Jesus and kept Him safe and let Him grow and learn.



Jesus is an example to children, too! Love your father and mother, obey them and pray for them. Today is a good time to think of how your family can become more like the Holy Family, living in peace, joy and love. Can you think of a way to be more obedient, loving or generous with your family?

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MAY YOU SHINE
THE LIGHT OF
CHRIST IN THE
NEW YEAR!

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| JOSEPH | APPEAR | DEATH | SON | CHILD |



Prayer of St. Augustine.

*Let the just rejoice,
for their Justifier is born.
Let the sick and infirm rejoice,
For their Saviour is born.
Let the captives rejoice,
For their Redeemer is born.
Let slaves rejoice,
For their Master is born.
Let free men rejoice,
For their Liberator is born.
Let All Christians rejoice,
For Jesus Christ is born.*

St. Augustine of Hippo
(AD 354-440)



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SOLEMNITY OF THE HOLY FAMILY - YEAR A - 28TH DECEMBER 2025



Family life in the Lord.

Underlying the wisdom offered in today's Liturgy is the mystery of the family in God's divine plan.

The Lord has set father in honour over his children, and mother in authority over her sons, we hear in the First Reading. As we sing in the Psalm, the blessings of the family flow from Zion, the heavenly mother of the royal people of God. And in the drama of the Gospel, we see the nucleus of the new people of God, the Holy Family, facing persecution from those who would seek to destroy the child and His Kingdom.

Moses, called to save God's first born son, the people of Israel, was also threatened at birth by a mad and jealous tyrant. And as Moses was saved by his mother and sister, in God's plan, Jesus too is rescued by His family. As once God took the family of Jacob down to Egypt to make them the great nation Israel, God leads the Holy Family to Egypt to prepare the coming of the new Israel of God - the Church.

At the beginning of the world, God established the family in the "marriage" of Adam and Eve, the two becoming one body. Now in the new creation, Christ is made "one body" with His bride, the Church, as the Epistle indicates. By this union we are made God's chosen ones, holy and beloved. And our families are to radiate the perfect love that binds us to Christ in the Church.

As we approach the altar on this feast, let us renew our commitment to our God-given duties as spouses, children and parents. Mindful of the promises of the First Reading, let us offer our quiet performance of these duties for the atonement of our sins.

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CONFESSIONS Every Saturday

9.00 - 10.00a.m

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by appointment

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SUNDAY READINGS

First Reading

Ecc.3:2-6,12-14

Second Reading

Col.3:12-21

Gospel

Matt.2:13-15,19-23

MASS TIMES

GROS ISLET

Morning Prayers:
5:45a.m.



MONDAY:

6:00 a. m./12:30 p.m.



TUESDAY:

6:00 a.m.



WEDNESDAY

6:00a.m./12:30 p.m.
G/Riviere: 6:00 p.m.



THURSDAY

6:00 a.m./12:30 p.m.



FRIDAY

6:00 a.m./12:30 p.m.



SATURDAY

6:30 a.m./6:00 p. m.



SUNDAY

GROS ISLET/G.RIVIERE
7:30 A.M.

Gros Islet/Monchy
10:00 a.m.



HOLIDAY

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The Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God - Jan 1st

Today we give thanks to Mary, the Mother of God. Her response to the angel, born of a humble heart, brought us life and salvation in the Child conceived in her womb.

From before all ages, God had destined her for this decisive role in salvation history. She was to be the woman who in the fullness of time would bear God’s only Son. Thus, when we celebrate the Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God we are not only honoring Mary, who was chosen among all women throughout history to bear God incarnate, but we are also honoring our Lord, who is fully God and fully human.

In times past, God spoke to His chosen people, the Israelites, through prophets, and imparted His blessings upon them through His priests. But now, He has sent His Son to reveal His glory and His kingdom and to make His way of salvation known to all nations. In the Infant lying in the manger, God has shone His face upon us.

Jesus is made a child of Israel, an heir of God’s covenant with Abraham, by His circumcision. And we have been made adopted sons and daughters by Baptism, which is the circumcision of Christ, the true circumcision.

As children of God, we are heirs of the Father’s blessings, which He promised to bestow on all peoples through the descendants of Abraham. This is the blessing which Aaron imparted to Israel, the people descended from Abraham. And this blessing comes to us through Mary and the Child. This is the good news of great joy that the shepherds make known in Bethlehem.

Like the shepherds, we too should make haste to find Jesus with Mary and Joseph, and to glorify God for His blessings.

And like Mary, we should keep His word and reflect upon it, letting it dwell richly in our hearts.

(excerpt: salvationhistory.com)

Why should I be honoured with a visit from the mother of my

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK

Patsy Crafton
Iris Macauldy
Marie Joseph
Anne Marie Felicien

DECEASED

Russel Lord
Cecile Gatneau
Oswald A. Marius
Christiane Dussiel
Franklyn Ambrose
Valentine Alexander

WEEKDAY READINGS

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MONDAY
1Jn.2:3-11
Lk.2:22-35
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TUESDAY
1Jn.2:12-17
Lk.2:36-40
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WEDNESDAY
1Jn.2:18-21
Jn.1:1-18
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THURSDAY
Num.6:22-27
Gal.4:4-7
Lk.2:16-21
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FRIDAY
1Jn.2:22-28
Jn.1:19-28
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SATURDAY
1Jn.2:29-3:6
Jn.1:29-34
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| MASS INTENTIONS | | |
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| GROS ISLET | CLERGY / RELIGIOUS | INTENTIONS |
| THE HOLY FAMILY: JESUS, MARY AND JOSEPH - YEAR A | | |
| Sat Dec 27 - 6:00 p.m. | | Thks: Brenda Brookes & family Wedd Ann: James & Norma Herman |
| Sun Dec 28 - 7:30 a.m. <i>The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary & Joseph</i> | | MISSA PRO POPULO |
| 10:00 a.m. | | B'day: Leah & Eric Gaspard Wedd Ann: Christopher & Laura Emmanuel |
| G/Riviere - 7:30 a.m. | | B'day: Sophia Lambert-Johny Thks: Mary Marshall & family Catherine Augustin & family |
| Monchy - 10:00 a.m. | | Thks: Elsa Delice & family Catherine Alexander & family |
| WEEKDAY MASS INTENTIONS | | |
| Mon Dec 29 - 6:00 a.m. | Rev. David Popo Rev. Herald Wilson Rev. Gerard Calderon | Dc'd: Felicite Clery |
| Tues Dec 30 - 6:00 a.m. | Rev. Peter Fevrier Sr. Mary Maynard | Thks: The Haywood family The Severin family The Huntley & Wells families |
| Wed Dec 31 - 6:00 a.m. | Bro. Collins Ogbuehi | Dc'd: Teresa Huntley, Davidson Popo |
| Vigil - 9:00 p.m. | | MISSA PRO POPULO |
| Thu Jan 1 - 8:30 a.m. <i>Mary, Mother of God</i> | | Thks: Edith Eudoxie & family The Hyacinth family |
| G/Riviere - 7:30 a.m. | | Thks: Lysa Esnard & family |
| Monchy - 10:00 a.m. | | Thks: Elsa Delice & family Margerie Philip & family |
| Fri Jan 2 - 6:00 a.m. | Fr. Athanase Joseph Fr. Stephen Quinlan | B'day: Jacinta St. Helene Earl Moona Thks: Glace Motors Ltd |
| Sat Jan 3 - 6:30 a.m. <i>Mass at the Shrine</i> | Archbishop Malzaire Msgr. Michel Francis | Dc'd: Kevin Haywood Teresa Huntley |