



CONSOLATA SHRINE
THE HOLY FAMILY
28TH DECEMBER 2025



FIRST READING

Sirach 3:2-6, 12-14

“He who fears the Lord honours his parents.”

A reading from the Book of Sirach

The Lord honoured the father above the children, and he confirmed the right of the mother over her sons. Whoever honours his father atones for sins, and preserves himself from them. When he prays, he is heard and whoever glorifies his mother is like one who lays up treasure. Whoever honours his father will be gladdened by his own children, and when he prays he will be heard. Whoever glorifies his father will have long life, and whoever obeys the Lord will refresh his mother. O son, help your father in his old age, and do not grieve him as long as he lives; and do not despise him all the days of his life. For kindness to a father will not be forgotten, even if he is lacking in understanding, show forbearance; and against your sins it will be credited to you -a house raised in justice to you.

The Word of the Lord.



RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Psalms 128: 1-2, 3, 4-5
(see R. 1)

R. Blessed are all who fear the Lord, and walk in his ways.

Blessed are all who fear the LORD, and walk in his ways!
By the labour of your hands you shall eat.
You will be blessed and prosper. **R.**

Your wife like a fruitful vine in the heart of your house;
your children like shoots of the olive around your table. **R.**

Indeed thus shall be blessed the man who fears the LORD.
May the LORD bless you from Sion.
May you see Jerusalem prosper all the days of your life! **R.**

SECOND READING

Colossians 3:12-21

“Concerning the Christian life in the family”.

A reading from the Letter of Saint Paul to the Colossians

Brethren: Put on, as God's chosen ones, holy and beloved, compassion, kindness, lowliness, meekness, and patience, forbearing one another and, if one has a complaint against another, forgiving each other: as the Lord has forgiven you, So you also must forgive. And over all these put on love.”

The word of the Lord



ALLELUIA



Alleluia

Let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts ; let the word of Christ dwell in you richly.

Alleluia.

Colossians 3:15a,16a



GOSPEL

Matthew 2:13-15, 19-23

“Take the child and his mother, and flee to Egypt.”

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Mathew

When the Wise Men had departed, behold, an angel of the Lord appeared to Joseph in a dream and said, “Rise, take the child and his mother, and flee to Egypt, and remain there till I tell you; for Herod is about to search for the child, to destroy him.” And he rose and took the child



and his mother by night, and departed to Egypt, and remained there until the death of Herod. This was to fulfil what the Lord had spoken by prophet, “Out of Egypt have I called my son.” But when Herod died, behold, an angel of the Lord appeared in a dream to

Joseph in Egypt, saying, “Rise, take the child and his mother, and go to the land of Israel, for those who sought the child's life are dead” And he rose and took the child and his mother, and went to the land of Israel. But when he heard that Archelaus reigned over Judea in place of his father Herod, he was afraid to go there, and being warned in a dream he withdrew to the District of Galilee. And he went and dwelt in a city called Nazareth, that was spoken by the prophets might be fulfilled, ‘He shall be called a Nazarene.

The gospel of the Lord.

Reflections: Saving Family by Dr. scott Hahn .ph.D

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 honor over his children and mother in authority over her sons, we hear in today’s First Reading. As we sing in today’s Psalm, the blessings of the family flow from Zion, the heavenly mother of the royal people of God (see Isaiah 66:7, 10–13; Galatians 4:26). And in the drama of today’s 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 (see Exodus 4:22; Sirach 36:11), was also threatened at birth by a mad and jealous tyrant (see Exodus 1:15–16). And as Moses was saved by his mother and sister (see Exodus 2:1–10; 4:19), 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 (see Genesis 46:2–4), God leads the Holy Family to Egypt to prepare the coming of the new Israel of God—the Church (see Galatians 6:16). At the beginning of the world, God established the family in the “marriage” of Adam and Eve, the two becoming one body (see Genesis 2:22–24). Now in the new creation, Christ is made “one body” with His bride, the Church, as today’s Epistle indicates (see Ephesians 5:21–32). 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 promises of today's First Reading, let us offer our quiet performance of these duties for the atonement of our sins.

Announcements

1. Today is the Feast of the Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph. There will be blessing of families in all masses. We will also have a second collection.
2. New year's eve masses are as follows;
 - ❖ 31/12/2025-7am,1:15pm and youth thanksgiving mass at 5:30pm. Confessions will be at 9am to 12pm and 2:30pm to 5:30pm.
 - ❖ St. Joseph deepsea -6pm
 - ❖ Nativity movie-7:30pm to 9pm
 - ❖ Adoration -9pm to 10:15pm
 - ❖ Holy mass, 10:30pm 12pm
 - ❖ Thursday 1/1/2026 -7am,9am,11am and 5pm
3. There will be a petition box placed at the Altar area next to the Ambo of the readings and next to the Ambo of the announcements only on 31st December 2025 and 1st January 2026 . You are invited to bring along your written petitions /resolutions for the new year and any prayer petitions and deposit them in the box. The petitions will be prayed for in the masses.
4. Next Sunday 4/12/2026, is the first Sunday of the month. We will have blessing of our tithe and our families. We will also have second collection for Holy Childhood. Please pick an envelope at the entrances of the Church.
5. This Christmas, we invite you to consider giving a special Christmas gift to our Parish. Your generosity will help us enhance our Parish facilities, creating a better space for worship. Kindly pick a Christmas envelope at the entrances of the Church or send your gift to the Consolata Shrine paybill 508702, account: Christmas Gift.
6. Registration for Catechesis for children preparing to receive First Holy Communion (Ages 9 years and above) and

confirmation (Ages 11 years and above) is ongoing at the Catechist's office. Adults preparing for Baptism, First Holy Communion and confirmation are invited to register. Deadline for registration is 23rd January 2026.

7. Couples preparing for marriage in the year 2026 are invited to register for Premarital sessions at the Catechist's office.
8. The Catholic Men Association (CMA) is recruiting new members. All interested men are invited to register by scanning the QR code on the flyer or posters on the notice board or visit the Parish office during the week.
9. The sisters of the Holy Angels will animate the Rosary on Saturday 3rd January after the 5.00pm mass. All are welcome
10. On Epiphany Sunday 4th January 2026, there will be a special children's Mass and PMC commissioning at 3.00pm to celebrate the Society of the Holy Childhood (PMC). All children are encouraged to attend in traditional dress.
11. The parish offices will be closed on Tuesday 30/12/2025 for new year festivities and will reopen on Monday 5/1/2025.
12. The 2026 Bible diaries are available for sale at the Church bookshop. Please get yourself a copy.

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