



**THE HOLY FAMILY OF
JESUS, MARY, AND JOSEPH
DECEMBER 29, 2019**

Over all [other virtues] put on love, that is, the
bond of perfection.

SALVATION IN DAILY LIFE

This Sunday is the feast of the Holy Family, which comes on the first Sunday after Christmas Day. Today’s feast celebrates how the humanity of Jesus (including his entire family life) has brought saving significance into the daily rhythms of our human family life.

The scriptures offer instruction and encouragement on how to share—within our families, parish families, and the wider human family—the love that God shares with us in Jesus. Selections from Sirach, Psalm 128, and Colossians encourage us to reflect divine love and thus find holiness in all our human relationships. The reading from Matthew’s Gospel offers a living example of love in the actions Joseph took to protect his young family from danger and to nurture them within the larger family of faith of their time.

TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

You need more than water for a bath. Most family bathrooms contain an arsenal of soaps and emollients, lotions, shampoos, and conditioners to combat grime and honor the body. A bath without oil is still unthinkable. No wonder early Christians used lavish amounts of oil to “paint” the skin of people drawn dripping wet from the baptismal font on Easter. There were two oils used in baptism long ago. “Oil of exorcism” protected candidates from “evil spirits”; it strengthened their resolve and purified their purposes.

The second oil, slathered over them after baptism’s bath, “sealed” them, making them like Christ, the anointed one, the priest, the prophet, the king. Chrism has always had a powerful odor; rich resinous perfumes are stirred in before it is consecrated. As the newly baptized were embraced by new brothers and sisters in Christ, the scent permeated the hall of Eucharist, a sign of our connection to Christ and to one another.

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TODAY’S READINGS

TODAY’S READINGS FOR YEAR A

First Reading — Those who honor and comfort their parents shall never be forgotten (Sirach 3:2-6, 12-14).

Psalm — Blessed are those who fear the Lord and walk in his ways (Psalm 128).

Second Reading — You are called into one body. Bear with one another; forgive one another; let Christ’s peace control you (Colossians 3:12-21 [12-17]).

Gospel — Joseph rose, took the child and his mother, and fled to Egypt (Matthew 2:13-15, 19-23).

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Sunday: The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary, and Joseph

Monday: Sixth Day within the Octave of the Nativity of the Lord

Tuesday: Seventh Day within the Octave of the

Nativity of the Lord; St. Sylvester I;

New Year’s Eve

Wednesday: The Octave of the Nativity of the Lord;

Mary, the Holy Mother of God;

World Day of Peace; New Year’s Day

Thursday: Ss. Basil the Great and Gregory Nazianzen

Friday: The Most Holy Name of Jesus; First Friday

Saturday: St. Elizabeth Ann Seton; First Saturday

In case of an emergency, and you are needing a priest, please contact St Mary’s at 731-668-2596

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Monday: 1 Jn 2:12-17; Ps 96:7-10; Lk 2:36-40

Tuesday: 1 Jn 2:18-21; Ps 96:1-2, 11-13; Jn 1:1-18

Wednesday: Nm 6:22-27; Ps 67:2-3, 5, 6, 8; Gal 4:4-7;

Lk 2:16-21

Thursday: 1 Jn 2:22-28; Ps 98:1-4; Jn 1:19-28

Friday: 1 Jn 2:29 — 3:6; Ps 98:1, 3cd-6; Jn 1:29-34

Saturday: 1 Jn 3:7-10; Ps 98:1, 7-9; Jn 1:35-42

Jan 1st Mass will be at 5:00 pm
Lector Ann
E/M JIM/ANITA
USHERS SAL /JESUS
SERVER TY

Jan 5th
Lector Mary
E/M Ann /Peggy
Usher Michael/ Olivia
Server Jesus

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