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The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph

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## MASS SCHEDULE

### Weekend

#### Saturday Vigil

7:00pm Spanish (organ & cantor)

#### Sunday

8:00am English (organ & cantor)  
9:30am Spanish (organ & cantor)  
11:30am English (organ & cantor)  
1:30pm Vietnamese (keyboard & choir)

### Weekdays

#### Monday - Friday

8:30am Spanish 12:00pm English

#### Thursday & Saturday

7:45am Vietnamese



## SACRAMENTS

### Confession, First Communion and Confirmation

Make contact with the coordinator of this area for information about the various programs available. Appointments can be made in the parish office at anytime.

### Baptism

Parents wishing to baptize their children (ages 1-5) are invited to make an appointment in the parish office to speak with a staff member in order to make arrangements.

### Confessions

Saturday 5:30-6:30 p.m. and at the parish office by appointment.

### Marriage

Couples planning to be married should call for an appointment six months in advance of the wedding.

### Visits to the Sick

In emergency, call the parish office at any hour. Please inform the office of sick or homebound who desire the sacraments.

# 2 PRAYER AND WORSHIP

DECEMBER 28, 2025

## MASS INTENTIONS

### Monday, December 29

8:30 a.m. Maria Mercado (D), Jose Peguero Montero (D), Ordula Muñoz (D), Jose Flores (D)

12:00 p.m.

### Tuesday, December 30

8:30 a.m. Maria Soeldad Soto Martinez (D), Vilfrida Dolores Peña (D), Odulia Muñoz & Jose Flores (D)

12:00 p.m.

### Wednesday, December 31

8:30 a.m. Dando gracias por todo lo recibido en 2025, Jose Miguel Peña, Santa Zapata, Susana Zapata (D)

12:00 p.m. Thanksgiving

### Thursday, January 1

7:45 a.m.

10:00a.m.

### Friday, January 2

8:30 a.m.

12:00 p.m.

### Saturday, January 3

7:45 a.m.

7:00 p.m. Gabriel Ramirez (D)

### Sunday, January 4

8:00 a.m. People of SNT,

9:30: a.m. Acción de gracias al Divino Niño

11:30 am

1:30 pm

## READINGS

### First Reading:

Whoever honors his father atones for sins, and preserves himself from them. (Sir 3:3)

### Psalm:

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

### Second Reading:

And whatever you do, in word or in deed,

do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus,

giving thanks to God the Father through him. (Col 3:17)

### Gospel:

He rose, took the child and his mother, and went to the land of Israel. (Mt 2:21)

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## Readings for the week of December 28, 2025

Sunday: Sir 3:2-6, 12-14/Col 3:12-21 or 3:12-17/Ps 128:1-2, 3, 4-5/Mt 2:13-15, 19-23  
Monday: 1 Jn 2:3-11/Ps 96:1-2a, 2b-3, 5b-6/Lk 2:22-35  
Tuesday: 1 Jn 2:12-17/Ps 96:7-8a, 8b-9, 10/Lk 2:36-40  
Wednesday: 1 Jn 2:18-21/Ps 96:1-2, 11-12, 13/Jn 1:1-18  
Thursday: Nm 6:22-27/Ps 67:2-3, 5, 6 and 8/Gal 4:4-7/Lk 2:16-21  
Friday: 1 Jn 2:22-28/Ps 98:1, 2-3ab, 3cd-4/Jn 1:19-28  
Saturday: 1 Jn 2:29-3:6/Ps 98:1, 3cd-4, 5-6/Jn 1:29-34  
Next Sunday: Is 60:1-6/Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 10-11, 12-13/Eph 3:2-3a, 5-6/Mt 2:1-12



**The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph**  
**Matthew 2:13-15, 19-23**

When I was ten, my dad gathered our family around the table in small-town Vermont and told us we were moving to the big desert city of Phoenix, Arizona. We were leaving behind family, friends, and everything familiar. None of us knew what to expect.

But something beautiful happened. As we made the move together, our family grew closer. In retrospect, I'm amazed at my parents' courage to go on that adventure. Even as a kid I realized our family found, in that challenge, a deeper unity and mutual love.

In today's Gospel, Joseph is told: **"Rise, take the child and his mother, and flee..." (Matthew 2:13, 20).** First to Egypt, then later to Israel. The Holy Family is frequently challenged to move and change, to adapt to God's will for them, in order to find safety in the midst of threat. It's not just an idiosyncratic story about survival. It's a spiritual pattern for all of us. Every Christian family is called to be a kind of sanctuary, especially in a world full of noise, busyness, and fear.

May I make a practical application for us? The Lord's Day, Sunday, is perhaps the most practical way we imitate this dynamic we see in Joseph and his family. Sunday is not meant to be just like every other day, filled with errands and stress. It's meant to be a day set apart; a holy "escape" into rest, worship, joy, and peace. A day to rise, take your family, and flee, into God's presence.

— *Father John Muir*

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**Pilgrimage of St. Nicholas of Tolentine Parish**  
**Following St. Augustine's footsteps in Italy:**  
**Rome, Cascia, Assisi, Florence & Milan**  
**Sept. 21st- Oct 1st, 2026 Spir. Dir.: Fr. Luis Vera, OSA**

**21-Sep** NY -Rome  
**22-Sep** Parish of St. Aurea in Ostia, Basilica of Saint Paul Outside the Walls  
**23-Sep** Audience with Pope, St. Peter and St. Augustine Basilica, P. Navonna & Trevi  
**24-Sep** Bas. of Our Lady of Good Counsel, Roccaponera, St. Rita of Cascia Basilica  
**25-Sep** St. Rita of Cascia Convent, St. Francis of Assisi, St. Clare, and St. Carlo Acutis  
**26-Sep** St. Mary of Angels (Porziuncula), St. Gimignano  
**27-Sep** Holy Cross, Di Santo Spirito and St. Mary the Fiore Basilica. Piazza de la Repubblica, Porcellino market and Ponte Vecchio  
**28-Sep** San Pietro in Ciel d'Oro (skeletal remains of St. Augustine), Certosa di Pavia  
**29-Sep** Cassago Brianza  
**30-Sep** Duomo, St Ambrosio Basilica and Saint Lawrence Maggiore Parish.  
**01-Oct** Departure to NY

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*Peregrina a Maria*    

**LIVE THE LITURGY - INSPIRATION FOR THE WEEK**

God created the Holy Family with a great sense of purpose, because he knew that Jesus would be defined by the woman and man who raised him. Who is our "Holy Family" — the people who will define us? Who has God placed within our lives for a specific purpose?

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