

## **The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph      Year A**

**Sunday, December 29, 2019**

Readings: 1) Sirach 3:2-6, 12-14 2) Colossians 3:12-21 or 3:12-17 3) Matthew 2:13-15, 19-23

### **Sunday Liturgy**

The Focus for today's Mass is: **God is at the heart of all Christian families.**

Today we celebrate and recognize the Holy Family – Jesus, Mary and Joseph – as the model of all Christian families. Saint Joseph set a good example for all of us as his family faced the crisis of Herod's plot to kill Jesus: He listened to God's voice and cared for his family according to the word of God.

Sirach writes about family relationships and duties, especially that of honoring one's parents all the days of their lives. Paul instructs the Colossians on how to love one another and live for Christ. In the Gospel, Joseph follows the instructions of the angels who led him safely into, and out of, Egypt.

### **GENERAL INTERCESSIONS**

#### **PRIEST:**

Let us bring our prayers and petitions before him with confidence and trust.

**For Pope Francis and all the clergy,  
may the Lord inspire them in their ministry of love and mercy.**  
We Pray to the Lord. Lord, here our prayer.

**For national and world leaders  
seeking to reunite families separated by war.**  
We Pray to the Lord. Lord, here our prayer.

**For all who are sick; in body, mind or spirit.**  
We Pray to the Lord. Lord, here our prayer.

**For all our deceased loved ones.**  
We Pray to the Lord. Lord, here our prayer.

**For God's family gathered here, may we grow in love and charity.**  
We Pray to the Lord. Lord, here our prayer.

**For our own personal intentions..... (long pause)**  
We Pray to the Lord. Lord, here our prayer.

#### **PRIEST:**

**Father, we entrust our prayers to you in the holy name of your son, Jesus Christ.**

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