## December 28, 2025

## Feast of the Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph

As we continue our celebration of the Christmas season, today's feast of the Holy Family invites us to reflect on the gift and calling of family life. The Church calls the family the "domestic church," the place where our faith takes root — and where the stewardship virtue of hospitality begins.

Why is hospitality vital to family life? Because our homes should be a place of love, welcome, and restoration. We can't expect to grow in prayer, service, or faith if our home atmosphere is disconnected or tense. Though no family is perfect, we must intentionally create homes where everyone feels loved and valued.

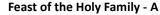
Our readings offer practical wisdom. In the Book of Sirach, we hear about the blessings that come when children respect their parents — and when adult children lovingly care for their aging parents. Respect and tenderness build a home filled with unity and peace.

St. Paul's Letter to the Colossians offers even more insight. He reminds us that each family member is "God's chosen one," and urges us to "put on" compassion, kindness, humility, and patience — even when we may not feel like it. These small, daily acts of love foster true hospitality at home, which then extends to the wider community.

The Holy Family, too, knew hardship. As today's Gospel reminds us, they faced danger, displacement, and uncertainty. Yet Mary and Joseph remained faithful, trusting in God's plan. They are powerful intercessors for our own families today.

On this feast, may we recommit to making our homes places of love and welcome. Let's honor God through the way we treat each other at home — with patience, forgiveness, and care.

Happy Feast of the Holy Family to all who live the stewardship way of life!



<u>A Vocation View:</u> Families are where kindness, humility, patience and thanksgiving are lived and celebrated. People cannot truly teach these qualities unless they have experienced them.

<u>Prayer:</u> That Catholic families will pray generously for vocations to the priesthood and consecrated life from among their children, we pray to the Lord.

Action: JESUS COMMANDED US to pray for vocations with his words, "Pray, therefore, the Lord of the harvest to send out laborers into his harvest" (Mt. 9:38). Take on prayer for vocations as your personal effort to increase the number of priests, sisters, brothers, and lay ministers.

## **JUBILEE 2025**

## **CLOSING JUBILEE MASS**

The Roman Catholic Diocese of Prince Albert will celebrate the closing of the 2025 Jubilee: Pilgrims of Hope at Sacred Heart Cathedral on Sunday, December 28, 2025, at 11:00 a.m. All are Welcome.

The celebration will be live-streamed:

https://youtube.com/live/WpZ3QV1vd-Y?feature=share
The recording will be available later on the Diocesan web and Facebook pages.



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