



ST. JOHN'S CHURCH NEWSLETTER

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THE HOLY FAMILY OF JESUS, MARY AND JOSEPH, YEAR A

Reading I: Eccl 3: 2-6, 12-14

Reading II: Col 3:12-21

Gospel: Mt 2: 13-15, 19-23.

Revised Roman Missal: 224

Reflection: A Family Led by Faith

The Feast of the Holy Family Year A reminds us that Jesus lived in a real family. He had a mother and a father who cared for Him and protected Him. Mary and Joseph did not have easy lives, but they trusted God and followed His plan. Their home was simple, but it was full of love.

This feast helps us think about our own families. Every home has struggles. But like the Holy Family, we are called to listen to God and care for each other with patience. Love grows in quiet moments, hard choices, and daily kindness. The readings for the Feast of the Holy Family this year show how God works through family life. They speak about honoring parents, caring for others, and choosing peace. These small acts shape a strong and faithful home.

In the Gospel, Joseph demonstrates deep trust in God. When warned in a dream, he immediately takes action to protect Mary and Jesus. He does not hesitate or question God's plan. He trusts that God's guidance will lead his family to safety. This faith is the foundation of his role as a husband and father.

This day is not only about Jesus, Mary, and Joseph. It is about how we can live with love and trust in our families today. God is with us in family life, no matter how ordinary it may seem. It invites us to honour each other, show compassion, and trust in God's plan. By embracing these values, we can build stronger, more loving families rooted in faith and respect.

Discussion Starters:

- ♦ In what ways can I practice compassion and kindness at home?
- ♦ What does it mean to trust God's guidance in my family life?
- ♦ What can I learn from the Holy Family's faith and trust in God?

BLESSED CHRISTMAS & THANK YOU

Fr Paul and the Pastoral Council members would like to wish everyone a Blessed Christmas.

We thank you for your generosity in decorate the Christmas Trees around the church and supporting the St. John's Emergency and Relief Fund.

" UPCOMING PARISH EVENTS"

◆ **SECOND COLLECTION**

There will be a second collection for the upkeep of the Church and its surroundings. Thank you for your generosity and support.

◆ **THANKSGIVING MASS AND EUCHARISTIC ADORATION**

The Thanksgiving Mass will be on Wednesday, 31st December at 5:30 p.m. followed by Eucharistic Adoration. Please do come and spend some time with the Lord - giving thanks for the year that passed and to pray for the year to come.

◆ **SOLEMNITY OF MARY, MOTHER OF GOD**

Holy Mass will be at 9:00 a.m. on Thursday, 1st January 2026.

◆ **SJC NEW YEAR CELEBRATION 2026**

All parishioners are cordially invited to celebrate the start of 2026 at our Parish New Year Celebration on Thursday, 1st January 2026 at 6:00 p.m. It will be an evening of fun, games and fellowship with one another.

◆ **REGISTRATION FOR SJC NEW YEAR CELEBRATION**

For catering purposes, all those attending the SJC New Year Celebration are highly encouraged to register. Please register by using this QR code. Deadline for registration is today, 28th December.



DONATIONS FOR NEW YEAR CELEBRATIONS

If you wish to donate some prizes for the lucky draw for our New Year Celebrations, please pass your gifts to the Parish office by Monday, 29th December. Thank you for your generosity.

RECONCILIATION / CONFESION

It is available 30 minutes before Sunday Mass or you may request for an appointment through the Parish Office Admin at WhatsApp 8348855

DEVOTIONS

HOLY HOUR:

Every Wednesday after the 5:30 p.m. daily Mass except on Wednesday before the first Friday.

EUCARISTIC ADORATION:

Every FIRST Friday of the month, after the 5:30 p.m. daily Mass.

NOVENA TO OUR MOTHER OF PERPETUAL HELP:

Every Saturday after the 5:30 p.m. daily Mass except for the first Saturday of the month.

DEVOTION TO THE IMMACULATE HEART OF MARY:

Every FIRST Saturday of the month, after the 5:30 p.m. daily Mass.

SACRAMENT OF MARRIAGE

Meet Parish Priest SIX MONTHS before the intended date of marriage.

REQUIREMENTS:

- ◆ Baptism and Confirmation Certificate.
- ◆ Marriage Preparation Certificate if you are from another Parish.
- ◆ Civil Marriage Certificate if applicable.
- ◆ IC's copy for both candidates and witnesses.
- ◆ Photo (Passport size).

FOR MORE INFORMATION, PLEASE CONTACT THE PARISH OFFICE ADMIN AT WHATSAPP 8348855

REGISTRATION FOR INFANT BAPTISM

Open for children aged 7 years old and below.

SCHEDULE: Every THIRD week of the month.

REQUIREMENTS:

- ◆ Child's Birth Certificate.
- ◆ Parent's Sacrament of Matrimony Certificate.
- ◆ Godparent's Confirmation Certificate

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DAY	EVENTS	READINGS	MASS TIME
Monday 29	FIFTH DAY WITHIN OCTAVE OF CHRISTMAS	1 Jn 2: 3-11 Lk 2: 22-35	5:30 PM
Tuesday 30	SIXTH DAY WITHIN OCTAVE OF CHRISTMAS	1 Jn 2: 12-17 Lk 2: 36-40	5:30 PM
Wednesday 31	SEVENTH DAY WITHIN OCTAVE OF CHRISTMAS <u>HOLY HOUR AFTER THANKSGIVING MASS</u>	1 Jn 2: 18-21 Jn 1: 1-18	5:30 PM
Thursday 1 Jan	SOLEMNITY OF MARY, THE HOLY MOTHER OF GOD <u>NEW YEAR CELEBRATION</u>	Num 6: 22-27 Gal 4: 4-7 Lk 2: 16-21	9:00 AM 6:00 PM
Friday 2 Jan	WEEKDAY OF CHRISTMAS TIME	1 Jn 2: 22-28 Jn 1: 19-28	12:15 NOON
Saturday 3 Jan	WEEKDAY OF CHRISTMAS TIME	1 Jn 2: 29—3: 6 Jn 1: 29-34	5:30 PM
Sunday 4 Jan	THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD	Is 60: 1-6 Eph 3: 2-3, 5-6 Mt 2: 1-12	9:00 AM 6:00 PM