



29 December 2024

**FEAST OF HOLY FAMILY
INAUGURATION OF THE ORDINARY JUBILEE YEAR 2025**



Introduction:

Today, we gather with hearts full of joy as we celebrate two significant occasions. First, we honour the Feast of the Holy Family of Nazareth, the perfect model of love, unity, and faith. In Jesus, Mary, and Joseph, we see the beauty of family life rooted in God's will—a source of inspiration for all our families. Secondly, we mark a moment of profound grace as we inaugurate the *Ordinary Jubilee Year 2025* in our local Church / Arch (Diocese) our families and the Jubilee Year to the Holy Family, asking their intercession to guide us on our pilgrim path. May this year be a time of abundant blessings for our Church, our families, and our communities.

Readings:

First Reading: 1 Samuel 1:20-22, 24-28
Psalm: Psalm 84: 2-3,5-6,9-10
Second Reading: 1 John 3:1-2. 21-24
Gospel: Luke 2:41-52

Prayers of the Faithful

Celebrant: On the Feast Day of the Holy Family of Nazareth, and on the Opening of the Jubilee 2025 in our Arch (Diocese), let us turn to our Heavenly Father with trust and confidence as we place our petitions before Him with faith. Our Response is: **Lord, hear our prayer.**

For our Holy Father Pope Francis, our Bishops, Priests, Religious and Lay faithful; that the Jubilee Year may make all of us become rays of hope and consolation to the vulnerable, the sick and suffering and those in need of support. *We pray...*

For the leaders of the countries of the world; that their policies may promote peace, justice and respect for human dignity, and that they may radiate hope to those whom they govern. *We pray...*

For all families; that the Holy Family of Nazareth may inspire them to live a life of love, respect and faith in the light of the Gospel as positive influencers of society. *We pray...*

For families in distress, vulnerable persons, migrants, the elderly, the sick and victims of war and violence; that the Jubilee Year of hope may bring them comfort and healing as they draw strength and consolation from the Cross of Jesus. *We pray...*

For vocations to the priesthood and the religious life; that like Hannah, Mary and Joseph, parents may plant, nourish and nurture the seeds of a life of service in the Church. *We pray...*

For the various needs we have, that the Lord may be gracious and generous in his mercy... (*Pause... pray*)

Celebrant: Loving Father, we thank you for listening to the prayers of your children, who seek your generous graces through Jesus Christ, your Son our Lord, who lives and reigns forever and ever. Amen

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