

Introduction:

Today we celebrate the Solemnity of the Holy Family, closing our Jubilee Year and renewing our mission as hope-filled pilgrim families. Despite challenges that strain family bonds and faith, the Family of Nazareth—Jesus, Mary, and Joseph—remains our model of love, trust, and prayer. As we gather around the Eucharist, may our families bear hope to those in pain, division, or despair, radiating God's healing presence in our homes and the world.

First Reading: Sirach 3: 2-6; 12-14
Responsorial Psalm: Psalm 128: 1-2, 3, 4-5
Second Reading: Colossians 3: 12-21
Gospel: Matthew 2: 13-15, 19-23

Prayers of the Faithful

Celebrant: Brothers and sisters, on this Solemnity of the Holy Family, let us turn to the Lord, the source of all love and unity, and place before Him our prayers and petitions. Our response is: **LORD, HEAR OUR PRAYER.**

That the Church may mirror the love, unity, and fidelity of the Holy Family, as we all radiate hope and faith in today's world... We pray...

That parents may be faithful in their vocation to love and guide their children, and that children may grow in respect, gratitude, and kindness toward their parents... We pray...

That our homes may be places of prayer, joy, and hope—where Christ is welcomed daily and love binds every heart in unity and peace as vocations for Christian discipleship are fostered... we pray...

That families facing conflict, separation, sickness, or poverty may find comfort, healing, and support through the compassion of others and the strength of God's merciful love... We pray...

That as we conclude the Jubilee Year of Hope, we may continue as pilgrims of hope—comforting the lonely, caring for the sick, serving the poor and sharing God's love with our neighbours and communities... we pray...

Celebrant: Loving God, hear the prayers we have offered, and grant that our families may always live in peace, grow in grace, and walk in hope like the Holy Family of Nazareth in whose honour we pray. Amen.