

OUR LADY OF FATIMA

CATHOLIC PARISH

SUNDAY,
DECEMBER 28, 2025
*The Holy Family of
Jesus, Mary, & Joseph*

WEEKENDS: SATURDAY VIGIL: 5 PM | SUNDAY: 8 AM & 10:30 AM | CONFESSION: SATURDAY AT 4:15 PM

WEEKDAYS: 9 AM MASS (T-F) | 8:30 AM CONFESSION (TUES/THURS) | ROSARY BEFORE EACH MASS



THE HOLY FAMILY: A MODEL FOR TODAY'S FAMILIES

(Source: Excerpt from Catholic Crusade Podcast)

In a rapidly changing world, the Holy Family of Jesus, Mary, and Joseph continues to offer timeless wisdom and inspiration for Catholic family life. Their example provides a spiritual compass as we strive to live our faith amid modern challenges.

Trust in God's Plan

Mary's "yes" to God and Joseph's faithful obedience remind us to trust the Lord, even when life is uncertain. Their example encourages us to place our confidence in God's will through prayer and discernment.

The Sanctity of Family Life

The Holy Family affirms the sacred role of family in nurturing faith, love, and growth. Pope Francis reminded us that the love lived in Nazareth "illuminates the principle which gives shape to every family." Our homes are called to be places where faith is lived and shared.

Simplicity and Humility

Living quietly in Nazareth, the Holy Family shows us that true joy is found not in possessions, but in love, faith, and service. Their example invites us to live simply and generously.

Patience and Perseverance

From Bethlehem to Egypt, the Holy Family endured hardship with faith and courage. Their perseverance inspires us to face our own challenges with hope and trust in God's providence.

Prayer and Spiritual Life

Faith was central to the life of the Holy Family. Today, we are reminded to make prayer, worship, and the sacraments a priority within our families and parish community.

Nurturing Vocations

Mary and Joseph supported Jesus as He grew "in wisdom and stature." Families today are called to help children discern and embrace their God-given vocations with faith and encouragement.

Love and Respect

The Holy Family models mutual love, respect, and forgiveness—values essential for healthy family relationships in every generation.

By looking to Jesus, Mary, and St. Joseph, we learn how to trust God, cherish family life, persevere through trials, and live with faith-filled love. May our families become true domestic churches, reflecting God's love to the world.

Jesus, Mary, and Joseph ~ Pray for us!

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GOSPEL REFLECTION FOR DEC 28, 2025

Matthew 2:13-15,19-23: In a dream, God tells Joseph to flee to Egypt to protect Jesus from King Herod.

Today we celebrate the Holy Family of Jesus, Mary, and Joseph. As we do so, our Gospel invites us to consider Joseph's protection of Jesus in the face of danger. Just as in the announcement of Jesus' birth, an angel appears to Joseph in a dream. The angel warns him of Herod's plans to harm Jesus. Joseph follows the command of the angel and takes Joseph and Mary to Egypt, returning only after receiving word in another dream that it was safe to do so.

This feast is part of the Christmas season, so we should look at today's Gospel in the context of what Scripture tells us about Jesus' birth. Today's reading is found in the Gospel of Matthew, following the story of the visit of the Magi. Recall that Matthew's story about the birth of Jesus makes Joseph the primary character. Among Matthew's themes in this infancy narrative is Jesus as the fulfillment of the Old Testament prophecies about the messiah. Indeed, the story of the Holy Family's flight to Egypt recalls the story of Moses in the Book of Exodus.

It should also be noted that today's reading omits the verses that recount Herod's order of the massacre of the infant boys in and around Bethlehem. We mark this event on the Feast of the Holy Innocents on December 28.

These events remind us of the difficult reality of Jesus' birth. While the story of the Magi's visit will be recalled in our liturgy on the Feast of the Epiphany, our Christmas celebration is made more sober by the recollection that not everyone received Christ's birth with joy or obedience. Herod's jealousy and malice contrast with Joseph's obedience to the words of the angel. The Holy Family's escape to Egypt and the massacre that Jesus is saved from remind us of the struggles and sacrifices that are required as preparation for God's salvation.



Responsorial Psalm

Cantor, then All



Communion Proper Translation:

Jesus went down with them, and came to Nazareth, and was
subject to them.

MASS SCHEDULE

MONDAY, DEC 29
NO MASS

TUESDAY, DEC 30
(8:30 am Confession)
9 am, Fr. Vincent

WEDNESDAY, DEC 31
9am, Fr. John
5pm, Fr. John (Vigil Mass)

THURSDAY, JAN 1
10am- Solemnity of Mary
Mother of God, Fr. John

FRIDAY, JAN 2
9 am, Fr. John

SATURDAY, JAN 3
(4:15 PM Confession)
5 PM, Fr. Hartin

SUNDAY, JAN 4
8 am, Fr. Vincent
10:30 am, Fr. Vincent

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marriage, Holy Eucharist for the
homebound, or funeral services,
please contact the parish office.***

PARISH STAFF

Priest Administrator: Fr. Vincent Gilmore; **Senior Priest:** Fr. Patrick Hartin;
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WEEKLY DONATIONS

Dec 17 - Dec 22:

Tithe: \$6,001

Poor: \$70

Guatemala Fund: \$70



January 1st is the Solemnity of Mary Mother of God

(Holy Day of Obligation)

Mass Times: Dec 31- 5pm (Vigil)

Jan 1st - 10am

Please join us for our

Monthly First Friday

Charismatic Mass

On Jan. 2, Feb 6, Mar 6, & May 1, 2026

at Our Lady of Fatima

3327 S Perry St, Spokane

Praise time at 7:00 p.m.

followed by Mass at 7:30 p.m.

Fellowship following in basement hall.

You are welcome to bring a snack to share.

For more information call or text Arlette 509-979-2255.

OCIA resumes on Sunday Jan 4th

at 9 am in the parish office

For information please contact Deborah Schultz at 509-599-1189



2025 Diocese of Spokane Annual Catholic Appeal

This year our parish goal is \$90,426.

To date we have received \$54,235. (59.98%) Any money raised over our goal comes back to the Parish. Please prayerfully consider how you can support the Annual Catholic Appeal this year.

Thank you!

Reminder

The office will be closed Thursday Jan 1st!
Have a blessed and happy New Year!

MASS INTENTIONS

Tuesday, Dec 30

Funeral Mass for Robert Leeds

Wednesday, Dec 31

Olive Wilkins+

Req.by Anon

Thursday, Jan 1 - Holy Day

Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God

Friday, Jan 2

Peter Seward+

Req. by Anon

DAILY READINGS

2025 DECEMBER 29 MONDAY

Reading 1 John 2:3-11

Psalms 96:1-6

Gospel, Lk 2:22-35

2025 DECEMBER 30 TUESDAY

Reading 1, 1 John 2:12-17

Psalms 96:7-10

Gospel, Lk 2:36-40

2025 DECEMBER 31

WEDNESDAY

Reading 1, 1 John 2:18-21

Psalms 96:1-2, 11-13

Gospel, John 1:1-18

2026 JANUARY 1 THURSDAY

Reading 1, Numbers 6:22-27

Psalms 67:2-3, 5, 6, 8

Galatians 4:4-7

Gospel, Luke 2:16-21

2026 JANUARY 2 FRIDAY

Reading 1, 1 John 2:22-28

Psalms 98:1-2, 3-4

Gospel, John 1:19-28

2026 JANUARY 3 SATURDAY

Reading 1, 1 John 2:29-3:6

Psalms 98:1, 3-6

Gospel, John 1:29-34

2026 JANUARY 4 SUNDAY

Reading 1, Isaiah 60:1-6

Psalms 72:1-2, 7-8, 10-13

Ephesians 3:2-3, 5-6

Gospel, Matthew 2:1-12



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Colossians 3:23

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