

Escape to Egypt

When they had gone, an angel of the Lord appeared to Joseph in a dream. "Get up," he said, "take the child and his mother and escape to Egypt. Stay there until I tell you, for Herod is going to search for the child to kill him." Matthew 2:13 (NIV)

Based on Matthew 2:13-23



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NAZARETH	ESCAPE	HEROD	MOTHER	EGYPT
ANGEL	BETHLEHEM	SEARCH	NIGHT	CHILD

WEEKDAY READINGS (PSALTER WEEK 1)

29 Monday - Christmas Weekday

First John 2: 12-17; Luke 2: 36-40

30 Tuesday - Christmas Weekday

First John 2: 18-21; John 1: 1-18

31 Wednesday - Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God

Numbers 6: 22-27; Luke 2: 16-21

01 Thursday - St Basil the Great and St. Gregory Nazianzen,

First John 2: 22-28; John 1: 19-28

02 Friday - Christmas Weekday

First John 2: 29 - 3: 6; John 1: 29-34

03 Saturday - St. Elizabeth Ann Seton, Religious

First John 3: 7-10; John 1: 35-42

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REFLECTION

In today's Gospel, the Holy Family's flight to Egypt unfolds as a powerful testament to their unity amid peril, with Joseph once again heeding an angel's dream to protect Mary and the child Jesus from Herod's murderous rage. This hurried escape into exile, followed by their return and settlement in Nazareth, reveals the family's profound obedience and trust in God's protective guidance, turning potential tragedy into fulfillment of prophecy as "out of Egypt I called my son." Far from a tale of passive suffering, it portrays Jesus, Mary, and Joseph as active participants in salvation history, bound by selfless love that prioritizes the vulnerable Child above all.

This narrative deepens our understanding of the Holy Family not as an idealized portrait, but as a model of resilience forged in real hardship—fleeing as refugees, enduring uncertainty, yet remaining steadfast together. Joseph's prompt action echoes his earlier acceptance of Mary, while Mary's silent companionship and Jesus' innocent dependence highlight their shared vocation to safeguard the Incarnate Word. For families today, it challenges us to emulate this bond: protecting one another through life's "Herods"—trials like illness, displacement, or conflict—while listening for God's voice in dreams, prayers, or circumstances that demand courageous choices.

The Gospel invites us to see the Holy Family's journey as our own spiritual roadmap during this Christmas season. By fleeing danger yet returning home, they teach that true family holiness emerges from faithful endurance, where love triumphs over fear and divine purpose reshapes human plans. As we gather with loved ones, may their example inspire us to nurture homes of mercy, prayer, and mutual support, ensuring that Christ, the heart of every family, finds safety and welcome among us today.



NOTICES

- ♦ **The Feast of the Holy Innocents** will be celebrated this Monday December 29 at the Cathedral at 9:00 am. Please encourage all children to be present at the mass.
- ♦ **Wednesday 30th December** - New Year Eve Mass at the Cathedral at 9:30 p.m. at the Cathedral.
- ♦ **Thursday 1st January - New Year Day** - Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God.

Happy Hill/Brizan	7:00 a.m.
Belmont	7:00 a.m.
Tempe	7:00 a.m.
Cathedral	8:30 a.m.
Mt Moritz	8:30 a.m.
Fontenoy	8:30 a.m.

- ♦ Christmas offering envelopes are still available for the persons that did not get one.
- ♦ There will be a **second collection** next Sunday January 4th, 2026, Solemnity of The Epiphany of the Lord. This collection goes towards the Holy Childhood Association, which is channeled towards helping children throughout the world.

Nutrition Tips For The Week

Control blood pressure and blood sugar levels by enjoying bigger portions of vegetables than starchy foods and remember to take medications as prescribed.

LET US PRAY FOR THE SICK AND SHUT-INS IN OUR PARISH COMMUNITY:

Limo Grant, Ann Bishop, Thelma Joseph, Michael Philbert, Dean Andrew, Clarissa Bain, Norman James, Arnold Joseph, Ambrose Noel, Andrea Jessica, Veronica Thomas, Emma Joseph, Joseph Ross, Finley Gill



Catechesis Corner

THE TEN COMMANDMENTS CONT...

THE SEVENTH COMMANDMENT CON'T- You shall not steal.

II. Respect for Persons and Their Goods

In economic matters, respect for human dignity requires the practice of the virtue of temperance, so as to moderate attachment to this world's goods; the practice of the virtue of justice, to preserve our neighbor's rights and render him what is his due; and the practice of solidarity, in accordance with the golden rule and in keeping with the generosity of the Lord, who "though he was rich, yet for your sake . . . became poor so that by his poverty, you might become rich." (189 2 Cor 8:9).

Respect for the goods of others

The seventh commandment forbids theft, that is, usurping another's property against the reasonable will of the owner. There is no theft if consent can be presumed or if refusal is contrary to reason and the universal destination of goods. This is the case in obvious and urgent necessity when the only way to provide for immediate, essential needs (food, shelter, clothing . . .) is to put at one's disposal and use the property of others. (cf. GS 69 # 1).

Even if it does not contradict the provisions of civil law, any form of unjustly taking and keeping the property of others is against the seventh commandment: thus, deliberate retention of goods lent or of objects lost; business fraud; paying unjust wages; forcing up prices by taking advantage of the ignorance or hardship of another. (cf. Deut 25:13-16; 24:14-15; Jas 5:4; Am 8:4-6).

The following are also morally illicit: speculation in which one contrives to manipulate the price of goods artificially in order to gain an advantage to the detriment of others; corruption in which one influences the judgment of those who must make decisions according to law; appropriation and use for private purposes of the common goods of an enterprise; work poorly done; tax evasion; forgery of checks and invoices; excessive expenses and waste. Willfully damaging private or public property is contrary to the moral law and requires reparation. Promises must be kept and contracts strictly observed to the extent that the commitments made in them are morally just. A significant part of economic and social life depends on the honoring of contracts between physical or moral persons - commercial contracts of purchase or sale, rental or labor contracts. All contracts must be agreed to and executed in good faith.

To be cont'd...

Prayer for the Discernment of A New Bishop

O God, Eternal Shepherd, who govern your flock with unchanging care, grant to your Church in St. George's-in-Grenada a shepherd who will faithfully follow in the footsteps of your Son, our Savior Jesus Christ. Give us a Bishop filled with wisdom and understanding so that, guided by your Holy Spirit, he may be a faithful pastor, a prudent teacher, wise in discerning the needs of our diocese and region. Strengthen him to uphold the gospel of truth, to lead your flock with humility and courage and to build up the Body of Christ in love and holiness. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord. Immaculate Mary, Mother of the Church, pray with us and for us. **Amen.**



Pope's prayer intention for December 2025

For Christians in areas of conflict

Let us pray that Christians living in areas of war or conflict, especially in the Middle East, might be seeds of peace, reconciliation, and hope.

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Our Lady Queen of the Universe, **MT. MORITZ**;
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The Feast of The Holy Family - December 28th, 2025

Sunday Mass Schedules:

Cathedral Saturday: 6:00 p.m.
Belmont Saturday: 6:00 p.m.
Brizan Sunday: 6:30 a.m.
Cathedral Sunday: 8:00 a.m.

Happy Hill Sunday: 8:00 a.m.
Tempe Sunday: 8:00 a.m.
Fontenoy Sunday: 10:00 a.m.
Mt. Moritz Sunday: 10:00 a.m.

Weekday Masses:

Cathedral: 6:15 a.m. & 12:15 p.m.
Happy Hill - Wednesday - 6 pm

CONFESSION:

Cathedral: Saturdays: 7.00 a.m. - 8.00 a.m.
(Priests available at request)

Welcome!

Welcome brothers and sisters in Christ, to this liturgical celebration of the Feast of the Holy Family. As we gather in the warmth of this sacred feast, let us reflect on the love, obedience, and unity that bound Jesus, Mary, and Joseph together amid life's trials.

First Reading: Ecclesiasticus 3:2-6, 12-14; Honor parents for God's sake; their prayers bring mercy and life.

Second Reading: Colossians 3:12-21 (or 3:12-17): Live with compassion, kindness, patience, and love; let Christ's peace rule.

Gospel: Matthew 2:13-15, 19-23: Joseph flees to Egypt with Holy Family, then settles in Nazareth.

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