

LIVINGTHEWORD

- ❖ Today the Church celebrates the Feast of the Holy Family. Each of the readings reflects on living family life in a way that leads to holiness. Reflect on your family life today.
- ❖ The Book of Wisdom – or Sirach – reflects on the commandment to honour parents in every stage of their life. Implied is a respectful relationship between parents and children. Our covenant relationship with God mirrors our relationship with parents. This relationship is expressed through prayer, obedience, justice and forgiveness. Consider the challenges of raising a family. What is the promise for our kindness to parents? How can respect apply in broken families? We are called to be considerate and caring even as parents age. What does this passage say to us about euthanasia, dementia and the elderly?
- ❖ Family life has struggles and difficulties. The Community of Colossae that Paul is writing to is struggling greatly with Jewish Christians welcoming Gentiles – Greeks – into the Christian community / family. St Paul writes about the ‘Family Code’ (also called the ‘Holiness Code’). We are all called to put on the white garment of baptism and the new life of Jesus. In the Church – or your family – who is included or excluded? Which attitude could you practise more in *your* family? How could peace control your heart? The Scriptures use the journey as our path to life and holiness. How can this ‘journey’ motif encourage you?
- ❖ Subordinate – “under” – reflects the customs of early Roman times. Christians were keen to live by the family code to show Roman authorities that they were not dangerous to the government. Is order in family life healthy? What ‘order’ do you have in the family? Home? How is bitterness resolved? What arguments arise over children’s behaviour and obedience? What attitudes or behaviours provoke and discourage your children? Does the Word of God dwell richly in your home? Is there any singing and praying and showing gratitude to God?
- ❖ Joseph is revealed as a man who faithfully responds four times to a message from an angel. *First*, to take Mary – pregnant – home to be his wife. *Second*, to become a refugee and take his wife and newborn baby into a foreign land (Egypt). *Third*, to return to Israel with an uncertain political leader and future. *Fourth*, responding to a warning about where to live. Imagine yourself in each of these 4 examples. What do you learn about Joseph? What would Mary’s experience have been at each of these moments? What does this teach you about the Holy Family? ‘Listening prayer’ is discernment and wisdom: it is being attentive to inspiration and circumstances through prayer. How can Joseph be our guide?

The theme for Pope Leo’s Message for World Day of Peace 2026 (1st January) is ...
“Peace be with you all: Towards an ‘unarmed and disarming’ peace”

This theme invites humanity to reject the logic of violence and war, and to embrace an authentic peace based on love and justice. This peace must be **unarmed**, that is, not based on fear, threats or weapons. And it must be **disarming**, capable of resolving conflicts, opening hearts and generating mutual trust, empathy and hope. It is not enough to call for peace; we must embody it in a way of life that rejects every form of violence. *In a recent address to new ambassadors to the Holy See (6th December), Leo XIV expanded on his vision for peace and justice.*

I am especially glad to meet you during this Jubilee year of Hope, a celebration that calls everyone “to recover the confident trust that we require, in the Church and in society, in our interpersonal relationships, in international relations, and in our task of promoting the dignity of all persons and respect for God’s gift of Creation.” (Francis, *Spes non Confundit*, 25). From my first words as Bishop of Rome, I wished to recall the greeting of the Risen Lord Jesus – “Peace be with you” (Jn 20:19), and to invite all peoples to pursue what I have called an “unarmed and disarming peace”. Peace is not merely the absence of conflict, but “an active and demanding gift,” one that is “built in the heart and from the heart”; it calls each of us to renounce pride and vindictiveness and to resist the temptation to use words as weapons. This vision of peace has become all the more urgent, as geopolitical tension and fragmentation continue to deepen in ways that burden nations and that strain the bonds of the human family.

Furthermore, we must not forget that the poor and the marginalised suffer most from these upheavals. Indeed, “the measure of the greatness of a society is found in the way it treats those most in need” (cf. Francis, 25 July 2013). In my Apostolic Exhortation, *Dilexi Te*, I echoed the same conviction: that our world cannot afford to avert its gaze from those who are easily rendered invisible by rapid economic and technological change.

In this regard, I wish to reaffirm that the Holy See will not be a silent bystander to the grave disparities, injustices and fundamental human rights violations in our human and global community, which is increasingly more fractured and conflict-prone. Indeed, the Holy See’s diplomacy, shaped by the values of the Gospel, is consistently directed toward serving the good of humanity, especially by appealing to consciences and by remaining attentive to the voices of those who are poor, in vulnerable situations or pushed to the margins of society.



CALENDAR

MONDAY

December 29
Octave of Christmas
1 Jn 2:3-11
Lk 2:22-35

TUESDAY

December 30
Octave of Christmas
1 Jn 2:12-17
Lk 2:36-40

WEDNESDAY

December 31
Octave of Christmas
1 Jn 2:18-21
Jn 1:1-18

THURSDAY

January 1
Solemnity of Mary, the Holy Mother of God
Nm 6:22-27
Gal 4:4-7
Lk 2:16-21

FRIDAY

January 2
Sts. Basil the Great and Gregory Nazianzen, Bishops and Doctors of the Church
1 Jn 2:22-28
Jn 1:19-28

SATURDAY

January 3
Christmas Weekday
1 Jn 2:29-3:6
Jn 1:29-34

SUNDAY

January 4
The Epiphany of the Lord
Is 60:1-6
Eph 3:2-3a, 5-6
Mt 2:1-12

COMMUNION

We are the Body of Christ. This is who we are as Church. It is our profound mystery that we take and eat, take and drink at Communion. In doing so, we give expression to our identity.

If we are not in communion with the Catholic Church, it makes no logical sense for those to receive because simply, it is not their identity.

If you are Buddhist, from another Christian tradition or just our welcome guest, please feel free to come forward, not to receive communion but to ask for a blessing.

The simple practice of asking for a blessing is through the bodily posture of bowing one's head and crossing one's arms across one's chest when before the minister distributing communion.

If you are a parent with a child not receiving Communion, please take personal responsibility in asking the minister for a blessing for your child.

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MASS SCHEDULE:

Mon-Fri : Thai 06:00 hrs.
Sat : Thai 06:00; 17:00 novena followed by mass
Sun : Thai 07:00; 08:30 and 17:00 hrs.
English 10:00 hrs.

BAPTISM:

Thai : **First Sunday** during 8:30 am mass.
English : **Second Sunday** during 10:00 am mass.

CONFESSION:

Sundays : Before all masses (Thai).
English before 10:00 am mass.

CATHOLIC CENTER:

For religious articles, please visit the center opposite the entrance of the Cathedral.

Opening Hours:

Mon-Fri : 08:30 – 17:00 hrs.
Sat & Sun : 08:30 – noon
Public holidays : Closed

Schedule for New Year 2026

Sunday, 28th December 2025
(Closing ceremony of the Jubilee Year)

5:00 pm. Thai Mass

Wednesday, 31st December 2025
(New Year's Eve)

9:30 pm. Eucharistic Adoration
10:00 pm. Thai Mass

Thursday, 1st January 2026
(Solemnity of Mary, The Holy Mother of God)

8:30 am. Thai Mass
10:30 am. ENGLISH MASS

Priest: Pray, brethren, that my sacrifice and yours may be acceptable to God, the almighty Father.
All: **May the Lord accept the sacrifice at your hands, for the praise and glory of his name, for our good, and the good of all his holy Church.**

THE EUCHARISTIC PRAYER

HOLY (No. 263) PLEASE KNEEL

MEMORIAL ACCLAMATION

We proclaim your Death, O Lord, and profess your Resurrection until you come again.

DOXOLOGY PLEASE STAND

Priest: Through him, and with him, and in him, O God, almighty Father, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all glory and honour is yours, for ever and ever.

GREAT AMEN (No. 374)

COMMUNION RITE

THE LORD'S PRAYER (No. 387)

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name; thy kingdom come, thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread, and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil.

Priest: Deliver us, Lord, we pray, from every evil; graciously grant peace in our days, that, by the help of your mercy, we may be always free from sin and safe from all distress, as we await the blessed hope and the coming of our saviour, Jesus Christ.

All: **For the kingdom, the power and the glory are yours, now and forever.**

LAMB OF GOD (No. 391) PLEASE KNEEL

Priest: Behold the Lamb of God, behold him who takes away the sins of the world. Blessed are those called to the supper of the Lamb.

All: **Lord, I am not worthy that you should enter under my roof, but only say the word and my soul shall be healed.**

**COMMUNION: O LITTLE TOWN OF BETHLEHEM (No. 446)
NATIVITY CAROL (No. 432)**

FINAL: PILGRIMS OF HOPE PLEASE STAND

**Refrain: Like a flame my hope is burning, may my song arise to you.
Source of life that has no ending, on life's path I trust in you.**

- 1. Ev'ry nation, tongue, and people, find a light within your Word.
Scattered fragile sons and daughters, find a home in your dear Son. (R)**
- 2. God, so tender and so patient, dawn of hope, you care for all.
Heav'n and earth are recreated by the Spirit of Life set free. (R)**
- 3. Raise your eyes, the wind is blowing, for our God is born in time.
Son made man for you and many who will find the way in him. (R)**

THE HOLY FAMILY OF JESUS, MARY AND JOSEPH (Year A)

Sunday, 28 December 2025

ENTRANCE: ANGELS, FROM THE REALMS OF GLORY (No. 438) PLEASE STAND

INTRODUCTORY RITE

Priest: I confess to almighty God,

All: and to you, my brothers and sisters, that I have greatly sinned, in my thoughts and in my words, in what I have done, and in what I have failed to do;

– and, striking their breast, they say –

Through my fault, through my fault, through my most grievous fault;

Therefore I ask blessed Mary, ever-virgin, all the Angels and Saints, and you, my brothers and sisters, to pray for me to the Lord our God.

Priest: May almighty God have mercy on us, forgive us our sins, and bring us to everlasting life.

All: **Amen.**

KYRIE / LORD HAVE MERCY

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Kýrie, eléison. Kýrie, eléison.

GLORY TO GOD

**Refrain: Glory to God, Glory to God, Glory to God in the highest,
and on earth, peace on earth, peace to people of good will.**

- 1. We praise you, we bless you, we adore you, we glorify you,
we give you thanks for your great glory,
Lord God, heavenly King, O God, almighty Father.**
- 2. Lord, Jesus Christ, Only Begotten Son, Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father,
you take away the sins of the world, have mercy on us,
you take away the sins of the world, receive our prayer;
you are seated at the right hand, the right hand of the Father, have mercy on us.**
- 3. For you alone are the Holy One, you alone are the Lord,
you alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ,
with the Holy Spirit, in the glory of God the Father. (R)**

FIRST READING: Sir 3:2-6, 12-14

A reading from the Book of Sirach:

God sets a father in honor over his children; a mother's authority he confirms over her sons. Whoever honors his father atones for sins, and preserves himself from them. When he prays, he is heard; he stores up riches who reveres his mother. Whoever honors his father is gladdened by children, and, when he prays, is heard. Whoever reveres his father will live a long life; he who obeys his father brings comfort to his mother.

My son, take care of your father when he is old; grieve him not as long as he lives. Even if his mind fail, be considerate of him; revile him not all the days of his life; kindness to a father will not be forgotten, firmly planted against the debt of your sins—a house raised in justice to you.

The word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God

