

Universal Declaration of Human Rights  
Article 16:

(1) Men and women of full age, without any limitation due to race, nationality or religion, have the right to marry and to found a family. They are entitled to equal rights as to marriage, during marriage and at its dissolution.

(2) Marriage shall be entered into only with the free and full consent of the intending spouses.

(3) The family is the natural and fundamental group unit of society and is entitled to protection by society and the State.



“The deepest human problems are connected with the family. It constitutes the primary, fundamental and irreplaceable community for man. ‘The mission of being the primary vital cell of society has been given to the family by God himself,’ the Second Vatican Council affirms. (*Apostolicam Actuositatem*, 11) The Church wishes to bear a particular witness to that too during the Octave of Christmas, by means of the feast of the Holy Family. She wishes to recall that the fundamental values, which cannot be violated without incalculable harm of a moral nature, are bound up with the family.” (JPII)

## The Catechism of the Catholic Church

stresses, “The Christian family is the first place of education in prayer. Based on the sacrament of marriage, the family is the ‘domestic church’ where God’s children learn to pray ‘as the Church’ and to persevere in prayer. For young children in particular, daily family prayer is the first witness of the Church’s living memory, as awakened patiently by the Holy Spirit” (2685). “Our family becomes and is a domestic church because we’re always looking at Mary and Joseph as our guides and our models, who let us know the true meaning of motherhood and fatherhood. We are who we are because of the Holy Family.”



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## Feast of the Holy Family

**1<sup>ST</sup> READING:** Ecclesiasticus 3:2-6. 12-14

### **RESPONSORIAL PSALM:**

Happy are those who fear the Lord and walk in his ways.

**2<sup>ND</sup> READING:** Colossians 3:12-21

### **GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:**

Alleluia, alleluia!

May the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, and the fullness of his message lie within you.

**GOSPEL:** Matthew 1:18-24

### **COMMUNION ANTIPHON:**

Our God has appeared on earth, and lived among men.

### **WEEKEND MASS TIMES:**

Sat. Vigil: 5pm

Sunday: 8am, 9:30am & 5pm

### **WEEKDAY MASS TIMES:**

Mon, Tues & Thurs: 7:30am

Wed: 6pm

Fri: 9:15am

Sat: 9:15am (Stn Cross Apts)

**HOLY HOUR:** Wed: 5pm

### **RECONCILIATION:**

Wed: 5:15 – 5:45pm

Sat: 4:15 – 4:45pm

### **BAPTISMS:**

Sundays 9:30am Mass

### **BAPTISMAL PROGRAMME &**

### **WEDDINGS:**

By appointment

### **ANOINTING MASS:**

Quarterly: 1<sup>st</sup> weekend

### **1<sup>ST</sup> SAT OF EACH MONTH:**

11am Mass in honour of Our Lady.

### **PLANNED GIVING PROGRAMME:**

**100%** tax deductible. Please join by contacting parish office.

### **FAITH FORMATION:**

Sundays 3:30pm (in presbytery)

### **OFFICE HOURS:**

Mon, Wed & Fri 9am to 2:30pm

