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A MODEL FOR OUR FAMILIES

FEAST OF THE HOLY FAMILY OF JESUS, MARY AND JOSEPH - DECEMBER 28, 2025

We celebrate today the feast of the Holy Family of Nazareth. The term "holy" places this family within the sphere of holiness which is a gift from God but, at the same time, is free and responsible adherence to God's plan. This was the case for the family of Nazareth: they were totally available to God's will. How can we not wonder, for example, at Mary's docility to the action of the Holy Spirit Who asks her to become the mother of the Messiah? Because Mary, like every young woman of her time, was about to realize her life project, that is, to marry Joseph.

But when she realises that God is calling her to a particular mission, she does not hesitate to proclaim herself His "servant" (*cf. Lk 1:38*). Jesus will exalt her greatness not so much for her role as a mother, but for her obedience to God. Jesus said: "Blessed rather are those who hear the word of God and keep it" (*Lk 11:28*), like Mary. And when she does not fully understand the events that involve her, Mary meditates in silence, reflects and adores the divine initiative. Her presence at the foot of the cross consecrates this total willingness.

Then, with regard to Joseph, the Gospel does not give us a single word: he does not speak, but he acts, obeying. He is the man of silence, the man of obedience. Today's Gospel reading (*cf. Mt 2: 13-15, 19-23*) recalls this obedience of the righteous Joseph three times, referring to the flight to Egypt and the return to the land of Israel. Under God's guidance, represented by the Angel, Joseph distances his family from Herod's threats, and saves them. The Holy Family is thus in solidarity with all the families of the world forced into exile, in solidarity with all those who are compelled to abandon their own land due to repression, violence, and war.

Finally, the third person of the Holy Family, Jesus. He is the will of the Father: in Him, says Saint Paul, there was no "yes" and "no", but only "yes" (*cf. 2 Cor 1:19*). And this is made manifest in many moments of His earthly life. For example, the episode at the temple when He responded to the anguished parents who sought Him out: "Did you not know that I must be in my Father's house?" (*Lk 2:49*); His continual repetition: "My food is to do the will of Him Who sent me and to accomplish His work" (*Jn 4:34*); His prayer in the olive grove: "My Father, if this cannot pass unless I drink it, Your will be done" (*Mt 26:42*). All these events are the perfect realisation of the very words of Christ Who says: "Sacrifices and offerings you have not desired. Then I said, 'Behold, I have come to do your will, O God, as it is written of me in the scroll of the book'" (*Heb 10: 5-7; Psalm 40: 7-9*).

Mary, Joseph, Jesus: the Holy Family of Nazareth which represents a choral response to the will of the Father: the three members of this family help each other reciprocally to discover God's plan. They prayed, worked, communicated. And I ask myself: you, in your family, do you know how to communicate or are you like those kids at the table, each one with their mobile phone, while they are chatting? In that table there seems to be a silence as if they were at Mass... But they do not communicate between themselves. We must resume dialogue in the family: fathers, parents, sons, grandparents and siblings must communicate with one another... This is today's homework, right on the day of the Holy Family. May the Holy Family be a model for our families, so that parents and children may support each other mutually in adherence to the Gospel, the basis of the holiness of the family.

Let us entrust to Mary, "Queen of the Family", all the families in the world, especially those who suffer or who are in distress, and invoke upon them her maternal protection.

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¡Ayudemos a las Hermanas de Nuestra Señora Inmaculada en su cambio de casa!

Sábado 3 de enero de 9-2 pm. Direccion: Marian Residence Retirement Home 640 Hillview Rd. Cambridge ON. Envía un email a oficina@parroquiaguadalupe.ca para coordinar tu participación.

ENGLISH MASS SCHEDULE

The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary & Joseph

Saturday, December 27 **5:00 PM**

+Deceased members of the Morabito Family

Sunday, December 28 **9:00 AM**

For All Parishioners Living & Deceased

Tuesday, December 30 **11:00 AM**

+Dolores Sedlmeir

Solemnity of the Blessed Virgin Mary, the Mother of God

Wednesday, December 31 **5:00 PM**

Thursday, January 1 **9:00 AM**

Friday, January 2 **11:00 AM**

St. Basil & St. Gregory

+Catherine & Joseph Zaniewski

The Epiphany of the Lord

Saturday, January 3 **5:00 PM**

+Karl Friedrich

Sunday, January 4 **9:00 AM**

For All Parishioners Living & Deceased

MISAS EN ESPAÑOL

La Sagrada Familia de Jesús, María & José

Sábado 27 de Diciembre **7:00 PM**

Domingo 28 de Diciembre **11:00 AM & 1:00 PM**

Por la Comunidad Parroquial

Martes 30 de Diciembre **12:00 PM**

Solemnidad de María Santísima, Madre de Dios

Miercoles 31 de Diciembre **7:00 PM**

Jueves 1 de Enero **11:00 AM & 1:00 PM**

Viernes 2 de Enero **12:00 PM**

San Basilio y San Gregorio

+Humberto Piñero

La Epifanía del Señor

Sábado 3 de Enero **7:00 PM**

+Marvin Castillo Courtade +Gloria Flores de Lazo

Domingo 4 de Enero **11:00 AM & 1:00 PM**

Por la Comunidad Parroquial

First Friday of the Month, January 2nd, 2026 Eucharistic Adoration will start at 10am, concluding with Benediction before the 11am Mass.

Viernes Primero del Mes (2 de enero, 2026): El Santísimo Sacramento se expondrá para adoración silenciosa después de la Misa de 12:00 pm hasta las 2:00 pm y nuevamente de 5 a 7p.m.

A las 6 de la tarde se tendrá una Hora Santa, que concluirá con la Bendición con el Santísimo a las 7pm.

Mientras el Santísimo esté expuesto, se ofrecerá el sacramento de Reconciliación.

CAMINANDO JUNTOS

Preparación Sacramental para una Iglesia Misionera

Únete a nosotros a un día de formación para todos los que están o desean participar en la preparación de los Sacramentos para niños.

Toda la presentación, los materiales y recursos estarán disponibles en español al igual que habrá traducción en vivo por los presentadores.

Inscripciones a través de nuestra página web o dando [click aquí](#)

Día y Hora: Sábado, 10 de Enero, de 10:00 a.m. a 2:00 p.m.

Lugar: Parroquia Nuestra Señora de Guadalupe,

Costo: \$10 por persona (para el almuerzo)