

December 28th 2025 Sunday Feast of the Holy Family-Year-A-Matthew 2:13-15,19-23

²⁻¹³ And when they were departed, behold, the angel of the Lord appeareth to Joseph in a dream, saying, Arise, and take the young child and his mother, and flee into Egypt, and be thou there until I bring thee word: for Herod will seek the young child to destroy him. ¹⁴ When he arose, he took the young child and his mother by night, and departed into Egypt: ¹⁵ And was there until the death of Herod: that it might be fulfilled which was spoken of the Lord by the prophet, saying, Out of Egypt have I called my son. ¹⁹ But when Herod was dead, behold, an angel of the Lord appeareth in a dream to Joseph in Egypt, ²⁰ Saying, Arise, and take the young child and his mother, and go into the land of Israel: for they are dead which sought the young child's life. ²¹ And he arose, and took the young child and his mother, and came into the land of Israel.

²² But when he heard that Archelaus did reign in Judaea in the room of his father Herod, he was afraid to go thither: notwithstanding, being warned of God in a dream, he turned aside into the parts of Galilee: ²³ And he came and dwelt in a city called Nazareth: that it might be fulfilled which was spoken by the prophets, He shall be called a Nazarene.

<p>➤ Read and re-read – out loud and slowly the Gospel.</p> <p>➤ Meditate - on reading as being spoken to you, an experience in your life.</p>	<p>➤ Pray - Thanksgiving – Repentance – Petition.</p> <p>➤ Action – Attitude (Call to change / to act /to do).</p>
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In this week's gospel we see Joseph being inspired by an "Angel of The Lord" to "get up" at once and take "the child and his mother with him". They escaped into Egypt and stayed there until he was told. He then had another dream that he could now move back home to Israel. We do not hear much about Joseph in the gospels but without him Mary may not have survived her pregnancy. Joseph was completely obedient to God's word. He must have been scared at times especially when asked to move his family from one place to another.

When were the times that we made important maybe scary decisions with the help an guidance of Jesus in our lives.

Prayer:

Thank You Lord for St. Joseph and for all those in our lives who you have sent to guide us and walk our journey with us.

Forgive us Lord for the times we did not listen to your voice because what you were asking of us was too difficult and we did not trust in your guidance as St. Joseph did.

Help us all Lord when we find ourselves in lost situations in our lives to be like St. Joseph and follow your way wherever you want to lead us.