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3 Your wife shall be like a fruitful vine in the recesses of your home; your children like olive plants around your table.

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4 Behold, thus is the man blessed who fears the LORD.

5 The LORD bless you from Zion: may you see the prosperity of Jerusalem all the days of your life.

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2nd Reading - Colossians 3:12-21

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- 14 And over all these put on love, that is, the bond of perfection.
- 15 And let the peace of Christ control your hearts, the peace into which you were also called in one body. And be thankful.
- 16 Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly, as in all wisdom you teach and admonish one another, singing psalms, hymns, and spiritual songs with gratitude in your hearts to God.
- 17 And whatever you do, in word or in deed, do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him.
- 18 Wives, be subordinate to your husbands, as is proper in the Lord.
- 19 Husbands, love your wives, and avoid any bitterness toward them.
- 20 Children, obey your parents in everything, for this is pleasing to the Lord.
- 21 Fathers, do not provoke your children, so they may not become discouraged.

Or Colossians 3:12-17

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28th Of December 2025, Feast of the Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph, Year A

1st Reading	Sirach 3:2-6, 12-14
Responsorial Psalm	Psalms 128:1-2, 3, 4-5
2nd Reading	Colossians 3:12-21 Or Colossians 3:12-17
Alleluia	Colossians 3:15A, 16A
Gospel	Matthew 2:13-15, 19-23

1st Reading - Sirach 3:2-6, 12-14

- 2 God sets a father in honour over his children; a mother's authority he confirms over her sons.
- 3 Whoever honours his father atones for sins, and preserves himself from them. When he prays, he is heard;
- 4 he stores up riches who reveres his mother.
- 5 Whoever honours his father is gladdened by children, and, when he prays, is heard.
- 6 Whoever reveres his father will live a long life; he who obeys his father brings comfort to his mother.
- 12 My son, take care of your father when he is old; grieve him not as long as he lives.
- 13 Even if his mind fail, be considerate of him; revile him not all the days of his life;
- 14 kindness to a father will not be forgotten, firmly planted against the debt of your sins a house raised in justice to you.

Responsorial Psalm - Psalms 128:1-2, 3, 4-5.

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- 1 Blessed is everyone who fears the LORD, who walks in his ways!
- 2 For you shall eat the fruit of your handiwork; blessed shall you be, and favoured.

Alleluia - Colossians 3:15A, 16A

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15A Let the peace of Christ control your hearts;

16A let the word of Christ dwell in your richly.

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Gospel - Matthew 2:13-15, 19-23

13 When the magi had departed, behold, the angel of the Lord appeared to Joseph in a dream and said, "Rise, take the child and his mother, flee to Egypt, and stay there until I tell you. Herod is going to search for the child to destroy him."

14 Joseph rose and took the child and his mother by night and departed for Egypt.

15 He stayed there until the death of Herod, that what the Lord had said through the prophet might be fulfilled, Out of Egypt I called my son.

19 When Herod had died, behold, the angel of the Lord appeared in a dream to Joseph in Egypt

20 and said, "Rise, take the child and his mother and go to the land of Israel, for those who sought the child's life are dead."

21 He rose, took the child and his mother, and went to the land of Israel.

22 But when he heard that Archelaus was ruling over Judea in place of his father Herod, he was afraid to go back there. And because he had been warned in a dream, he departed for the region of Galilee.

23 He went and dwelt in a town called Nazareth, so that what had been spoken through the prophets might be fulfilled, He shall be called a Nazorean.

Saint Of The Day

Holy Innocents, Martyrs – Feast Day – 28th Of December 2025	
	
Holy Innocents, Martyrs - Feast Day - December 28	
Date of Death	1 AD
Place of Death	Bethlehem
Feast Day	28 th of December
Patron Saint of	New born baby boys

Holy Innocents, Martyrs History

At the time of the birth of Our Lord Jesus Christ, Herod the Great reigned as king in Judea. Upon hearing that Wise Men from the East had arrived in Jerusalem, seeking the new born "King of the Jews," Herod was deeply troubled. His fear stemmed from the possibility that this new king might threaten his throne. In a state of great anxiety, he summoned the chief priests and scribes of the people to learn where Christ was prophesied to be born. They revealed that the Messiah was to come from Bethlehem, fulfilling the words of the prophet Micah. Herod, concealing his malicious intent, met with the Wise Men privately. He instructed them, saying, "Go and search diligently for the Child, and when you have found Him, bring me word, that I too may go and adore Him." However, the cunning king had no intention of worshipping Christ; rather, he sought to eliminate any threat to his rule. However, Divine Providence intervened. The Magi, having adored the Holy Child and offered their gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh, were warned in a dream not to return to Herod. Obedient to the heavenly message, they departed for their country by another route. Meanwhile, St. Joseph, the earthly guardian of Jesus, was also visited by an angel in his sleep, who commanded him to "take the Child and His Mother and flee into Egypt," for Herod sought the Child's life. St. Joseph promptly obeyed, leading the Holy Family into safety under God's protection. When Herod realized that the Wise Men had not returned to him, his fury knew no bounds. In his wrath, he decreed the massacre of all male children in Bethlehem and its surrounding regions who were two years old or younger, hoping that among them would be the Christ Child. This tragic event marked the martyrdom of the Holy Innocents, those innocent children whose lives were cruelly taken before they had the chance to know the world or its perils. These little ones, though unaware of their martyrdom, were nevertheless the first to shed their blood for Christ. They are revered as the flowers of the Church's martyrs, triumphing over the world by their innocent sacrifice. In their purity, they were spared from the snares and sins of the world, and their deaths, though mournful, were a manifestation of God's mysterious mercy. On this Feast of the Holy Innocents, we reflect on how God's plans, though sometimes beyond our understanding, are always directed toward the greater good. As St. Bernard once wrote, "How many of these children, had they lived, would have been ensnared by the world's dangers, falling into sin and misery? How often do we lament tragedies, not realizing that they may be Heaven's greatest acts of mercy?"

The Holy Innocents remind us that, in God's providence, what may seem like misfortune is often His way of protecting souls from greater harm. Their feast day calls us to trust in His divine plan, especially in moments of suffering or loss. Through their intercession, we are reminded of the hope and promise that Christ, the true King of the Jews, came to bring: salvation for all who believe.

Other Saint(s) of the Day 28th December

- Saint Caterina Volpicelli
- Blessed Matthia dei Nazzarei
- Saint Anthony of Lérins

Blessed Hryhorii Khomyshyn

Blessed Hryhorii Khomyshyn was also known as Gregor, Gregory, Grzegorz, Hryhorij, or Hryhory. He was the Bishop of Stanislaviv (now in modern-day Ivano-Frankivsk), Ukraine born on the 25th of March 1867 at Hadynkivtsi, Ternopil District, Ukraine.

He was ordained on November 18 1893 as a Greek Catholic Priest having studied theology at Vienna, Austria from 1894 to 1899.

He became the Rector of the seminary in Lviv, Ukraine in 1902 and later the Bishop of Stanislaviv, Ukraine on May 6 1904.

Arrested for his faith in 1939 by the NKVD. He was rearrested in April 1945 and deported to Kiev, Ukraine. He died as a martyr on January 17 1947 in NKVD prison in Kiev, Ukraine.

He was beatified by Pope John Paul II on June 27 2001 in Ukraine. We celebrate him with an additional memorial on The 27th June 27 as one of the Martyrs Killed Under Communist Regimes in Eastern Europe.

Blessed Johannes Riedgasser

In the heart of 16th-century Germany, amidst the rich tradition of religious life, Blessed Johannes Riedgasser emerged as a figure of deep faith and dedication. Born into a time of both spiritual renewal and challenge, he found his calling within the Premonstratensians, a monastic order deeply rooted in the Augustinian tradition of contemplation and apostolic service. As a member of the Premonstratensians, Johannes lived a life marked by prayer, discipline, and obedience to the rule of St. Norbert, the order's founder. His spiritual journey led him to Obermarchtal, a Premonstratensian monastery in Swabia, where he became a canon and soon distinguished himself for his profound commitment to the ideals of his community. His spiritual growth was greatly influenced by his mentor, Blessed Ulkirk, a fellow Premonstratensian whose holiness left a lasting impression on Johannes. In 1591, Johannes was appointed abbot of the monastery, a role that required both humility and strength. As abbot, he embodied the virtues of a true spiritual shepherd—guiding his community in the way of the Gospel, fostering a deep love for the discipline and rule of the Order, and ensuring that the monastic life remained a beacon of light in a rapidly changing world. His leadership extended beyond the walls of his own monastery. Recognized for his wisdom and faithfulness, he was entrusted with the role of visitor, responsible for overseeing other Premonstratensian houses in the region. Through this role, Blessed Johannes worked tirelessly to renew the spirit of dedication and observance among his fellow religious. What set Johannes apart was not only his administrative skill but also his unwavering devotion to God. Late in his life, he received a vision of his beloved spiritual guide, Blessed Ulkirk—a moment of grace that reaffirmed his own sanctity and the divine call he had answered so faithfully throughout his life. Blessed Johannes Riedgasser died in 1600, entering into the eternal rest he had so earnestly sought during his years of service. His life remains an inspiring testament to the power of obedience, leadership, and spiritual perseverance within the monastic tradition. Through his example, we are reminded of the enduring beauty of a life wholly dedicated to God and the sacred vocation of religious service. May we, like Blessed Johannes, seek to live lives of

profound faith and dedication, ever attentive to the call of Christ in the stillness of our hearts.

Blessed Gregory of Cahors

Blessed Gregory of Cahors also Gregorio da Cahors was born in France. He was a Mercedarian and master of Sacred Theology. In 1462 AD, he was assigned to ransom Christians enslaved by Muslims in Africa and brought 184 of them home.

He Retired to live as a monk at the convent of Santa Maria in Toulouse, France where he devoted himself to prayer and contemplation. Blessed Otto of Heidelberg Blessed Otto of Heidelberg was the brother of Blessed Herman of Heidelberg. He was a benedictine monk and priest at the monastery of Niederaltaich, Bavaria in modern Germany. After his brother's death, Otto exercised his vocation from Herman's old cell. He died in 1344 AD.

Saint Caesarius of Armenia

Saint Caesarius of Armenia led a dissolute and sinful life for years. He became the father of the Arian heretic Eudoxius. In the end, however, Caesarius became a serious Christian and stayed with the orthodox faith. He was burned to death at the stake in 309 AD at Arabissus, Armenia under Galerius Maximian. He died as a martyr.

Saint Iolande of Rome

Saint Iolande of Rome was less than 20 years old when she was arrested for aiding Christian prisoners during the persecutions of Marcus Aurelius. The judge offered her clemency in return for sexual favours and she declined. Consequently, she was beaten, thrown to wild animals and executed for her faith. She was beheaded in 169 AD in Rome, Italy, and died as a Martyr.

Saint Gowan of Wales

Saint Gowan of Wales also known as Cofen, Govan, or Goven was born in the 5th century in Wales. She was a queen who was the wife of King Tewdrig of Glamorgan, an area of modern Wales. The parish of Llangoven, Monmouthshire, and a chapel in Pembrokeshire are named for her.

Saint Theonas of Alexandria

Saint Theonas of Alexandria also known as Teona or Theon was a teacher at Origen's School of Theology in Alexandria, Egypt. He was also a Priest and became bishop of Alexandria in 282 AD. He died on December 28 300 AD of natural causes

Saint Troadius of Pontus

Saint Troadius of Pontus was a young man born to the nobility who publicly proclaimed his Christianity. He was crucified in Neo-Caesarea, Pontus in modern Turkey in the persecution of Decius. He died as a martyr.

Saint Domnio of Rome

Saint Domnio of Rome was a fourth-century priest in Rome, Italy. He collected old texts which were used by Saint Jerome. Saint Jerome and Saint Augustine both wrote glowingly of Domnio and his ministry in Rome.

Blessed Nicholas Mello

Blessed Nicholas Mello was an Augustinian canon. He evangelized along the eastern shore of the Caspian sea in the 17th century AD. He was martyred for loyalty to the Vatican at Astrakhan, Russia.

Saint Conindrus

Saint Conindrus was converted by Saint Patrick. He was ordained as a priest and bishop by Patrick. Patrick sent him to evangelize the Isle of Man. He died in 450 AD of natural causes.

Saint Simon the Myroblite

Saint Simon the Myroblite was a thirteenth-century monk and founder of the Simonos-Petras monastery on Mount Athos during the time of the Crusades.

Saint Romulus

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Blessed Claudia Weinhardt

Blessed Claudia Weinhardt was a poor Clare nun in Brixon, Italy. She died in 1643 AD of natural causes.

Saint Domitian the Deacon

Saint Domitian the Deacon was a deacon and died as a martyr at Ankara, Galatia in modern Turkey.

Saint Euty chius

Saint Euty chius was a priest and died as a martyr at Ankara, Galatia in modern Turkey.

Martyrs of Africa

Martyrs of Africa were three Christians murdered together in Africa for their faith. Their names are Castor, Rogatian and Victor.

20,000 Martyrs of Nicomedia

The 20,000 Martyrs of Nicomedia were a group of Christians who were murdered in 303 AD in Nicomedia, Bithynia (modern Izmit, Turkey) during the persecutions of Diocletian.

Many of them were killed en masse when they were ordered, during Christmas Mass, to sacrifice to idols; when they refused, they were locked in the churches and the buildings burned around them.

We know some details of a few of them, but most are known only to God.

Their names are;

- Agape
- Anthimos
- Domna
- Domna
- Dorotheus
- Esmaragdus
- Eugene
- Euthymius
- Glykerios
- Gorgonius
- Hilary
- Indes
- Mardonius
- Mardonius
- Maximus
- Migdonius
- Migdonus
- Peter

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- Peter
- Theophila
- Theophilus
- Zeno

Catholic Sunday Readings Homily for 28th Of December 2025, Feast of the Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph

28th Of December 2025 Catholic Sunday Mass Readings Homily Theme: The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary, and Joseph

Mass Times For the weekend

Saturday Night Mass Times	
Saint Josephs	5:30pm
Sunday Mass Times	
Saint Joseph's	9:30am
Saint Anne's & Holy Family	11:00 am
Saint Patrick's Ryhope	9:30 am

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