

**Universal Prayer**  
**Feast of the Holy Family**  
**December 26**

**We pray for our Holy Father, head of the family that is the Body of Christ:** that He may be held in honor within the church.

We pray for peace in our families, forgiveness of grievances, harmony of roles, and that our children may be safe and loved within the home, so that our nation and every nation may be built up in peace.

**We pray that our families may be protected from the special dangers of our age:** from abortion and euthanasia, from the inroads of materialism and violence; that faith and prayer and mutual love may keep them together in the Lord.

**We pray for families in exile, for families that have lost their children, for families of the unemployed and the poor:** that the Holy Family, which experienced all these situations, may be their comfort and hope.

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**We pray for all who have no families:** that those who have been orphaned, alienated, or rejected by their families may experience love, acceptance, and belonging through the Christian community.

**We pray for all married couples:** that they may faithfully love each other, help each other to grow in Christ, and give witness to God's faithfulness in their words and deeds.

**We pray for the faithful departed:** that they may rest in peace and help their beloved families with their intercessory prayers...and for

<b>8:30</b>	
<b>10:30</b>	Marita Donohue — Jane Rutter — and Catherine Schroeder

...who **are** remembered in this Mass. **We pray to the Lord.**