



**“Second Homily” by Fr. Duane Trombetta
Feast of the Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph
Sunday, December 28, 2025**

Blessings on the feast of the Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph. On this special day, we contemplate the hidden life of Jesus within the household of Mary and Joseph. Isn't it interesting how the Scriptures do not idealize family life, but rather, present it as a place where holiness is formed through patience, duty, sacrifice, and trust in God's providence.

In our Gospel passage today, we read about the Holy Family, forced into flight to Egypt. Joseph responds without any hesitation; he protects Mary and the child entrusted to him. There is no complaint, no delay, no negotiation. In Joseph, we find fidelity in action. The Holy Family teaches us that love is made visible through self-gift, devotion, and responsibility.

How will you reflect on, and seek to emulate, the Holy Family in your own life today? Here at Holy Trinity, we encourage growth in family life through worship, formation, and shared responsibility. I am grateful for the many families who offer their time, talent, and treasure to strengthen our community, especially during these lively days of the Christmas season.

Now, work related to our construction, renovation, and Long-Term Pastoral Plan is continuing. Progress has been made on our side altars and domes. Outside, weather-proofing is nearly complete, and our sidewalk handrails have been painted. Additional updates on our Long-Term Pastoral Plan and Capital Campaign will be shared soon. Please continue praying about how God may be calling you and your loved ones to participate.

Throughout this Jubilee Year of Hope, it has been a grace for our parish to be designated as a pilgrim destination in the Diocese of Shreveport. The Jubilee Year will close on Jan. 6, 2026. As the Minor Shrine of the Shreveport Martyrs, we remain rooted in the witness of the Five Priests, Servants of God. Please pray for their Cause, and for favors from God through their prayers.

Please note that on Jan. 1, 2026, the Church will celebrate the Solemnity of Mary, the Mother of God: a Holy Day of Obligation. In addition, the Mardi Gras Krewes of Shreveport will celebrate their annual Mass with prayers for Mardi Gras here on Saturday, Jan. 3, at 9:00 am.

A happy and blessed New Year from all of us at Holy Trinity.

Fr. Duane