

Check out the following video resources for Christmas!



Christmas Playlists



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CHRISTMAS CAROLS

- Make Room - Casting Crowns
- Somewhere in your silent night - Casting Crowns
- Little Drummer Boy/Peace on Earth - Crosby & Bowie
- Adore - Chris Tomlin
- Noel - Chris Tomlin / Lauren Daigle
- Joseph's Lullaby - Mercy Me
- Light of the World - Lauren Daigle
- When Love was born - Mark Schultz
- God made Low - Sovereign Grace
- I heard the bells on Christmas Day - Casting Crowns
- Christmas Day - Chris Tomlin & We the Kingdom
- It came upon a Midnight Clear - Norah Jones



- Hallelujah, the Light has Come - Barlowgirl
- Joy (Unspeakable Joy) - Chris Tomlin
- Night of Silence / Silent Night
- When I think upon Christmas - Hillsong
- O Holy Night - Josh Groban
- What Child is This? - Chris Tomlin
- The Little Drummer Boy - For King & Country
- Silent Night - Andrei Boccelli
- His Name Shall Be - Matt Redman
- The First Noel (Holy is the Lord) - Hillsong
- Peace has come - Hillsong
- Away in a Manger - Pentatonix
- Newborn - Mercy Me

CHRISTMAS THOUGHTS

- The Light of Hope Carol Service from Holy Family Mission 2020
- Paul Harvey - the Christmas Story: the Man and the Birds
- The Role of Duty in "It's a Wonderful Life" (Fr Mike Schmitz)
- Simple Christmas - Inspirational Video
- The Unpleasant Ancestors of Christmas (Fr Mike Schmitz)
- Christmas is a Season: Jackie and Bobby Angel
- The Real Meaning of Christmas: Jackie and Bobby Angel



- JOY Story
- He Came
- He Came - A Christmas Spoken Word
- Christmas: A Time for Hope (Fr Mike)
- A Fr Mike Christmas (Ascension Presents)

FOR THE KIDS!



- Campa Mhuire Mháthair Christmas Special 2021
- Born is the King - Hillsong
- Catholic Kids Media: The Nativity
- Christmas is Jesus
- Christmas Songs for Kids



- Away in a Manger
- Starlight - Monica Scott
- Jump for Joy
- Oh what a Glorious Night - Sidewalk Prophets
- The Star (Nativity Scene)
- Oh what a special night!



Pray this prayer service together, or if that's not possible, pray it on your own for your family's intentions.



Family Prayer Service

"THE FAMILY THAT
PRAYS TOGETHER,
STAYS TOGETHER"
FR PEYTON



BEGIN BY LIGHTING A CANDLE

(or each member of your family can light one candle each)

OPENING PRAYER:

Father God, we thank You for the gift of our family, for each individual here (*and for those not here with us*). We thank You that You have given us each other, so that together we can grow and develop into the best versions of ourselves. We acknowledge that we have not always loved each other as we should, or treated each other with respect and love. Lord God, we need You in the heart of our family, because we are weak and frail, and need Your love to sustain us and unite us. Show us how to love each other, and through our family's love, be an example to those around us, that they may see in us a spark of Your Divine Love.

Holy Family of Nazareth, Jesus, Mary and Joseph - pray for us!



SCRIPTURE

Read the following passage of Scripture aloud and take some time to reflect in silence on it.

- Where can you see this love evident in your family?
- Where is it lacking?
- Can you put your name in instead of "love" in each sentence, honestly?
- What are you personally challenged by?



Love is patient, love is kind. It does not envy, it does not boast, it is not proud. It does not dishonour others, it is not self-seeking, it is not easily angered, it keeps no record of wrongs. Love does not delight in evil but rejoices with the truth. It always protects, always trusts, always hopes, always perseveres. Love never fails.

1 Corinthians 13: 4 - 8

TAKE A FEW MINUTES TO SHARE (OR JOURNAL) YOUR THOUGHTS.

OUR FAMILY PRAYERS:

Allow some time for each member of the family to pray out loud for any intentions they have.

At the end, pray a Hail Mary (or a decade of the rosary) together for all these intentions, entrusting them to Our Lady.



THE BLESSING - KARI JOBE



HOLY FAMILY - DANIELLE ROSE



THE FAMILY PRAYER SONG - MARANATHA

- ASCEND YOUTH & YOUNG ADULT MINISTRY (DIOCESE OF WATERFORD & LISMORE) -

WHY NOT START A NEW NEW YEAR'S TRADITION?



Blessings Jar

If you don't have a jar, get a notebook and write your blessings in that instead!

WHAT IS A BLESSING JAR?

Blessings jars are a practical and fun way to keep a record of the things that you're thankful for on a daily basis. Whenever you recognize something that is a "blessing" in your life throughout the year, just write it on a piece of paper, fold it up, and stick it in the Blessing Jar. It might be as simple as a good chat with a friend, a hug, a gift, having the ability to play sports, having food on your table....

You can do this alone, or with your family, or even your youth group. Then decide how often you want to empty out the jar out to count your blessings: maybe on New Year's Eve, each month, on a special Feastday, or, if you're having an especially tough day, you may just want to empty out the contents of the blessings jar right then and be reminded of God how is blessing you each and every day! It will be a great reminder of God's faithfulness... in times of joy as well as in times of struggle.



HOW TO MAKE A BLESSING JAR

- Choose a large jar (or use a notebook or box if you can't source a jar)
- Stick the Blessings Label on the jar.
- Choose a scripture passage if you'd like (see next page for ideas), punch one end and tie to your jar with string.
- Decorate the jar with stickers, washi tape, ribbon, string - whatever way you like! (*Google Blessing Jars and you'll get lots of ideas!*)
- Write your first blessings idea on a small note card, fold it and put it in the jar.
- Make sure you have paper and pen near the jar to make the process easier each time you see a blessing you want to record!
- Enjoy the process and choose to be thankful every single day
- Repeat as often as you like



"MAY HIS FAVOUR BE UPON YOU AND A THOUSAND GENERATIONS,
AND YOUR FAMILY AND YOUR CHILDREN, AND THEIR CHILDREN, AND THEIR CHILDREN" THE BLESSING - KARI JOBE
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BLESSING JAR SUGGESTIONS FOR LABELS



or create your own!

And my God will supply
every need of yours
according to his riches in
glory in Christ Jesus.
Philippians 4:19

Every good gift and every perfect
gift is from above, coming down
from the Father of lights with
whom there is no variation or
shadow due to change.
James 1:17

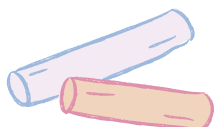
The Lord bless you and
keep you; the Lord make his
face to shine upon you and
be gracious to you; the Lord
lift up his countenance upon
you and give you peace.
Numbers 6:24-26

Fear not, for I am with you; be
not dismayed, for I am your
God; I will strengthen you, I will
help you, I will uphold you with
my righteous right hand.
Isaiah 41:10

And from his fullness we
have all received, grace
upon grace.
John 1:16

Blessed be the God and Father
of our Lord Jesus Christ, who
has blessed us in Christ with
every spiritual blessing in the
heavenly places,
Ephesians 1:3

THE TRADITION OF CHALKING THE DOORS ON THE FEAST OF THE EPIPHANY



PRIEST'S PRAYER TO BLESS THE CHALK

Priest: Our help is in the name of The Lord. **All: Who made heaven and earth.**

Priest: The Lord be with you. **All: And with your spirit.**

Bless, + O Lord God, this creature chalk to render it helpful to men. Grant that they who use it in faith and with it inscribe upon the entrance of their homes the names of thy saints, Caspar, Melchior and Balthasar, may through their merits and intercession enjoy health of body and protection of soul. Through Christ our Lord.

All: Amen.



The chalk is sprinkled with holy water.

Using the blessed chalk (which many parishes will bless and make available) mark the lintel of your front door as follows:

20 + C + M + B + 23 saying:

The three Wise Men, Caspar, Melchior, and Balthazar followed the star of God's Son who became human 2023 years ago.

May Christ bless our home and remain with us throughout the new year. Amen.

Then say the following prayer:

Visit, O Blessed Lord, this home with the gladness of your presence.

Bless all who live or visit here with the gift of your love; and grant that we may manifest your love to each other and to all whose lives we touch. May we grow in grace and in the knowledge and love of you; guide, comfort, and strengthen us in peace, O Jesus Christ, now and for ever. Amen.

