



## WEEK 5 FEAST of the Holy Family



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**Christmastide is here!** As we celebrate, we can look to St. Joseph, the quiet hero of the Holy Family. God trusted him to protect Mary and baby Jesus. Joseph's strength was in doing what needed to be done for his family, even when it was hard or uncertain. He listened, acted, and remained faithful.

This Christmas, and throughout the whole Christmastide season, we can do the same in our homes...protecting, guiding, and loving our families with patience and care. Sometimes the strongest thing we can do is simply be present, listen, and act in love every day.

### GOING DEEPER WITH PRAYER

### FAMILY ACTION

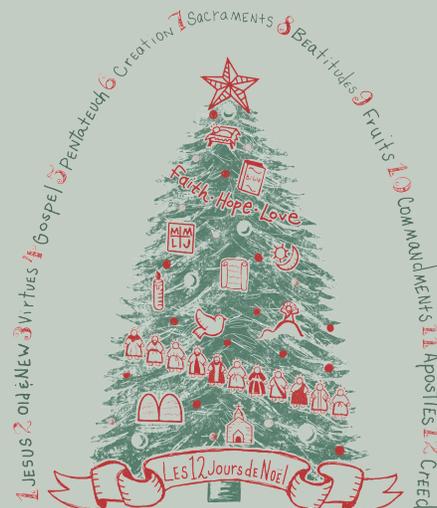
- Pick one evening this week to do something that shows love and attention to your family. It could be cooking a special meal together or playing boards games.

### DID YOU KNOW? CHRISTMASTIDE



Christmastide begins on Christmas Day and lasts through January 6, ending with the Epiphany, which celebrates the visit of the Magi. Many Christian traditions enjoy **twelve days of Christmas**, keeping the celebration alive beyond just one day.

### Joyeux Noel



### The 12 Days of Christmas

On the 12 Days of Christmas my true love gave to me....

- The 1st Day: Jesus Christ
- The 2nd Day: Old and New Testaments
- The 3rd Day: Faith, Hope, Love
- The 4th Day: The Four Gospels
- The 5th Day: The Pentateuch
- The 6th Day: Six days of Creation
- The 7th Day: Seven gifts of the Holy Spirit
- The 8th Day: The Beatitudes
- The 9th Day: Fruits of the Holy Spirit
- The 10th Day: The Ten Commandments
- The 11th Day: Eleven Faithful Apostles
- The 12th Day: Articles of the Apostle's Creed



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