

HOMILY SUNDAY THE HOLY FAMILY OF JESUS, MARY AND JOSEPH

GET UP, TAKE THE CHILD AND HIS MOTHER, AND FLEE TO EGYPT

My dear brothers and sisters... We continue celebrating Christmas... And today the Church invites us to contemplate something very concrete...

Not just an idea, not something far away, but a family... **A humble family**... A Jewish family, like so many others of their time... *About whom we know little*... But to whom God entrusted the greatest treasure He had... **His own Son**...

And just like His birth... *Which wasn't comfortable at all*... **Today's Gospel shows us a scene just as uncomfortable**...

The Gospel speaks to us **of escape, of danger, of difficult decisions**... Joseph takes the Child and His Mother and leaves at night... **without explanations... without guarantees**... with only one thing in his heart... **Trust in God and in His unconditional love for those entrusted to Him**...

They leave at night... in the dark... **And that detail is not accidental**... Joseph and Mary walks into the darkness... **but they aren't alone**... they carry in their arms the Light of the world... Even when everything around seems uncertain, threatened, unsafe... **The Light goes with them**...

And even if this isn't the reality of our families here... Today there are many families in the world who still have to flee... families who leave their homes looking for safety, peace, and a future for their children...

And the Holy Family reminds us that God is close to them too... That He walks with those who leave in the night... **That no darkness is stronger than the Light He carries**...

The Holy Family offers so many virtues for us to imitate today...

Joseph appears... **in silence... without words... but with a faith that acts**... with a love that protects... **with a heart that burns within, even though it makes no noise**...

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A silent **I love you** in a welcoming silence... **This is how a humble carpenter looks God in the eyes...**

And Mary is there... saying **yes** not just once... **but every day**... accepting that she doesn't understand everything... **yet trusting... caring... remaining...**

And the most beautiful thing is that... the Son of God learned to live in that family... **He learned to walk... to listen... to obey... to love... God chose to learn how to be human within a family...**

That, my dear friends, tells us something very important today... The Holy Family isn't an unreachable ideal...

It's a real family... fragile... with fears... but united... and deeply trusting in God...

And if today you feel that your family is fragile... with fears... and yet, every day, you keep working to stay united... **congratulations... you're doing it right...**

Because today we don't recognize perfect families... we recognize... celebrate families who love... families who care... families who remain... **Families to whom God continues to entrust His treasures...**

May this feast remind us that in every home... In every story... in every effort to love... **God is present... God trusts... and God continues to be born...**

May the Holy Family bless our families... and teach us to love with simplicity... to trust without fear... **And to live this Christmas with a heart full of peace and joy.**

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