



## ON THE WAY TO MASS TODAY

Name the members of the Holy Family.

### ON THE WAY HOME FROM MASS TODAY

The names of the members of the Holy Family are Jesus, Mary and Joseph. The Blessed Virgin Mary and St. Joseph were chosen by God to protect and raise Our Lord Jesus.

### DURING THE WEEK

Pray: Jesus, Mary and Joseph, I give you my heart and my soul, may I die in peace and in your Holy company. Amen.



### CATECHISM OF THE CATHOLIC CHURCH

The home of Nazareth is the school where we begin to understand the life of Jesus—the school of the Gospel. First, then a lesson of *silence*. May esteem for silence, that admirable and indispensable condition of mind, revive in us...A lesson on *family life*. May Nazareth teach us what family life is, its communion of love, its austere and simple beauty, and its sacred and inviolable character...A lesson of *work*. Nazareth, home of the “Carpenter’s Son”, in you I would choose to understand and proclaim the severe and redeeming law of human work... To conclude, I want to greet all the workers of the world, holding up to them their great pattern their brother who is God.<sup>225</sup>

The *finding of Jesus in the temple* is the only event that breaks the silence of the Gospels about the hidden years of Jesus. Here Jesus lets us catch a glimpse of the mystery of his total consecration to a mission that flows from his divine sonship: “Did you not know that I must be about my Father’s work?” Mary and Joseph did not understand these words, but they accepted them in faith. Mary “kept all these things in her heart” during the years Jesus remained hidden in the silence of an ordinary life.

### ON THE WAY TO MASS NEXT SUNDAY

Who did the three wise kings, whom we call Magi, come to see?