

## THIS WEEK'S SCRIPTURES

December 29, 2019

The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph

Sirach 3:2-6, 12-14 + Colossians 3:12-21 + Matthew 2:13-15,19-23



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*"Joseph, wake up take the child and his mother,  
flee to Egypt and stay there until I tell you."*

How often is this dream heard every day in the year 2019? Marcos, Hamid, Ahmed wake up and gather your family and flee so they will not be in danger. But to where? Where will they be welcomed? Whose borders can they safely cross? Will they be separated? Placed in detention centers?

Whose hearts will welcome them?

When I was a child I learned that my mother always cooked more at every meal for anyone who might just drop in even though she often struggled to pay bills. She would always say there is enough room at our table for one more. Is there enough room for one more in our hearts and country? Wake up! There are people fleeing who need us. Today, as we celebrate the feast of the Holy Family, let's remember we are all related. There is always room for one more.

Image 1: [thebiblerevival.com](http://thebiblerevival.com)

Image 2: Refugees arriving in Erzurum, western Turkey | PHOTO/ARCHIVE/EPA/ERDEM SAHIN

(<https://www.infomigrants.net/en/post/16677/turkey-stopped-80-000-migrants-on-way-to-europe-in-2019-so-far>)