

## Universal Prayer – December 31, 2023 – The Holy Family

**Presider:** In company with the Holy Family, let us voice aloud our prayers and the prayers of the world.

- For the church may we lead by living out the example of the Holy Family and welcome all to become members of the family of faith... we pray,
- For the blessing that all peoples of the world will live as one family, honoring and respecting differences... we pray,
- For all who long to be part of a nurturing family, may they find the support and love they seek... we pray,
- For all of us in the family of disciples at St. Pius the Tenth, may we like Abram put our faith in God, when He calls us to go out... we pray,
- [11:00 only, For those friends, family, and seekers of faith joining through live stream, may you look to the Lord and seek His face, for He remembers His covenant with you... we pray,]
- For the sick, the suffering, and for those who have died we pray,
- Lector, please remain at the ambo until the following prayer is concluded.

**Presider:** Compassionate God, through your son Jesus the world came to know the power of divine love. Receive our prayers that as we continue in the Christmas season, we may spread joy in our homes and communities. We ask this through Christ our Lord..