

# Feast Day Novena 2018

## ----THE JOY OF LOVE IN THE FAMILY----

*I have told you this so that my own joy may be in you and your joy be complete.  
This is my commandment: love one another, as I have loved you.*

*John 15:11-12*

The contemporary social landscape has changed drastically. "We see the family and marriage undergoing a deep inner crisis in the countries of the Western world" Pope Francis has observed. This makes the family "a new mission field for the Church." The Holy Father calls on families to be witnesses to the world of fidelity, purity and humble service. Above all, he says, we need God - "his help, his strength, his blessing, his mercy, his forgiveness." May the Lord, through this Novena, give our families all the grace and strength we need to be witnesses of God's love and mercy to the world.

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| <b>Day 1 (12 Sep, 8 pm)</b>                        | <b>The Vocation of the Family</b>                                       |
| <b>Day 2 (13 Sep, 8 pm)</b>                        | <b>The Family as the Domestic Church</b>                                |
| <b>Day 3 (14 Sep, 8 pm)</b>                        | <b>The Christian Family in a Secular Society</b>                        |
| <b>Day 4 (15 Sep, 6 pm)</b>                        | <b>Growing in Love in Family Life</b>                                   |
| <b>Day 5 (16 Sep, 6 pm)</b>                        | <b>Carrying the Cross in Family Life</b>                                |
| <b>Day 6 (17 Sep, 8pm)</b>                         | <b>Prayer in Family Life</b>  |
| <b>Day 7 (18 Sep, 8pm)</b>                         | <b>Christian Husband and Wife</b>                                       |
| <b>Day 8 (19 Sep, 8pm)</b>                         | <b>Christian Parents and Children</b>                                   |
| <b>Day 9 (20 Sep, 8pm)</b>                         | <b>The Evangelical Family</b>   |
| <b>Day 10 (21 Sep, 8pm)</b>                        | <b>Day of Recollection</b>  |
| <b>Day 11 (22 Sep, 6 pm)</b>                       | <b>The Church: A Family of Families<br/>(by Archbishop William Goh)</b> |
| <b>Day 12 (23 Sep, 7am, 9 am,<br/>11 am, 6 pm)</b> | <b>The Church: A Family of Families</b>                                 |



**Novena Celebrant  
Fr Joseph Royan CSsR**

Fr. Joseph Royan C.Ss.R. belongs to the Congregation of the Most Holy Redeemer, also known as Redemptorists. From 2008 to 2011, he was the former Co-pastor and Youth Animator of Holy Ghost Church which is one of the biggest parishes in the Archdiocese of Bangalore. He is currently the professor of Moral Theology at St. Alphonsus College, Bangalore. He is also the Director and Editor of the Redemptorist Publications India and Publisher of a popular quarterly Bulletin of Sunday Homilies, "Breaking the Word."

Fr. Joseph has been actively involved in the Animation of different Youth Groups. He is also popular for his Retreats for Priests, religious, teachers, youth groups and Parish Missions both in India and abroad.