

**This Week's Message
from Fr. Amesse
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This Sunday we celebrate Grandparents Day. It is a good opportunity to remember just how important grandparents are in our families and in the life of our Church. Grandparents give us something very special. They are a connection between generations. They share family stories and traditions. They teach us lessons that can only come from experience. And very often, they are the ones who quietly pass the faith from one generation to the next.

We see this beautifully in Saints Joachim and Anne, the parents of the Blessed Virgin Mary and the grandparents of Jesus. While the Gospels tell us very little about them, Christian tradition has honored them for centuries. We can imagine the important role they played in Mary's life and in forming the home in which her faith grew.

I think many of us can say the same about our own grandparents. Perhaps it was a grandmother who taught us our first prayers or made sure we went to Mass. Maybe it was a grandfather whose example taught us about hard work, honesty, or keeping our word. Sometimes it was simply their presence—the knowledge that there was always someone who had time to listen, tell a story, offer some advice, or remind us where we came from. Grandparents also remind us that faith is not something we keep for ourselves. We pass it on.

This Grandparents Day, let us thank God for our grandparents, those still with us and those who have gone home to the Lord. And let us pray for grandparents who today are helping guide another generation of children. Through the intercession of Saints Joachim and Anne, may God bless all grandparents and help them continue to be witnesses of faith, wisdom, and love within their families.

I remember you at Mass.