

THE HOLY FAMILY

by Francisco Salzillo, 1766

"Every year they went to Jerusalem for the feast of Passover"

Lk 2, 41 cf Dt 16, 1-8; Ex 12, 1-28



Sculptural processional group of gold painted and polychromed wood accomplished by Francisco Salzillo (Murcia, SPAIN, 1707-1783) in 1766 for the Parish Church of St. James of Orihuela (Alicante) where it is venerated. It measures 128 x 130 x 43 cm. without the pedestal and the halos.

The family of Nazareth, in their itinerary of faith, passes through valleys and mountains, by fields and orchards, through villages and cities, through ruins and houses, and renews them, filling *them with a knowledge of the Lord* (Is 11, 9 cf ch 11-12). And they unanimously glorify **the Holy Trinity** which in Jesus, Mary and Joseph **-the Holy Family-**presents on earth “*from parents to children ... the faithful love of our God ... to guide our feet into the way of peace*” (Lk 1, 50. 78-79 cf Is 9 1-6; Lk 2,14; 19, 38.42; 24,36).

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