SUNDAY GOSPEL ACTIVITIES

THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD
MATTHEW 2:1-12

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THE FAMILY THAT PRAYS TOGETHER STAYS TOGETHER
Today we celebrate the Epiphany of the Lord. We read from Matthew 2:1-12. In this week's Gospel, we read about the "magi" who are sometimes also called the “three kings” or “wise men”. The magi had come from the East to Jerusalem to speak with King Herod. They had been watching a star and had interpreted it as a message that a “king” had been born. Herod told the magi to go and find the baby, and then to return to him to give him the newborn king’s location. The magi went to Bethlehem to find baby Jesus. They brought him gifts of gold, frankincense and myrrh. They were warned in a dream not to return to King Herod, so they returned home by another path. We are each given gifts in our lives. Part of the reason we give gifts in the Christmas season is to recall the magi’s gifts to Baby Jesus. Let’s pray this week about how we might share our “gifts” with those around us.

★ Today the liturgical Christmas season concludes on the Feast of the Epiphany. Some families have the tradition of not taking any of their Christmas decorations down until after this feast day - as a reminder that Christmas day is just the beginning of this joyful season! What traditions do you follow in your family to mark the Epiphany? If you don't have one, consider starting one! Make a prayer gift to Jesus today! Share it with your family!