SUNDAY GOSPEL ACTIVITIES

THE FEAST OF JESUS, MARY AND JOSEPH
MATTHEW 2:13-15, 19-23

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THE FAMILY THAT PRAYS TOGETHER STAYS TOGETHER

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Today we continue our celebration of the Christmas season honoring the Holy Family. In our Gospel reading from Matthew, we learn about the flight of the Holy Family to Egypt. An Angel appears to Joseph telling him to pack up Mary and their newborn son Jesus to flee - danger was on the way. King Herod was worried that a new king had been born thereby fulfilling the Prophesy of the Isrealites, he wanted this new King to be found - and destroyed. We know that this prophesy in the Old Testament was fulfilled in Jesus' birth - but King Herod and the people were looking for a Savior who was a king, a warrior or prince in purely human terms. God sent his only son to be born in a manger and to walk among us - to be fully human like us - to cry and laugh, live and love as we do so that He might show us how to be in a right relationship with God - Jesus' Father, and our heavenly Father! And to show us what is important in God's eyes - not wealth and power, but love of neighbor and kindness.

FOR MORE FUN
★ As Catholics, we separate the season of Advent when we prepare for Christ birth - and the Christmas season when we celebrate his birth and remember his early years. Find a unique way this year to mark the 12 days of Christmas which ends on the Feast of the Epiphany!

★ This week we will celebrate the New Year. It is a time when people make New Year's Resolutions. This year talk to your family about making a New Years Resolution around your prayer life! What is something different you could do this year - or maybe just do more often - to grow in your relationship and love for the Lord? Praying the Rosary daily, reading the Bible regularly - what is a new gift you can give Jesus this year?