Catholic Mom
HOLY CROSS FAMILY MINISTRIES

SUNDAY GOSPEL ACTIVITIES

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The 2nd Sunday of Advent **Mark 1:1-8**

In today's Gospel, we read from the very beginning of the Gospel of Mark. We hear about John the Baptist in today's Gospel. He was the cousin of Jesus, who had been sent by God to prepare the people of Israel for the Promised One. They had been waiting for years!

Have you ever had to wait a long time for something? It can be very hard to be patient, but oftentimes we must wait to grow in virtue. Or perhaps we must become more ready for whatever we are waiting for. John the Baptist helped the people prepare for the coming of Christ by acknowledging their sins and being baptized for the forgiveness of their sins. Let us follow his example and prepare for Christmas by acknowledging our sins and going to Confession to receive forgiveness.

Activities:

- What gift can you give to Jesus this Advent Season?
- As a family, collect toys or food for families in need. It is more blessed to give than to receive.
- All around us, people are celebrating Christmas early. How can your family focus more on Advent and preparing for His birth, rather than starting the celebration already?