

# GRACE AT HOME



## LIGHT SHINES IN DARKNESS

*Therefore the Lord himself will give you a sign. Behold, the virgin shall conceive and bear a son, and shall call his name Immanuel. – Isaiah 7:14*

As we celebrate the Twelve Days of Christmas, our gospel today confronts us with the death of innocent children at the hands of Herod. The birth of Christ does not remove the power of evil from our world, but its light gives us hope as we walk with all the “holy innocents” of past generations and today who have suffered unjustly. In our gathering around word and meal, God continues to redeem us, lift us up, and carry us as in days of old.



1 What child is this, who, laid to rest, on Mar - y's lap is sleep - ing?  
 2 Why lies he in such mean es - tate where ox and ass are feed - ing?  
 3 So bring him in - cense, gold, and myrrh; come, peas - ant, king, to own him.



Whom an - gels greet with an - thems sweet while shep - herds watch are keep - ing?  
 Good Chris - tian, fear; for sin - ners here the si - lent Word is plead - ing.  
 The King of kings sal - va - tion brings; let lov - ing hearts en - throne him.



This, this is Christ the king, whom shep - herds guard and an - gels sing;  
 Nails, spear shall pierce him through, the cross be borne for me, for you;  
 Raise, raise the song on high, the vir - gin sings her lul - la - by;



haste, haste to bring him laud, the babe, the son of Mar - y!  
 hail, hail the Word made flesh, the babe, the son of Mar - y!  
 joy, joy, for Christ is born, the babe, the son of Mar - y!

## PSALM FOR THE WEEK

Psalm 111

## GOSPEL READING

Matthew 2:13-23

## QUESTIONS TO TALK ABOUT AT HOME

- 1) Why does the Holy Family need to flee to Egypt?
- 2) What kind of king was Herod?
- 3) How many prophecies does Matthew think are fulfilled in this passage?
- 4) In what way does Jesus relive the travels of the people of Israel?
- 5) What is the comfort of the Gospel in this passage?

## PRAYER FOR THE WEEK

O Lord God, you know that we cannot place our trust in our own powers. As you protected the infant Jesus, so defend us and all the needy from harm and adversity, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.



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*We will not hide them from their children, but tell to the coming generation the glorious deeds of the LORD, and his might, and the wonders that he has done. – Psalm 78:4*

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*Sundays, 9:15am*

*Dec. 28<sup>th</sup> ...NO CLASS*

*Jan. 4<sup>th</sup> ...NO CLASS*

*Jan. 11<sup>th</sup> ...John the Baptist's Ministry*

*Jan. 18<sup>th</sup> ...The Wedding at Cana*



## **GOD'S WORD BY HEART**

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## **DAILY READINGS**

Mon. - 1 Pet 1; Acts 21:15-36  
Tues. - 1 Pet 2:1-17; Acts 21:37-22:22  
Wed. - 1 Jn 1:1-2:2; Acts 22:22-23:11  
Thur. - 1 Jn 2:3-17; Acts 25:1-12  
Fri. - 1 Jn 3:1-10; Acts 27:1-12

## **CATECHISM CORNER**

### **HOLY BAPTISM**

*How can water do such great things?*

Clearly the water does not do it, but the word of God, which is with and alongside the water, and faith, which trusts this word of God in the water. For without the word of God the water is plain water and not a baptism, but with the word of God it is a baptism, that is, a grace-filled water of life and a "bath of the new birth in the Holy Spirit," as St. Paul says to Titus in chapter 3, "through the water of rebirth and renewal by the Holy Spirit. This Spirit he poured out on us richly through Jesus Christ our Savior, so that, having been justified by his grace, we might become heirs according to the hope of eternal life. The saying is sure."

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 GALILEE  
 EGYPT  
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 ANGEL  
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