

The Holy Family

December 28, 2025

Matthew 2: 13 – 15, 19 - 23

Resurrection

ROMAN CATHOLIC PARISH



Angels Watching Over Me



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Choose the word that best matches the definition.

- ___ 1. A heavenly servant of God
A. angel B. mother C. Herod D. father
- ___ 2. To see images and hear voices in your mind while sleeping
A. escape B. dream C. angel D. night
- ___ 3. The king of Judea who tried to kill baby Jesus
A. Joseph B. Matthew C. John D. Herod
- ___ 4. To cause someone to die
A. kill B. hurt C. dream D. escape
- ___ 5. To run away from someone or something; break loose; get free
A. sleep B. dream C. angel D. escape
- ___ 6. A person from the time of birth until he or she is fully grown
A. teenager B. child C. adult D. baby
- ___ 7. A female parent
A. father B. sister C. mother D. brother
- ___ 8. The part of every twenty-four hour period when it is dark
A. morning B. night C. afternoon D. dawn

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Complete the paragraph by filling in the blanks with the correct words from the word bank at the bottom of the story.

The Escape to Egypt

When they had gone, an _____ of the Lord appeared to _____ in a _____. "Get up," he said, "take the child and his mother and escape to _____. Stay there until I tell you, for _____ is going to search for the child to _____ him." So he got up, took the child and his mother during the _____ and left for Egypt, where he stayed until the death of Herod.

The Return to Nazareth

After Herod died, an angel of the Lord appeared in a dream to Joseph in Egypt and said, "Get up, take the _____ and his _____ and go to the land of _____, for those who were trying to take the child's life are dead."

Matthew 2:13-14, 19-20 (NIV)

angel
child

dream
Egypt

Herod
Israel

Joseph
kill

mother
night

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Based on Matthew 2:13-23



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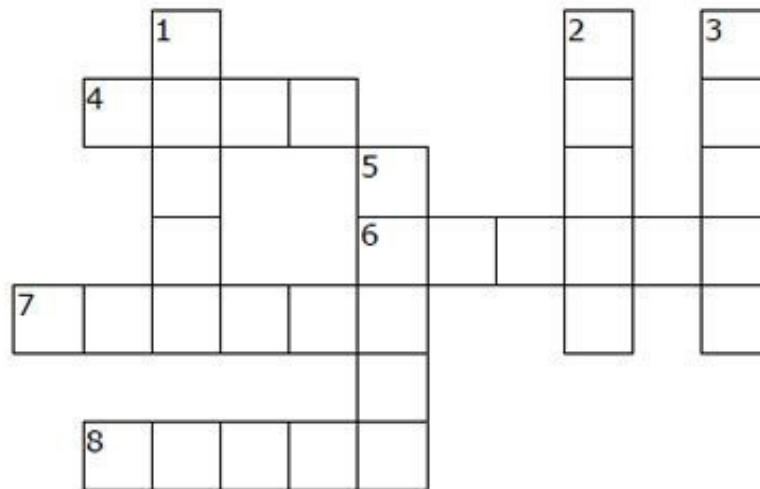
APPEAR
MOTHER
NIGHT

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CHILD

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ACROSS

4. To cause someone to die
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DOWN

1. The part of every twenty-four hour period when it is dark
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CHILD
ESCAPE

KILL
DREAM

NIGHT
HEROD

MOTHER
ANGEL



GEYPT

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An angel of the Lord appeared to Joseph in a dream. "Get up," he said, "take the child and his mother and escape to Egypt. Matthew 2:13a (NIV)

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Each number represents a letter of the alphabet. Substitute the correct letter for the numbers to reveal the coded words.



A	H	K	V	W	E	U	C	Y	L	D	X	G	Q	I	T	O	R	J	P	Z	B	M	N	F	S
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	25	26

1. 1-24-13-6-10 _____
2. 11-18-6-1-23 _____
3. 2-6-18-17-11 _____
4. 3-15-10-10 _____
5. 6-26-8-1-20-6 _____
6. 8-2-15-10-11 _____
7. 23-17-16-2-6-18 _____
8. 24-15-13-2-16 _____

KILL	DREAM	NIGHT	ESCAPE
MOTHER	HEROD	CHILD	ANGEL



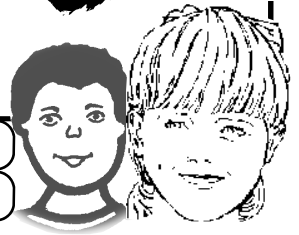
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Ecclesiasticus 3:2-6.12-14
Psalm 127
Colossians 3:12-21
Matthew 2:13-15.19-23

SUNDAY LITURGY FOR CHILDREN

Year A — Holy Family

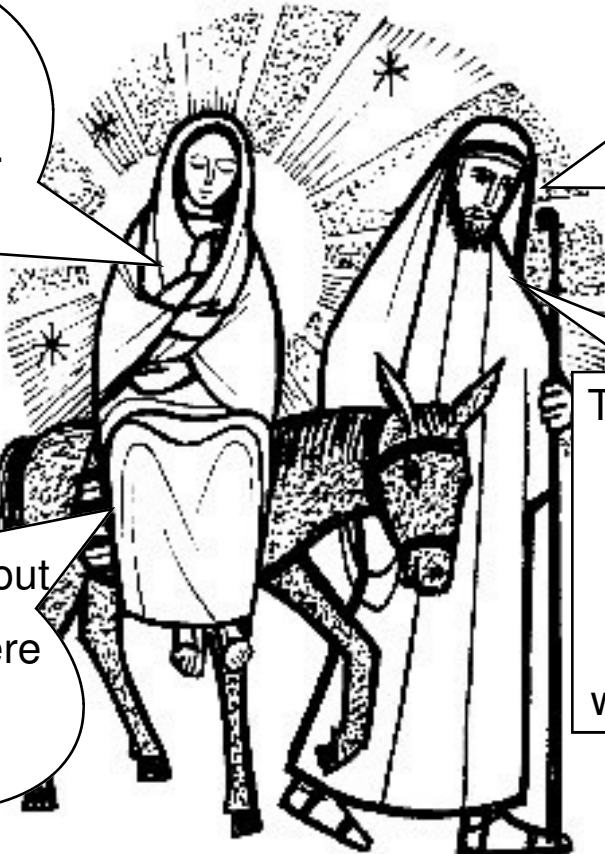


Put these letters in order to reveal today's feast.

M H Y Y L F O A I L

I am Mary,
Jesus' Mum.

I am Joseph,
Mary's
husband.



I was worried about
Jesus but we were
safe in Egypt.

The angel told me to
take Jesus and
Mary to Egypt
because Herod
wanted to kill Jesus.

**AFTER THEY RETURNED
FROM EGYPT JESUS AND
HIS FAMILY LIVED IN**

NAZARETH

