



**Good afternoon All PREP Families,**

**Merry Christmas and Happy New Year! May all of your celebrations be safe 🙏💜**

**✅ ALL GRADES! This week: WEEK OFF!**

**🎉 *No Chapter work again until the week of January 8th* 🎉**

**👉 Attached are the Unit 3 lesson links in case you have any "catch up" to do over the next week.**

**Pope Benedict XVI 1927-2022**



**Eternal rest grant unto him, O Lord,**

**and let perpetual light shine upon him.**

**May his soul and all the souls of the faithful departed,**

**through the mercy of God, rest in peace.**

**~Amen~**

**Peace be with you,**

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## SUNDAY CONNECTION



**The Octave Day of the Nativity of the Lord Solemnity of Mary, the Holy Mother of God**

**Sunday, January 1, 2023**

### **Gospel Reading**

[Luke 2:16-21](#)

The shepherds find Jesus in a manger in Bethlehem.

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### **Family Connection**

In today's Gospel, we learn that Mary honored her commitment to God by naming her child *Jesus*, the name given to him by the angel Gabriel. In Matthew's Gospel, Joseph is told to name the child *Jesus* because he will save the people. The name *Jesus* means "God saves." Even in his name, Jesus announces the mission he came to accomplish.

Your family might use today's feast as an opportunity to talk about names. Reflect together on the name of each member of the family. What does each name mean? Why was each person so named?

Read together today's Gospel, Luke 2:16-21. Recall that the name Jesus means "God saves." Think about how Jesus fulfilled the mission that his name suggests. Pray as a family that each family member will fulfill their mission to be faithful followers of Jesus, in whom we find our salvation. Pray for Mary's help by praying together the Hail Mary or singing together, "Sing of Mary, Pure and Lowly."