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St. Anthony of Padua

Gospel Homework
Assignment due

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Questions

1. What does the name "Jesus" mean? (What does the angel say to St. Joseph it means?)
2. We also call Jesus "Emmanuel." What does this mean? How is this true in your life?
3. What was miraculous about the birth of Jesus? Why does Sacred Scripture stress that Mary was a "virgin" and "with child from the Holy Spirit?"

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