

The Octave Day of Christmas Solemnity
of the Blessed Virgin Mary, the Mother of
God
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FAITH @ HOME

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First Reading: Number 6: 22-27
Responsorial Psalm: Psalm 67:2-3,5,6,8
Second Reading: Galatians 4:4-7
Gospel: Luke 2: 16-21

[Full readings can be found here!](#)

1. HEAR

Watch a children's video [HERE](#)

Watch Gospel Reflection [HERE](#)

[LUMO-GOSPEL OF LUKE CHAPTER 2:1-21](#)

2. PRAY

On the Solemnity of our Blessed Mother Mary, let us pray with her. Let us all hasten to be at the manger to be with the infant, Jesus. Let us ask Mary to also be with us during this prayer experience. Open the manger of your heart to welcome Jesus into it. Let us pray, in deep gratitude, for Mary's, "YES" to be the Mother of Jesus. Close your eyes and imagine yourself sitting next to Mary, gazing upon the baby child, Jesus. Feel Mary's love radiating around you and feel the profound peace you feel gazing upon Jesus.

Share with us how you are living out your faith at home. Use #LACatholicsBelieve and tag @LACatholics on social media.

Say a special prayer asking Jesus to enter your heart and carry his radiating love and mercy with you.

When you go to mass and receive Him in the Eucharist, reflect more deeply on the glorious gift of receiving Jesus and carrying him in the manger of your heart to all those we encounter in our daily life.

3. TALK

Share with a family member or friend how Mother Mary has touched your life in a special way. After sharing stories, pray a Hail Mary together.

Optional activity for households with children (or children at heart): [HERE](#) and have a conversation about the manger and how it might have been for Mary to have her baby in a manger and not a hospital like mothers do now.

