

Christmas Day
December 25th, 2023

FAITH @ HOME

Waiting for the Messiah

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First Reading: Isaiah 52: 7-10
Responsorial Psalm: Psalm 98: 1, 2-3,3-4,5-6
Second Reading: Hebrews 1: 1-6
Gospel: John 1: 1-18

[Full readings from the USCCB](#)



1. HEAR

Before reading this Sunday's Gospel, click [HERE](#) to watch a short video that will help you grow your prayer space on Christmas Day

You can read today's Gospel by clicking [HERE](#).
(YouTube, Holy Heroes, 2:01 min)

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

As an alternative to reading the Gospel, you can watch a short video with the proclamation for adults by clicking [HERE](#).

(YouTube, LUMO, 3:37 min)

The children can also watch a video proclamation of the Gospel by clicking [HERE](#).

2. PRAY

Rejoice and be glad, for today the Messiah is born!

Gather around the prayer table and with a heart filled with joy, and give **THANKS** to God for the gift of Jesus, our Messiah! With deep gratitude, give thanks to God for His unconditional love! Give thanks to Jesus for coming into the world for our salvation!

Thank Mary and Joseph for their "yes" to help bring Jesus into the world. Pray that the "yes" of Mary and Joseph can be a shining example which allows you to say, "yes" to serve Jesus as a Missionary Disciple! Repeat the words of the Gospel and say, "**Glory to God in the highest and on earth peace to those on whom his favor rests.**" Amen.

We invite you to sing a carol for baby Jesus! You may sing your favorite Christmas carol, or you may use this suggestion. (Click [HERE](#) to access a Christmas carol video.)



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3. TALK

Gather as a family in one room of the home and reflect on one or more of the following questions:

- Is there a place for Jesus in your life?
- Jesus was born to bring joy and peace. When are these gifts a part of my life?
- Am I a person who brings joy and peace to others?

4. RITE

Before starting this rite, ask all members of the family to go where the manger you used during Advent is located, and ask all in the family to stand around it.

- Sing one or two verses of the following Advent hymn: Silent Night. (Click the [HERE](#) to access the video.)
- A member of the family lights all the candles and proclaims: **“Rejoice and be glad, for today the Messiah is born!”**
- Invite each person to share what it means to him/her that Jesus was born. After each sharing, all proclaim: *“Rejoice and be glad, for today the Messiah is born!”*

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- One of the participants recite the closing prayer: *Lord, today we remember your coming into our world, and into the life of humankind, as a tiny, helpless child. We thank you because you came to share in our joys and sorrows and to set us free from fear and despair. As we prepare to celebrate your birth, we ask you to bless this cradle and all who will use it. May it be a sign of our love for you and our desire to welcome you into our hearts and homes. Amen.*

Sing another verse from the opening hymn: Silent Night. (Click the [HERE](#) to access the video.)

(As an alternative, you may use the Blessing of a Christmas Manger offered by the US Bishops. You can access the blessing by clicking [HERE](#).)

