

A traditional painting of the Nativity scene. Mary is seated in the center, holding the infant Jesus in a manger. Joseph stands behind her. To the left, a shepherd plays a flute. To the right, a man kneels in prayer. A cow and a donkey are present. The background shows a night sky with stars and a distant town.

Celebrate the Christmas Season!

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Christmas

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The Church calls us to celebrate Christmas as a season of twelve days when we reflect on Jesus' birth and appreciate the joys of family life. Check out resources provided by the Archdiocese to fully enjoy the season!

A photograph of a night sky with a bright star shining down a beam of light onto a small house in a dark landscape.

Christmas day brings so much excitement: gathering with loved ones, good food, and, of course, Christmas gifts. Let us go beyond just one day and appreciate Christmas as a season lasting 12 days.

In times when so many important things get rushed, we can follow the example of the Holy Family who paused after the birth of Jesus to appreciate God's gift of Jesus in their life. Rather than taking down the Christmas decorations immediately, take time to explain what some of them mean to you. If possible, take time away from work to be with your children when they are on break. Go visit with family. Let's recover the wisdom of our faith and celebrate the entirety of this season.

Read

Take time to read and reflect on the Scriptures for this day.

Don't have access to a Bible?

Visit www.usccb.org/bible/readings or download an app such as *Laudate* or *iBreviary* to access the Mass readings.

Isaiah 52:7-10

All the Earth shall behold the salvation of God.

Psalm 98

The Lord has made his salvation known.

Hebrews 1:1-6

God speaks to us through his Son.

John 1:1-18

Jesus is God's word made flesh dwelling among us.

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Talk

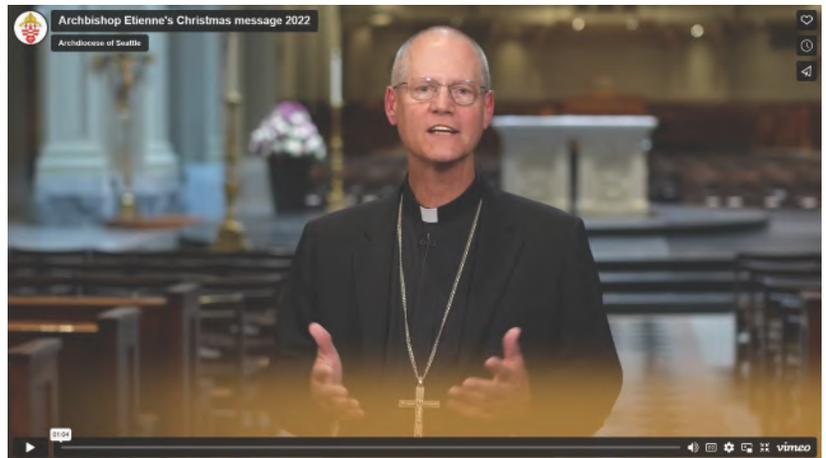
Here are some reflection questions to help you have **Great Conversations** with the whole family.

Take a moment to look over the Christmas decorations that you set up for the Christmas season. Then, use that moment as an opportunity to tell your child something about what these decorations mean to you. Deacon Eric Paige shares about his own favorite Christmas decoration:

"One of my favorites is a manger scene or crèche that my mother bought when she traveled to Germany with my grandmother. It reminds me of the deep faith of my grandmother and how celebrating Christmas makes me feel closer to her."

Take a little time to share a similar story with your family.

Celebrate the Christmas season with us! Visit <https://archseattle.org/Christmas/>



Check out the Archdiocese of Seattle's "Celebrate the Feasts and Solemnities of the Christmas Season" webpage:

<https://archseattle.org/christmas/>

Watch Archbishop Etienne's Christmas message for 2022:

<https://vimeo.com/772533013/86f49c7ac8>

For more resources, visit us online at:

<https://www.athomewithfaith.org>