



The Nativity of the Lord

Spiritual Adoption

Congratulations, I am here!

As you know though, my birth was not the beginning of my life. My life began nine months ago when my parents contributed their love to each other to form this unique human being. At that miraculous moment I also received my soul from God making me an immortal being. God's plan for me is to live my life on earth then join Him in my heavenly home forever.

Thank you on behalf of all babies and their mothers for your loving prayers that helped to bring us to birth *"so that they might have life and have it to the full!"* (John 10:10)

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Fr. Thomas's Weekly Reflection

NATIVITY OF THE LORD

After hours of standing in lines, browsing through the items on the store shelves, or maybe this year more on Amazon or other online stores, cleaning and decorating our houses, cooking and baking, we finally have peace. Now three days of rest, and then more preparations to celebrate the turn of the year. But is that it? Is this all there is?

These four weeks of Advent we have just concluded – was it simply just waiting for the holidays, so that we can rest, eat well, sleep longer? Wasn't it rather supposed to be waiting for what was foretold by the Prophets and was fulfilled in the Incarnation of our Lord Jesus Christ on this night, on this Bethlehem night, when true love, peace and hope are born?

Together, like the whole Christian world, we go to the manger. We praise God, glorify God, we kneel before the Little One, because before Him every knee shall bend. Even those who do not identify themselves with the community in their everyday lives, even they celebrate this one big day, or actually a night. It is significant that God himself has chosen this time to encounter us and give us peace. He appeared unnoticed, in an inhumane circumstance, surrounded by animals and their shepherds, in a way which seemed unbecoming for a King, much less for God.

Meanwhile, the same God appears in our lives in the same way every day, in similar circumstances, in poverty, simplicity, in unlikely conditions, but will we run to meet him the same way we run to a manger in our churches? Will we kneel in the same way we do before the Little One's creche?

The world knelt in front of the manger, but oh so much more it needs to kneel today. Today's world must recognize that He is the only one who is the response to our needs, and when we may be thinking we are providing for His needs... while He really is providing for ours... Because it is not His poverty, but our spiritual deficiency that needs to be addressed; not the inhumane circumstances in which He was born, but those in which we live need to be changed; not that He is surrounded by animals, but that we became like animals to one another is the real problem. It is not He that needs to be born for us, but we need to be born anew...

We ask You, Lord, Almighty God, that the Nativity of Your Son, Our Lord Jesus Christ free us from the yoke of sin and grant us the grace of a New Birth.

Eucharistic Adoration

Christmas Week

Mon, Dec. 21 1pm - Wed, Dec 23 12 noon