

ST. JOHN APOSTLE & EVANGELIST CATHOLIC CHURCH

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NEW PARISHIONERS & VISITORS, WELCOME TO OUR PARISH!

STEWARDSHIP BULLETIN REFLECTION

By: Catholic Stewardship Consultants

Our Blessed Mother takes center stage on this fourth Sunday of Advent, and fittingly so, as we draw near to the celebration of her Son's birth. After our Lord Himself, Mary is our model and guide to a stewardship way of life.



Today's Gospel passage from Luke describes Mary's actions immediately after her "yes" to the angel Gabriel's message. "Mary set out and traveled to the hill country in haste to a town of Judah... and greeted Elizabeth." Mary immediately begins to think of others before herself, setting out quickly to be with her cousin, modeling two of the pillars of stewardship – Hospitality and Service.

What warmth and humility the Mother of our Savior shows, traveling to Elizabeth to spend time with her, rejoicing with Elizabeth over her own incredible pregnancy, and assisting her in a time of need. And what joy this hospitality and service brings to Elizabeth.

Our Blessed Mother's example of a stewardship way of life is one that we, her children, can follow in our own lives today. With all the gifts God gives us — our time, our talents, our material possessions — we, too, can offer ourselves to God by using these gifts to serve and glorify Him. In so doing, we will effectively spread the Good News of the Gospel to the world around us today.

We will be stewards after our Mother's own heart.

MASS SCHEDULE

Weekday (Mon - Sat): 8 AM
Sunday (Sat. Vigil) 5 PM, 7 AM,
9 AM, 11 AM & 6 PM

Sacrament of Reconciliation
Saturdays 4:00 - 4:30 PM
(and by appointment)

Mass will be live streamed on
Sunday 11 am.

Please go to the parish website:
www.stjohnmililani.org and click
on the Link:

<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCcuDlu1K18PRr1J41UEGsUw>

MISSION / VISION STATEMENT

We are a Catholic Christian Community, called to develop a deeper relationship with Christ. Such a relationship is fostered through active participation in: *Word, Sacrament, Renewal Programs, Ministry/Service*, and other *Spirit-led* activities. We dedicate our time, talent and treasure to install, in our parish community, the basic building blocks of Christian living, *to preach the Good News of Jesus Christ to all through our words, deeds, and lives.*

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We look forward to connecting with you!

Parish Rectory Hours

Mon. 12 pm—4 pm
Tues.- Fri. 8:30 AM - 4:00 PM

FOOD PANTRY (623-3332)

Tues.- Fri. 8:30 AM to 4:00 PM

PARISH CLERGY
& STAFF

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please email the parish office at
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call (808) 623-3332 x100.

FATHER ANTHONY'S STEWARDSHIP CORNER

Aloha! As part of our annual stewardship education process, I am publishing a series of stewardship bulletin articles that explore some of the key concepts of Christian Stewardship. The bulletin articles are short but the subject matter is important. If you have questions or if you want additional information, please feel free to contact me.

NUMBER 12: A STEWARDSHIP'S VOCATION

The call to be a Disciple of Jesus is the Christian vocation that we all share. Stewardship is a part of that. We are called to be good stewards of the personal vocations that we have received as gifts. Each of us must discern, accept, and live out joyfully and generously the commitments, responsibilities and roles to which God calls him or her.

Every human life, every personal vocation, is unique. We are called to Discipleship not as a faceless crowd but as unique individuals. Yet, there is a common element to the call. To follow Christ and to try to live his life as our own is the common vocation.

Vocations are communicated, discerned, accepted and lived out within a community of faithful disciples. We help each other hear the Lord's voice and respond.

Please contact the parish office to set up an appointment & coordination for the following:

Anointing of the Sick

Baptism Preparation Classes: Dec 19,
Jan 23, Feb 20 & Mar 20

Baptisms: Dec 16, Jan 16 & Jan 30.

**** Please contact the Parish Office to
make all arrangements in advance.****

Blessings (home, auto, religious items,
etc..)

Funerals

Homebound Communion

Marriages (at least 6 months before
wedding date)

† Funeral**Announcement †****Francis Balmores (RIP)**

Monday, January 3, 2022

Mililani Memorial Park-

Mauka Chapel

Family Visitation: 9:00 am

Funeral Service: 10:30 am

Friday, January 7, 2022

Mililani Memorial Park

10:00 am

HEALING / BLESSINGS: Mairenuí Tauotaha-Amo, Helen Guerrero, Willie & Bernard Rash, Florida Badua, Sharon Scott, Ron & Patricia Li, Laura Ann Peeters, Barbara Ursal, Elaine Utu, Art Apilado, Zosima Pacleb, Monique Carlmark, Luke Alaipalelei, Sayo DeBoyce, Jimmy Austin, Elaine Marterella, Thi Choi Nguyen, Christy Esposito, Kevin Gagan, Paulina Sarandi, Eduardo Islao, Joyce B. Bean, Teresa Montoya, James Kahala & all names in Prayer Intentions Book.

DECEASED: Mario Pichon, Ben Guerrero, Kristen "Kiddy" DeCoster, Mildred Loggins, Caleb Romero, Gary Nakata, Valentina Asuncion, Maggie Bae, Catherine Gibbs, Thi Ly Nguyen, Thanh Tan Nguyen, Thanh Xuan Nguyen, Jean Tanoue, Adoracion Funtanilla, Estella Rodriguez, Molly Gamboa, Randy Gasmen, Crispina S. Gorospe, Joseph Durocher, George Kupihea, Prima Romualdo-Hill, Keola Souza, Francis Balmores, Andres Remigio, Francisco Leonores, Michael Murphy & Jane Alukonis.

"Be generous and you will be prosperous; help others and you will be helped." (Good News Translation) - Prov 11:25

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Stewardship of Treasure DEC 11/12

Sunday Collection	\$ 10,439.25
Online Donation (WeShare)	\$ 3,437.00
Blessing	\$ 60.00
Building, Equipment, & Maintenance (BEM)	\$ 420.00
OCC Capital Campaign (Non Assessed)	\$ 1,190.00
Debt Reduction	\$ 480.00
Mass Intentions	\$ 320.00
Candles	\$ 620.00
Flowers	\$ 170.00
Stewardship	\$ 45.00
Thanksgiving	\$ 50.00
Our Lady of Guadalupe	\$ 261.04
Seminarian Education Fund	\$ 8.50
Christmas	\$ 525.00
Immaculate Conception	\$ 2,260.26
Retirement fund for Religious	\$ 1,378.00

Weekend Total: \$ 21,664.05

"Honor the Lord with your wealth, with fruits of all your produce." Proverbs 3:9



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Respect Life:

"Perhaps one of your friends has become pregnant unexpectedly. As someone who has been there, I encourage you to support your friend in her new journey of being a mother." Learn ten tips at respectlife.org/support-her.

USCCB Secretariat of Pro-Life Activities "10 Ways to Support Her When She's Unexpectedly Expecting"

CALLS, TEXTS & EMAILS SCAMS!

There has been a scam affecting many parishioners. Please never respond to such email messages or texts from clergy and staff of St. John's. For more information, see the link below. [Scam Call](#)

Mass Intentions for the Week

Monday, December 20, 2021

(8 am) †Fidela S. Undingco

Victoria Page (Healing)

Margie Romasanta

(Birthday Blessing)

Tuesday, December 21, 2021

(8 am) †Ignacia V. Benitez

†Ismael Smith

Victoria Page (Healing)

Wednesday, December 22, 2021

(8 am) †Frederico Badua

Victoria Page (Healing)

Michael & Aggie Browning

(Wedding Anniversary)

Thursday, December 23, 2021

(8 am) †Joseph Durocher

Victoria Page (Healing)

Edwin Caspillo (Blessing)

Friday, December 24, 2021

(8 am) †Joseph & August

Pacheco

Guerrero Family (Blessings)

Aleczir Bliss Gatdula-Cao

(Birthday Blessing)

Saturday, December 25, 2021



Sunday, December 26, 2021

Harold Jones, Sr & Jr.

For the People

†Morito Harry Saka

Victoria Page (Healing)

† RIP †

Ten Amazing Facts About the Miraculous Image of Our Lady of Guadalupe

Taken from <https://vivaguadalupe.org/news/ten-amazing-facts>

1. There is no under-sketch or under-drawing on the image.

Infrared photography has demonstrated that there is no sketching on the image whatsoever. Dr. Philip Callahan, a research biophysicist from the University of Florida explains: "It is inconceivable that an artist in the 16th Century would paint a portrait without first doing a drawing on it."

Making an under-sketch prior to painting a portrait goes back to antiquity. Such an exquisite depiction on textile made from cactus fiber is inexplicable given the lack of sketching.

2. The image has lasted and shows no signs of deterioration.

Juan Diego's tilma is made of a rough cactus fiber which normally disintegrates in 15 to 30 years. Yet, the image of Guadalupe has remained intact for 484 years without fading or cracking. Moreover, it was subjected to candle smoke for many years, which should have accelerated the process of deterioration.

In 1778, a worker accidentally spilled strong nitric acid onto a large portion of the image. To everyone's astonishment, only slight stains appeared which can still be seen in the upper right side. Additionally, in 1921 a bomb concealed in some flowers was placed on the altar directly under the image. When the bomb detonated, the marble altar rail and windows 150 feet away were shattered, a brass crucifix was twisted out of shape, but the image was left unharmed.

3. The stars that appear on the image are astronomically correct.

In 1983 Dr. Juan Homero Hernandez and Fr. Mario Rojas Sánchez discovered that the stars on the image correspond precisely to the constellations of the winter sky on December 12th, 1531. Incredibly, the constellations are shown as viewed from outside the heavens, in other words in reverse. It is as if we have a picture from someone looking at it from outside the universe, it is a snapshot of heaven and earth from the very moment that Juan Diego saw Our Lady.

Also, the constellation Virgo, representing virginal purity, appears over the area of

Mary's heart signifying her immaculate and virginal purity, and the constellation Leo the lion is over her womb. The lion represents Jesus Christ, because Christ is the lion of the tribe of Judah. This emphasizes that Christ the King is present in Mary's womb. The perfect placement of stars in their various constellations illustrates the infinite intelligence behind the miraculous image.

4. Mary's eyes are astonishingly life like.

Of all the characteristics of the image, this is perhaps the most astounding. The microscopic likeness of a bearded man was discovered in the pupils of the Virgin; first in 1929, and again in 1951. The bearded man corresponds to contemporaneous pictures of Juan Diego. No human painter could have foreseen putting infinitesimally small images of Juan Diego in the eyes of the Virgin so that later advances in human technology could detect them.

Furthermore, it is impossible for any human to have painted the images because they are simply too miniscule to produce.

Jose Aste Tonsmann, a Peruvian ophthalmologist, examined Mary's eyes at 2,500 times magnification. He was able to identify thirteen individuals in both eyes at different proportions, just as a human eye would reflect an image. It appeared to be the very moment Juan Diego unfurled the tilma before Bishop Zumárraga.

Dr. Jorge Escalante Padilla a surgical ophthalmologist considers these reflections to belong to the type which have been described by Cherney on the back surface of the cornea and by Watt & Hess at the center of the lens. Such reflections are very difficult to detect. Dr. Escalante also reported the discovery of small veins on both of the eyelids of the image. In the 1970s, a Japanese optician who was examining the eyes fainted. Upon recovering he stated: "The eyes were alive and looking at him." [Janet Barber, Latest Scientific Findings on the Images in the Eyes, page 90.] Incredibly, when Our Lady's eyes are exposed to light, the pupils contract. When the light is withdrawn, they return to a dilated state.

5. Mary assumes a different ethnicity depending on one's vantage point.

It is remarkable that at one distance Our Lady appears to be a Native American, but at another distance she appears of European descent. This miraculous feature is meant to show the unity of the two peoples and the two cultures in light of the true faith of Christ. Mary implored the peoples of the New World to live as one.

Dr. Philip Callahan explains that the image achieves this effect of appearing to be different colors at different distances by a trait that is only seen in nature:

"At a distance of six or seven feet the skin tone becomes what might best be termed Indian olive, grey green in tone, it appears somehow the grey and caked looking white pigment of the face and the hands combines with the rough surface of the un-sized hue, such a technique would be an impossible accomplishment in human hands, it often occurs in nature however, in the coloring of the bird feathers and butterfly scales and on the elytra of brightly colored beetles."

This change in color at different distances occurring in nature happens on the tilma in a miraculous way. The pigment combines with the rough surface of the cloth to impart alternating colorations. No human artist can duplicate this effect. Such evidence strongly suggests the image was fashioned by a divine hand.

6. The image is always 98.6°F; the temperature of the human body.

The sixth miraculous feature concerning the image is its temperature. It is a demonstrable fact that no matter what the surrounding temperature, season, or weather, the image remains at an even 36.5°C or 98.6°F, the normal temperature of the human body. (Janet Barber, The Tilma and Its Miraculous Image.)

Also, Dr. Carlos Fernandez del Castillo, a Mexican gynecologist, after carefully examining the tilma and the image of the pregnant Madonna concluded that the dimensions of her body were that of an expectant mother at the end of gestation.

7. How the native Indian population interpreted the image of Our Lady.

The indigenous Indian population recognized in the image of Our Lady of Guadalupe specific signs that Christianity was superior to other belief systems, including their own. As recorded by Fr. Harold Romm in, *Am I Not Here*, page 56:

The Indians saw something in the image of Our Lady that the Spaniards did not comprehend. In that period, the Indians did their writing in hieroglyphics, so to them the image was a hieroglyphic letter. The fact that the natives read the image is most important in understanding the purpose of Our Lady's apparitions. To the Indians the image depicted a beautiful lady standing in front of the sun, a sign to them that she was greater than the sun god Huitzilopochtli whom they worshiped; the crescent or the moon beneath her feet showed that their moon god Tezcatlipoca was less than nothing since she was standing on it; the stars they thought so much of were only a part or portion of her mantle. At her throat was a brooch with a small black cross in the center reminding them that this was the emblem of the Spanish Friars and there was one greater than she.

The intelligence that constructed the image of Guadalupe conveyed exactly the message that the Indians needed to hear and to see abandon their false notions of God and their idolatrous practices. It is infinitely insightful, well beyond anything humans could imagine.

8. A 2007 miracle emphasizes Our Lady as the Patroness of the Unborn.

Among Our Lady of Guadalupe's many designations, she is venerated as the patroness of the unborn. The image shows Mary as pregnant with Christ. She is an unmistakable witness to the sanctity of life and the protection of the unborn.

On April 24, 2007, an unusual luminosity in the framed image of Mary at the Shrine of Guadalupe in Mexico City immediately after that city legalized abortion became visible. According to one account: "At the end of the Mass, which was offered for aborted children... While many of the faithful were taking photographs of the tilma of Tepeyac, exposed and venerated in the Basilica... the image of the Virgin began to erase itself, to give place to an intense

light which emanated from her abdomen, constituting a brilliant halo having the form of an embryo. Below, centered and enlarged, one can appreciate the location of the light which shone from the stomach of the Virgin and is not a reflection, or [otherwise] an artifact."

Engineer, Luis Girault, who studied the picture and confirmed the authenticity of the negative, was able to specify that it had not been modified or altered, i.e: by superimposition of another image. He determined that the image does not come from any reflection, but originates from inside Mary. The produced light is very white, pure and intense, different from habitual photographic lights produced by flashes. The light, encircled with a halo, appears to float inside Mary's abdomen. The halo has the form and measurements of an embryo. If we again examine the picture by making it turn in a sagittal plane, we perceive inside the halo some areas of shade that are characteristic of a human embryo in the maternal womb.



9. Our Lady of Guadalupe and the miraculous roses.

The Spanish rulers of the native population were brutal, and war between them seemed inevitable. In 1531, the archbishop of Mexico City, Juan de Zumárraga prayed to Our Lady for peace. As a sign that his petition would be granted, he asked to receive roses native to his home region of Castile, Spain.

Our Lady told Juan Diego to present Bishop Zumárraga her request that a church be built for her on the hill of Tepeyac (now part of Mexico City) where people could receive God's grace. Bishop Zumárraga was skeptical of Diego's account and asked that Our Lady produce a sign verifying her identity.

That afternoon, Mary instructed Juan Diego to return the next day (December 11th) and she would provide proof. That night, however, Diego's uncle became deathly ill, and Diego never returned. Early the morning of December 12th, Diego journeyed to Tlatleloco to find a priest so his uncle could confess his sins before dying. In doing so, he passed Tepeyac Hill. Afraid Mary would interrupt his errand, he went to the other side of the hill, but Our Lady came to meet him.

Mary assured Diego his uncle would recover. She told him to go to the top of the hill and gather the flowers there. Diego discovered, growing in the frozen earth, a miraculous garden of castilian roses not native to Mexico. Diego brought them to Mary, who arranged them in his tilma, with instructions that he take them to the bishop. Before Bishop Zumárraga, Juan Diego opened his cloak. The roses fell to the floor revealing the image of Mary. The Bishop's prayers had been answered.

10. Mary's conversion of millions counteracted Luther's Reformation.

Our Lady's urgent message was one of faith, hope and comfort to the indigenous population oppressed by their Spanish overseers. In a matter of months, she ended the Aztec culture's cult of death. The Aztec religion involved human sacrifice on an unthinkable scale. In the decade following her appearance, ten million Indians converted to Catholicism, creating a vibrant community of faith that persists to the present day.

In Europe, the Protestant Reformation raged, dividing the Church and causing millions to turn to Protestantism. At the moment that millions in Europe were being torn from the Church founded by Christ, God was arranging for twice as many in the New World to be brought into it. By divine Providence, Our Lady was creating unity and a wellspring of deep devotion among the faithful in Mexico. Her words to Juan Diego, "My dear child. Am I not here, I, who am your Mother? Are you not under my shadow and protection? Am I not the source of your joy? Are you not in the hollow of my mantle, in the crossing of my arms?", made him, and his fellow Indians, in every way the Spaniards equals in dignity.

Christmas Spiritual Bouquet

The following will be remembered in ALL THE MASSES offered at St. John in observance of Christmas:



Wayne Agsalda	M / M Henry DeCosta & Family	William & Arlene Rodenhurst
Eddie Ahkuoi	Catherine & Alex DeJesus	† Estela Rodriguez
† Jane Alukonis	Beth Fukuda	Patricia Rodriguez
Maria Amaral	† John Kekapu & † Mary Kuulei,	Margie & Jonathan Romasanta
Richard Agbanlog	† Marian Lurline Gora	Abraham Romero
Pearl Bates	Adrienne Gregory`	Hiram Romero
Angie Benitez & Family	Helen & Shirley & † Ben Guerrero	Isabel Romero
Augustus V. Benitez	Kelly & Elle Higa	Isis Romero
M / M Casimiro Benitez & Family	Rhys Higa	Alexis & Wallace Salvador
M / M Manuel Rey Benitez & Family	Domi Kekiwi & Family	Uncle Mar & Auntie Rita Sango
Mr. Pablito Benitez & Family	Lindsey, Grant, Emma, Mary & Kolten Kohagura	Suzen Sieben
Paul A. Bryante	Ib & Joan Madsen	Margaret K. Stafford
Sunny & Alexander, Anson, Eli Cabellow	Elizabeth K. Muller	Jolly Guerrero- Tano
Dalila Castillo	Clorinda Nakashima	Tano Family
† Julian Castillo	Belinda Nakata & Family	McGarry- Gallogly- Barbour- Tatistcheff Family
Maria de Jesus Castillo	Kim Noveloso & Family	Hyun Underwood
Martha Castillo	The Orara Family	Manang Modesta Yadao
Lulu & Danny Clark	Genie Pacheco	Kim Zettle & Family
The Crisostomo Family	Victor Peroff	Deb & Ron Zedalis
Elvie & Virgil	Elena Rivas	
† Kiddy DeCoster		

PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS



Misa de Gallo: December 19 - 24 (5:00 am) - Celebrants: Dec 19- Fr. Boniface Sakala; Dec 20- Fr. Edmund Barut; Dec 21- Fr. Bruce Roby; Dec 22- Bishop Larry; Dec 23- Fr. Norlito Concepcion; Dec 24- Fr. Romple Emwalu.

The Parish Office will be closed on Thursday, December 23 in observance of Christmas Eve and Friday, December 24 in observance of Christmas.

St. John Apostle & Evangelist Feast Day will be celebrated on Monday Dec 27 with the celebration of Mass at 6 pm. Bishop Larry will be presiding at the 6 pm Mass. Please join us!

Food Pantry— If you or someone you know needs food assistance, we can help! Come see us on **Tuesday, December 28 from 10 am - 12 noon** in front of the One Community Center.

Religious give thanks. A sister writes, "Our prayers belong most of all to the generous benefactors whose donations have made this financial assistance possible." Thank you for supporting last week's Retirement Fund for the Religious collection. Visit retiredreligious.org to learn how your gifts supports elderly sisters, brothers, and religious order priests. **Mahalo!**



Remember a loved one by making a flower offering this Christmas. Envelopes are available in the back of the church, or you may also make a donation online by visiting our parish website, clicking on "Online Giving."

SJAE Library: "Need Advent materials for you or your children? Check out books/DVD at our church office!"

Confessions are held every Saturday from 4:00—4:30 pm and by appointment.

If you are able to help sanitize after Mass, please meet in front of the Chapel after Mass. **Mahalo!**

Altar Servers: Please consider sharing your time and talent: we are looking for altar servers for the following Mass times: **Saturday - 5 pm & Sunday - 11 am and 6 pm** During Advent and Christmas Season, if you are an altar server alumni and want to serve, you are welcome. If you are interested, contact: Angela-altarssjae@gmail.com.

Advent & Christmas Calendar Events

December 19-24: Misa de Gallo, 5 AM

Christmas is a Holy Day of Obligation

December 24: Christmas Eve Masses: 6 PM, Midnight (Livestream) Mass

December 25: Christmas Day Masses: 7AM, 9 AM, 11 AM (Livestream) (No Evening Mass)

December 26: Feast of the Holy Family (Regular Sunday Mass Schedule)

December 27: St. John Apostle & Evangelist Feast Day Masses: 8 AM and 6 PM (Livestream) (Bishop Larry will preside at the 6 PM Mass)

December 30: 8 AM Mass of Thanksgiving

Fr. Anthony Rapozo's 10th Ordination Anniversary

January 1: The Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God, 8 AM

January 2: Epiphany of the Lord (Regular Sunday Mass Schedule)

January 9: Baptism of the Lord (Regular Sunday Mass Schedule)

Don't know what to give a loved one this Christmas?

How about the Spiritual Gift of a Mass!

As a Spiritual Gift, a loved one will be remembered in ALL THE MASSES offered at St. John in observance of Christmas.

Christmas Mass Offering Set: \$20

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Please contact the parish office to purchase a Mass offering set.



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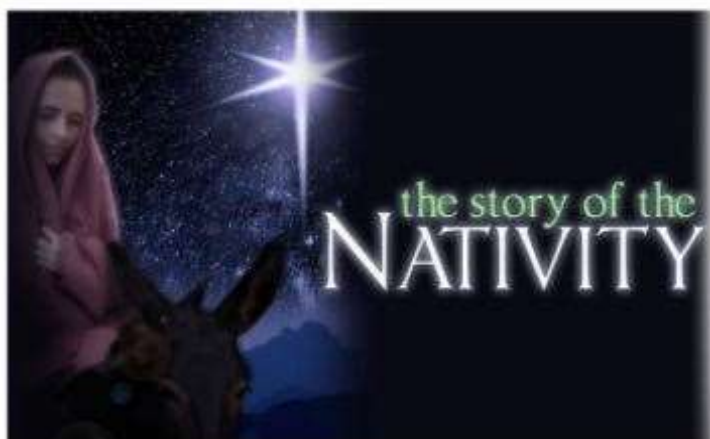
PICK OF THE WEEK

December 19, 2021

WATCH

CHRISTMAS IN ROME: A CELEBRATION OF THE NATIVITY

Nowhere celebrates the birth of the Savior like Rome. This Christmas, marvel at the Holy City's festive celebration of the coming of the child Jesus in Bethlehem.



THE STORY OF THE NATIVITY: THE TRUTH OF CHRISTMAS

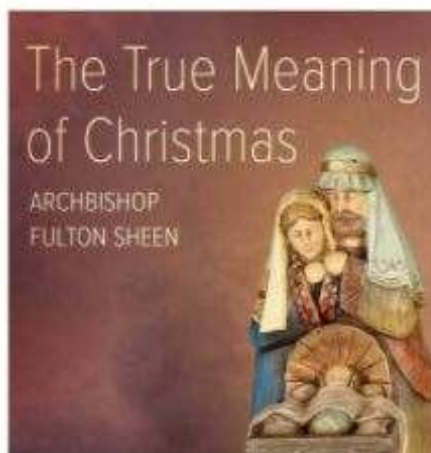
Christmas is so much more than a humdrum story we've heard since childhood. Join top scholars, speakers, and authors as they explain the gravity of Christ's miraculous birth.

LEARN

LISTEN

THE TRUE MEANING OF CHRISTMAS BY FULTON SHEEN

This presentation combines recordings of Fulton Sheen's timeless reflections on the meaning of Christmas, mixed with Gregorian chant and seasonal music. It is sure to become a family favorite!



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