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DAILY ADVENT REFLECTIONS can be automatically sent to your email Inbox. Register at:

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Children's Advent Reflections are also available!

WATCH movies and documentaries

- **Mary of Nazareth** 2 hours 41 min. *Mary of Nazareth* is an epic motion picture on the life of Mary, Mother of Christ, from her childhood through the Resurrection of Jesus.
- **Joseph of Nazareth** 1 hour 47 min. The first feature film ever on the story of St. Joseph, this lovely film presents beautiful vignettes of powerful scenes in the life of the young Christ and the Holy Family that are authentic and inspiring.
- **The Story of the Nativity** 59 min. Join top scholars, inspirational speakers, and popular authors as they explain the story of the birth of Jesus. Film includes stunning works of art depicting the biblical story, and footage from the Holy Land showing the places where the Christmas story actually took place.

VIDEOS FOR CHILDREN

- **Nicholas: The Boy Who Became Santa** 27 min. The beautiful animated story of the boy whose love and care for others led him to become known as Santa Claus.
- **Brother Francis: O Holy Night** 27 min. Celebrate the wonder and joy of Christmas with Brother Francis in this heartwarming animated presentation of the birth of God's Son! Witness the moving submission of Mary, Joseph, and others as they make way for our Savior.

LISTEN to audio books

- **The Mystery of Christmas** Fr. Larry Richards 61 min. With humor, compassion, and clarity, Fr. Larry gets to the heart of the true meaning of Christmas and helps us to appreciate better the immensity of God's love for us as His children.
- **The True Meaning of Christmas** Archbishop Fulton J. Sheen 57 min. This digitally-mastered presentation combines classic recordings of the beloved archbishop's timeless reflections on the meaning of the Incarnation of Jesus, mixed with Gregorian chant and seasonal music. It is sure to become a family favorite!

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- **Mary: God's Yes to Man** St. Pope John Paul II's Encyclical Letter: *Redemptoris Mater* Celebrating Advent means becoming Marian, imitating Mary's unconditional Yes. The three parts of the encyclical include "Mary in the Mystery of Christ," "The Mother of God in the Midst of the Pilgrim Church," and "Motherly Mediation."
- **Come, Lord Jesus: Meditations on the Art of Waiting** Mother Mary Francis, P.C.C. These daily Advent reflections focus our attention on the coming of Jesus into our lives. There is a double movement to this coming: both our active preparation to be ready for him and our patient waiting for the Lord to arrive in his own time. (note: Sunday cycle starting Dec. 2, 2018 is Year C)
- **The Year and Our Children: Catholic Family Celebrations for Every Season** Mary Reed Newland's insights, lessons, and stories include special ideas for Advent and the Christmas season. Learn how to make an Advent wreath—and how to make it more than just a pretty ornament. Teach your children and grandchildren about the real Santa (the one who was a bishop), and how to celebrate all twelve days of Christmas, giving them a holy wonder that will continue long after all the presents have been opened and the wrapping thrown away.