



### ON THE WAY HOME FROM MASS TODAY

The Shepherds were the first to come see the baby Jesus, but soon the Three Magi came to bring him gifts of gold, frankincense and myrrh.

### CATECHISM OF THE CATHOLIC CHURCH: THE CHRISTMAS MYSTERY

Jesus was born in a humble stable, into a poor family. Simple shepherds were the first witnesses to this event. In this poverty heaven's glory was made manifest. The Church never tires of singing the glory of this night:

The Virgin today brings into the world the Eternal, and the earth offers a cave to the Inaccessible. The angels and shepherds praise him, and the Magi advance with the star, for you are born for us Little Child, God eternal!

To become a child in relation to God is the condition for entering the kingdom. For this, we must humble ourselves and become little. Even more: to become "children of God" we must be "born from above" or "born of God". Only when Christ is formed in us will the mystery of Christmas be fulfilled in us. Christmas is the mystery of this "marvelous exchange".

O marvelous exchange! Man's Creator has become man, born of the Virgin. We have been made sharers in the divinity of Christ who humbled himself to share our humanity.

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WHO CAME TO SEE THE BABY JESUS IN THE MANGER?

### DURING THE WEEK

Remember to visit the baby Jesus during the Christmas season. You do this if you have a manger scene at home, when you see his picture in books or on Christmas Cards, or when you visit the Church.



### ON THE WAY TO MASS NEXT SUNDAY

Who Baptized Jesus?