

Month 3
Due Date: 12/31

December Bible Study

Pages to Read:

Luke 2:1-22
(Pages 306-312)

December

Theme: Advent/Christmas

- Family Reflection Questions:
 - **Verses 1-7**
 - When you think about Christmas, is Christ the first thing that comes to mind? How can your family hone in on Christ this Advent/Christmas season?
 - **The House of Christmas**
 - What stood out to you from the poem?
 - What is this poem about?
 - **No Place for them at the Inn**
 - What does Joseph Ratzinger say is “one aspect of becoming a Christian”?
 - Why is this so difficult?
 - **Jesus vs. Caesar**
 - Highlight and discuss whatever stands out to you.
 - What view of Christmas do you have? Is it one of nice angels singing softly and a warm comfy barn with some animals that magically don’t smell? How does Bishop Barron portray the birth of Jesus and what can we learn from this?
 - “The power that animates the divine cosmos has much more to do with emptying of self than with pampering of self.” What motivates you more – doing something in order to get “back” to being comfortable? Or serving for the sake of love for another?
 - “Every system of domination, every political or cultural tyranny, is predicated upon the fear of punishment.” Why do you obey your parents or serve your siblings? Is it simply fear of punishment? Or is it love? Maybe a little of both? How can we shift our motivation.

