



**December**  
**The Nativity of Jesus**  
*Remembering the Manger*

*A prayer for a faculty meeting in December*

**Let us remember... ALL: That we are in the holy presence of God**

**Reader 1:**

Jesus is born in a stable. The Most Blessed Virgin brings him into the world in a place where she finds no comfort or any human help and where there is no other bed for this newborn child than a manger. *(De La Salle's Meditaion 86.1 The Nativity of Jesus Christ)*

**Pause to reflect:** *The manger is a feeding trough. It is food that is placed in the manger. What might be the significance of the newborn Jesus being placed in the manger?*

**ALL:** Come Lord Jesus. Come into the hearts of all those in need of hope and consolation. Expand our celebration of this sacred feast so as to include them in our thoughts, prayers, and outreach. *(www.Sadlier.com/Religion)*

**Reader 2:**

It is not enough for Jesus to be born poor. He likewise chose lowliness as his lot in this world...He wished to make his entry into the world in a place where he was unknown and where no attention would be paid either to him or to his holy mother, a place where he would be abandoned by everyone. *(De La Salle's Meditation 86.2 The Nativity of Jesus Christ)*

**Pause to reflect:** *The manger is a feeding trough. The food placed within it is not there for its own good but for the service of the hungry. How am I food for those entrusted to my care?*

**ALL:** Come Lord Jesus. Come into the lives of those bereft and overcome by hopelessness. Make your incarnate love, entering this world in the feed trough, real in us so that we become messengers of hope and promise. *(www.Sadlier.com/Religion)*

Reader 3:

Nothing draws souls to God more strongly than the poor and humble condition of those who wish to lead them to him. Why did the shepherds praise and bless God? Because they had seen a poor infant lying in a manger and because on seeing him, they had recognized, thanks to an interior light with which God enlightened them, that this infant was truly their savior...

*(De La Salle's Meditation 86.3 The Nativity of Jesus Christ)*

**Pause to reflect:** *Is my own demeanor that of the humble and poor infant lying in the manger? He started as food for the world and showed us the way and he is the way. Do those entrusted to my care see what he is when they are with me?*

**ALL:** Come Lord Jesus. Come into the wastelands of a world immersed in violence and self-interest. Bring us the light of your compassion, generosity, and peace so that we might become instruments of transformation. ([www.Sadlier.com/Religion](http://www.Sadlier.com/Religion))

**St. John Baptist de La Salle** ALL: Pray for us.  
**Live Jesus in our hearts** ALL: Forever

