



CHRISTMAS NOVENA 16TH DECEMBER

Opening Day Theme: *Waiting in Hope*

Leader:

O Lord of Promise, our Light in waiting, fill our hearts with steadfast hope as we pray and await Your coming.

Cantor: The Lord our king who is to come, come let us adore Him. *(Chant or recite)*

All: The Lord our king who is to come, come let us adore Him. *(Chant or recite)*

Scripture: Luke 1:26–38 Or (Luke 1:30-38)

Reflection: We begin this first day of our novena contemplating Mary's humble "Yes" as the doorway through which Christ entered our world. Her trust in God amidst uncertainty calls us to hope in the God of our life and destiny. In the quiet spaces of our hearts, may we let hope take roots while we pray Christ to be born anew in us.

Prayer to the Holy Family:

O Holy Family of Nazareth,
teach us to live with faith, hope, and love each day.
Help us to welcome Christ afresh into our hearts and homes,
May we reflect His light and love within our communities and to the entire world.
May the Angelic song of joy, singing glory to God
and peace to all people of good will, resound the earth. **Amen.**

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