



Now this is how the birth of Jesus Christ came about.

Mt 1:18

Dear Friends,

We hear this line that St. Matthew uses to transition from the genealogy of Jesus to the story of Mary and Joseph in the Gospel at the Vigil Mass for Christmas Eve. Although we may think we “*know*” the story already, each time we hear it, each time we celebrate this great mystery, we come to know more about it. Just as children long to hear their favorite stories and watch their favorite movies over and over again, we need to hear repeatedly the most important story, the story of God’s love for us. Let these days be filled with the retelling of God’s love in your home and in your prayers. For twelve whole days, we celebrate the birth of Jesus. May your hearts and families be filled with awe and wonder as we contemplate His tender abiding presence with us this Christmas season.

*May you have a beautiful and
blessed Christmas!*

Sincerely yours in Jesus Christ,



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