

# Generations of Faith

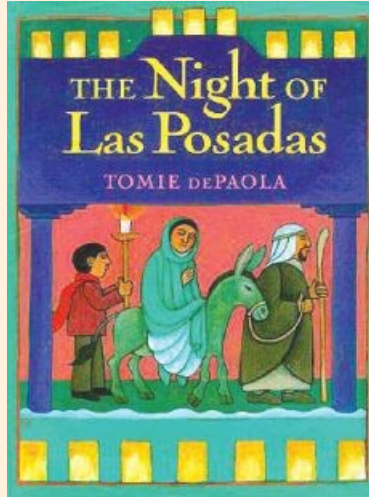
## Advent: Anticipating the Birth of Jesus



Sunday, December 16 ~ 9:30-10:45 am

### Animated Readings of Colorful Storybooks by Holiday Jester in Tradition of Saint Francis

Those who attended our Generations of Faith gathering in October will remember the presence of a catechetical character, specifically Francis of Assisi who was often called the “Jester of God” because of his evangelical living and witnessing as a holy fool. This character will return in full vesture as the “Holiday Jester of God” to fulfill his central occupational purpose of storytelling, reading delightfully illustrated books for youngsters that depict events leading up to the Birth of Jesus including The Night of Las Posadas by Tomie dePaola. Animating this event will be Anthony Franchina who lived and worked with the Franciscans of the Holy Land in Washington and Jerusalem. Kids of all ages are welcome!



### Whole Community Catechesis:

- Draws the whole parish community into a faith journey of ongoing learning and conversion.
- Serves as a resource center for households of faith, where faith is lived every day.
- “We are called to be intentional followers of Christ, nourishing our hearts and souls through lifelong faith formation.”






*Parish Identity statement*

### Chili Cookoff!

Prior to the evening session, Generations of Faith will host a **Chili Cookoff**. If you are interested in bringing a batch of your best Chili or plan to join us for dinner, let us know by [clicking here](#) or call the parish office at (937) 433-1013. Deadline to RSVP is December 12.

### Parish Vision:

Christ calls us to a future of greater:

- Loving 
- Lifting 
- Listening 
- Learning 
- Leading 

Sunday, December 16 ~ 6:00-8:00 pm

### Journey to Bethlehem to Pray Contemplatively with Icon of the Birth of Jesus in Grotto of the Nativity

With the Advent disposition of joyful expectation, you are cordially invited to a gathering that will be characterized by sacred stillness and silence in order to embark upon a virtual pilgrimage to the Holy Land for the purpose of praying contemplatively with a multidimensional icon of the Birth of Jesus in the Grotto of the Nativity in Bethlehem. Our guide will be Anthony Franchina who lived and worked with the Franciscans of the Holy Land for the unfolding of the Great Jubilee of the Year 2000. Contextualized during this gathering will be how he was guided by an Eastern Orthodox monk to appreciate the wondrous breadth and depth of this particular icon that pilgrims might see when venerating the “Star of Bethlehem” i.e., the actual spot where it is believed that Mary gave birth to Jesus.



All Are Welcome!!