



# NATIVITY OF THE LORD - PROPER I

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Isaiah 9:2-7 • Psalm 96  
Titus 2:11-14  
Luke 2:1-14, (15-20)



In those days a decree went out  
from Emperor Augustus that all the  
world should be registered.

Luke 2:1



The Census at Bethlehem -- Pieter Bruegel the Elder, Brussels Museum of Fine Arts, Brussels, Belgium

Joseph also went ... to the city of David called Bethlehem, because he was descended from the house and family of David.

Luke 2:4ac





Difficult Journey – Transition to Bethlehem – Fritz von Uhde, Neue Pinakothek, Munich, Germany

He went to be registered with  
Mary, to whom he was engaged  
and who was expecting a child.

Luke 2:5





On the Eve of the Birth of Christ -- Michael Rieser, Austrian, 1869

While they were there, the time  
came for her to deliver her child.

Luke 2:6





No Room in the Inn -- Peter Busch, Sand sculpture, Canary Islands, Spain

And she gave birth to her firstborn son and wrapped him in bands of cloth, and laid him in a manger, because there was no place for them in the inn.

Luke 2:7



The Birth of Christ

Margret Hofheinz-Döring  
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In that region there were shepherds  
living in the fields, keeping watch  
over their flock by night.

Luke 2:8



Shepherdess (detail  
from Annunciation  
to the Shepherds)

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Then an angel of the Lord stood before them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were terrified.

Luke 2:9





Annunciation to the Shepherds

Heinrich Vogeler

But the angel said to them, "Do not be afraid; for see--I am bringing you good news of great joy for all the people:

Luke 2:10





Joy to the World, the Lord is Come -- Illustration from Dem. Republic of Congo

to you is born this day in the city of  
David a Savior, who is the Messiah,  
the Lord.

Luke 2:11



Christ is Born

Father Georges Saget  
Keur Moussa Abbey  
Keur Moussa, Senegal



This will be a sign for you: you will find a child wrapped in bands of cloth and lying in a manger."

Luke 2:12

Birth of Christ

Martin Schongauer  
Gemaldegalerie  
Berlin, Germany



And suddenly there was with the  
angel a multitude of the heavenly  
host, praising God and saying,

Luke 2:13



Filipino painting  
from display of  
enculturated  
sacred art

Manila Cathedral  
Manila,  
Philippines



"Glory to God in the highest  
heaven, and on earth peace  
among those whom he favors!"

Luke 2:14



Annunciation to the  
Shepherds

Les Tres Riches  
Heures du duc de  
Berry  
Musée Condé  
Chantilly, France





... the shepherds said to one another, "Let us go now to Bethlehem and see this thing that has taken place, which the Lord has made known to us."

Luke 2:15b



Birth of Jesus with the Shepherds -- JESUS MAFA, Cameroon

So they went with haste and found  
Mary and Joseph, and the child  
lying in the manger.

Luke 2:16





Adoration of the Child -- Gerard van Honthorst, Uffizi Gallery, Florence, Italy

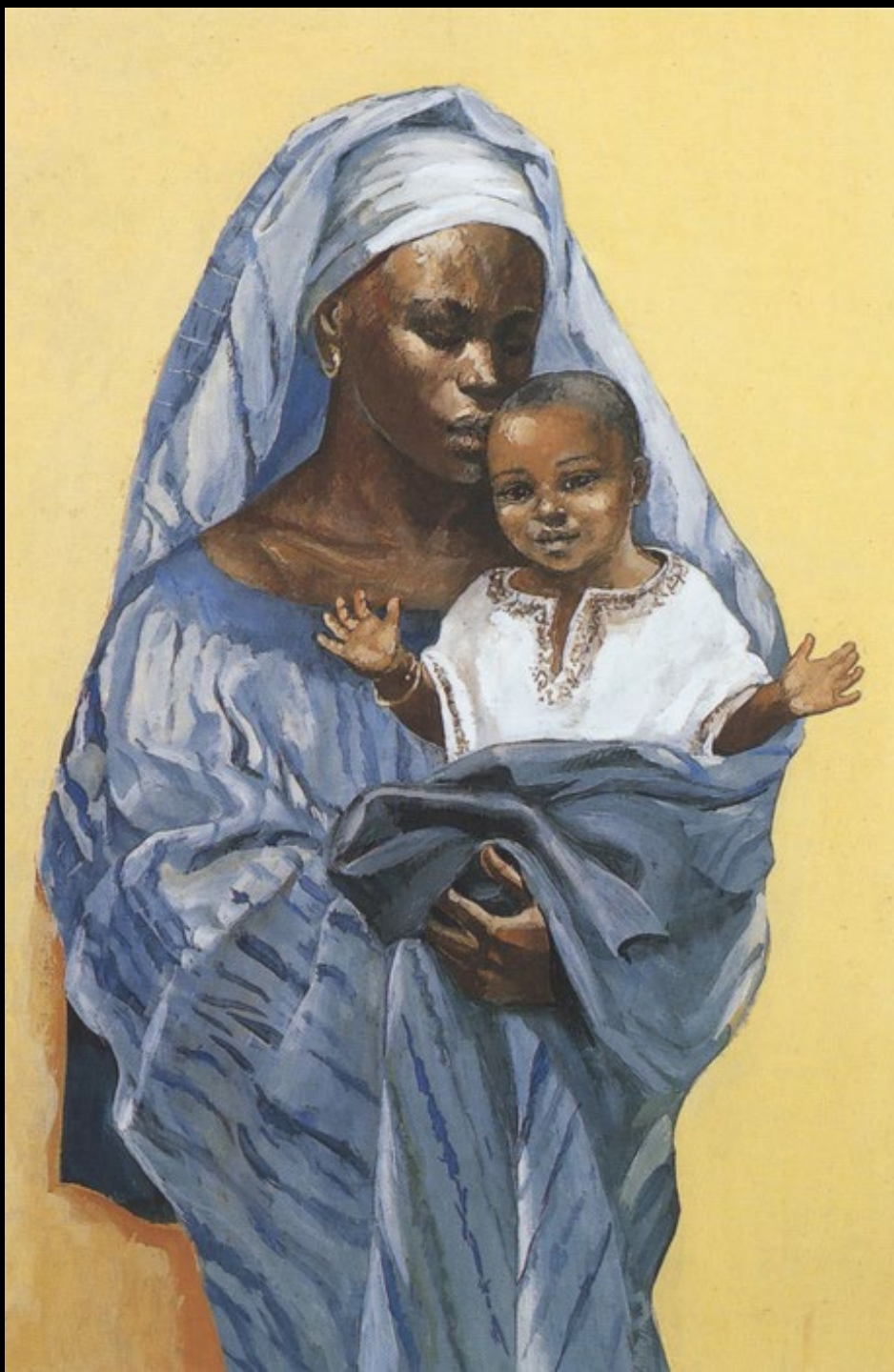
When they saw this, they made known what had been told them about this child; and all who heard it were amazed ...

Luke 2:17, 18a

But Mary treasured all these words  
and pondered them in her heart.

Luke 2:19





Madonna and Child

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