

O Come Let Us Adore Him



Blessing of Nativity Creches, 2025

The Order for the Blessing of a Christmas Manger or Nativity Scene can be found in The Book of Blessings, Chapter 48, pages 659-668.
(The Shorter Rite is on pages 667-668)

There should be **NO BLESSING** of the **indoor** Nativity crèches at either of the Vigil Masses (4:00 PM at St. Victor's or 4:30 PM at Transfiguration) on Christmas Eve. The statue of the Infant Jesus should **NOT** be placed in the manger of the indoor crèches at either of the Vigil Masses.

The **outdoor** crèches at each church may be blessed and the statue of the Infant Jesus placed in them at the conclusion of the Vigil Masses (4:00 PM at St. Victor's and 4:30 PM at Transfiguration) on Christmas Eve at the discretion of the priest celebrant (weather permitting).

The **indoor** Nativity crèche at Transfiguration **WILL** be blessed at the beginning of the **8:00 PM Christmas Day Mass**, at which time the statue of the Infant Jesus should be placed in the manger.

There should **NOT** be a re-blessing of the indoor Transfiguration crèche at the 9:00 AM Mass on Christmas morning.

The **indoor** Nativity crèche at St. Victor's **WILL** be blessed at the beginning of the **11:00 AM Christmas Day Mass**, at which time the statue of the Infant Jesus should be placed in the manger.