



The Infant Jesus Novena

Fr. Justin Rosary Hour

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*Dear Friends, Benefactors and Supporters of the Rosary Hour,
Praised be Jesus Christ!*

We write to you with great joy. **Christmas is coming.** We are preparing for the birth of our Savior.

*Silent night, holy night, all is calm, all is bright.
Round yon Virgin Mother and Child.
Holy Infant, so tender and mild,
Sleep in heavenly peace, sleep in heavenly peace.*

How beautiful and simple these words are. They express the ever-watchful desire to see the Infant Jesus, God – the Son of God, and a Man at the same time – Mary's Son. What a beautiful view: a sky decorated with stars, silence filled with profound peace, and in a poor stable in Mary's arms is resting the most beautiful Child – our Lord. Our Lady's sight is directed toward the Infant Jesus, and Her face is radiating with abundant love. Like this little Child, we gaze at the Mother with trust, and want to give ourselves to Her care. She knows how to open a heart and give shelter to a defenseless one.



Do you see the same picture? If we only turn to Mary, She will open our hearts, She will teach us to love and to serve. Through Her intercession, we can better prepare for the meeting with Jesus.

May the coming Christmas be a time of recollection and reflection. May it be a time of joy and hope. Let us remember that the Son of God came down to earth to show us the way to heaven, to salvation, to gain our minds, hearts, and souls.

We all experience both joys and sorrows in our everyday lives. Many of us have had broken hearts. **Looking at the love of Christ and sympathizing with each other in prayer, we can be assured that our joys will be greater and our sorrows less.** As one great family with the *Rosary Hour* and the *Companions of St. Anthony* we can support each other. This is why we encourage you to adore the Newborn Savior and to take part in our **NOVENA TO THE INFANT JESUS**. Send us the reply card with your prayer intentions and thanks to the Lord today. **Throughout the nine days novena from the Christmas Eve, December 24th to the Solemnity of the Mother of God, January 1, 2022, your intention cards will be lying in the hay by the statue of the Infant Jesus, and each day the Franciscans will be praying and celebrating Holy Mass for these special intentions recommended by you.**

Your gift for the Infant Jesus allows us to follow in the footsteps of St. Francis and Fr. Justin. We can share brotherly love and preach the Gospel message of peace and all good.

On behalf of our entire community, we wish you and your loved ones a joyful, and healthy Christmas, blessings from the Infant Jesus and a happy New Year 2022!

We offer you our sincere best wishes and look forward to your reply.

May the Merciful God bless you for the generosity of your heart.

With prayer and gratitude,

Br. Daniel Geary, OFM Conv.

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and the *Companions of St. Anthony*