



## Vox Populi

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The Nativity of the Lord is the celebration of the Birth of Jesus Christ.

It marks the moment of Christ becoming flesh, in an act of almost unfathomable humility.

Pope Benedict XVI would reflect on this profound moment, pondering what the Incarnation truly meant.

"'God stoops down'. This is a prophetic word. That night in Bethlehem, it took on a completely new meaning," he said in his homily during Midnight Mass on Christmas in 2008.

"God's stooping down became real in a way previously inconceivable. He stoops down – he himself comes down as a child to the lowly stable, the symbol of all humanity's neediness and forsakenness. God truly comes down.

"He becomes a child and puts himself in the state of complete dependence typical of a newborn child. The Creator who holds all things in his hands, on whom we all depend, makes himself small and in need of human love. God is in the stable."

Through the Incarnation, we come to know God's true love for us and are invited into relationship with Him.

It is this love we must carry into the world, becoming bearers of the Good News and spreading a message of peace, which is sorely needed in our world.

The Christmas Season is a time of joy and celebration, a time of renewal in our mission, and a time of growing deeper in our relationship with God.