

# Celebrating Christmas

Keep these ideas in mind as you study **Unit 3, Session 15**.

The word *Christmas* means “Mass of Christ.”

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Christmas is a reminder that we are each called to live a holy life.

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Christmas is a time of celebration. We rejoice in the birth of Jesus and reflect on this wonderful gift God has shared with us.

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The Feast of the Holy Family is on the Sunday after Christmas. It honors Mary, Joseph, and Jesus and also celebrates our own families.

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The liturgical color for the season of Christmas is white.

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During Christmas the Holy Family is represented by a Nativity scene.

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The Christmas season celebrates Jesus’ birth, his baptism, and his manifestation in the world.

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The Feast of the Epiphany marks the day that Jesus was visited by the Magi.

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The Magi traveled to Jesus for nearly a year.

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The word *epiphany* means “to come to a new understanding.”

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