

Christmas Schedule of the Catholic Church in Bethlehem 2022-2023

(Basilica of the of the Nativity, Church of Saint Catherine and other Sanctuaries in Bethlehem)

December 15 - 23

Church of Saint Catherine 02 274 2423 **14:00** Christmas Novena

December 24 (Friday)

Tomb of Rachel

13:00 His Beatitude Pierbattista Pizzaballa, Patriarch of the Latin Patriarchate of Jerusalem is welcomed by the Latin parish priests and representatives of Bethlehem, Beit Jala and Beit Sahour

Manger Square

13:30 Solemn entry of the Patriarch into the Basilica of the Nativity and the Church of Saint Catherine followed by First Vespers

Church of Saint Catherine

16:00 Daily procession to the Grotto of the Nativity

21:00 The church open (*admission tickets required*)

23:30 Office of Readings

00:00 Midnight Mass (*admission tickets required*)

December 25 (Saturday)

Manger Grotto

00:00 Parish Mass in Arabic (*admission tickets required*)

Church of Saint Catherine

01:30 Procession to the Grotto of the Nativity

Manger Grotto

02:30 Masses every 30 minutes (*different languages; tickets not required*)

interruption at 5:30 until approximately at 7:00 then resumes until 16:30

Church of Saint Catherine

07:30 Parish Mass in Arabic

10:00 Christmas Mass (Arabic and Latin)

14:00 Pilgrimage to the Greek Orthodox and Franciscan Shepherd's Field

December 26, Feast of the Holy Family

Manger Grotto

04:55 Holy Mass; **07:30** Holy Mass (*Participation of groups is not possible*)

Church of Saint Catherine

07:30 Parish Mass in Arabic

09:00 Parish Mass in Arabic

11:00 Holy Mass in Arabic

17:30 Christmas Carols (Church of Saint Francis)

December 27, Feast of Saint John the Apostle

Manger Grotto

04:55 Holy Mass **07:30** Holy Mass (*Participation of groups is not possible*)

Church of Saint Catherine

9:00 Holy Mass in Arabic

December 28, Feast of the Holy Innocents

Manger Grotto

04:55; 07:30 Holy Mass (*Participation of groups is not possible*)

Church of Saint Catherine

7:30 Holy Mass in Arabic (Grotto of the Holy Innocents)

10:00 Solemn Mass in Latin (Grotto of the Holy Innocents)

14:00 Second Vespers in the Grotto of the Holy Innocents

December 29, Octave of Christmas

Manger Grotto 04:55 Holy Mass; 07:30 Holy Mass (*Participation for groups is not possible*)
Shepherd's Field 16:30 Holy Mass in Arabic in commemoration of the shepherds

December 30, Octave of Christmas

Manger Grotto 04:55 Holy Mass; 07:30 Holy Mass (*Participation for groups is not possible*)
Church of Saint Catherine 7:30 Parish Mass in Arabic

December 31, New Year's Eve

Manger Grotto 04:55 Holy, Mass; 09:00 Holy Mass (*Participation of groups is not possible*)
Church of Saint Catherine 14:00 Vespers followed by Procession to the Grotto of the Nativity
16:00 Eucharistic Adoration
17:00 Holy Mass of Thanksgiving in Arabic

2023

January 1, Solemnity of Mary, The Holy Mother of God

Manger Grotto 4:55 Holy Mass; 07:30 Holy Mass (*Participation of groups is not possible*)
Church of Saint Catherine 10:00 Solemn Mass in Arabic followed by the Procession to the Milk Grotto with the icon of the Blessed Virgin Mary
17:00 Parish Mass in Arabic (Church of Saint Francis)

January 2

Church of Saint Catherine 07:30 Parish Mass in Arabic
09:00 Parish Mass in Arabic
11:00 Parish Mass in Arabic

January 3

Church of Saint Catherine 16:30 Holy Mass (Grotto of Saint Joseph)

January 4

Church of Saint Catherine 16:30 Parish Mass in Arabic

January 5, Eve of Epiphany

Manger Grotto 04:55 Holy Mass; 07:30 Holy Mass (*Participation of groups is not possible*)

Church of Saint Catherine 07:30 Parish Mass in Arabic
Tomb of Rachel 11:00 The Custos of the Holy Land is welcomed by the Latin priests and representatives of Bethlehem

Church of Saint Catherine 11:30 Solemn Entry of the Custos of the Holy Land into Manger Square, the Basilica of the Nativity and the Church of Saint Catherine
13:45 First Vespers and Procession to the Grotto of the Nativity
15:30 Office of Readings and Procession to the Grotto of the Nativity

January 6, Epiphany

Manger Grotto 02:30 Masses every 30 minutes with interruption at 01:00 until 02:30 approximately then resume until 08:45

Church of Saint Catherine 08:00 Holy Mass in Arabic
10:00 Solemn Mass in Latin and Arabic
15:30 Second Vespers and Solemn Procession to the Grotto and Veneration of the Infant Jesus with gifts of gold, frankincense and myrrh