Jesse Tree Reading Plan

Here is a 40-day Jesse Tree reading plan for the Eastern Catholic Nativity Fast, which starts on November 15 and leads up to Christmas on December 25. Each day includes a passage and a highlighted virtue or theme associated with the story. This reading plan celebrates the lineage and journey leading to the birth of Jesus Christ.

Week 1

1. **Creation** – Genesis 1:1-2:3 | **Virtue:** Wonder
2. **The Fall of Man** – Genesis 3:1-24 | **Virtue:** Repentance
3. **Noah's Ark** – Genesis 6:5-22, 7:1-24 | **Virtue:** Obedience
4. **God's Promise to Noah** – Genesis 9:8-17 | **Virtue:** Hope
5. **The Tower of Babel** – Genesis 11:1-9 | **Virtue:** Humility
6. **God Calls Abram** – Genesis 12:1-7 | **Virtue:** Faith
7. **The Covenant with Abraham** – Genesis 15:1-6 | **Virtue:** Trust

Week 2

8. **The Sacrifice of Isaac** – Genesis 22:1-18 | **Virtue:** Surrender
9. **Jacob's Ladder** – Genesis 28:10-17 | **Virtue:** Awe
10. **Joseph's Dreams** – Genesis 37:1-36 | **Virtue:** Courage
11. **Joseph in Egypt** – Genesis 41:1-36 | **Virtue:** Perseverance
12. **Joseph Forgives His Brothers** – Genesis 45:1-15 | **Virtue:** Forgiveness
13. **Moses and the Burning Bush** – Exodus 3:1-12 | **Virtue:** Holiness
14. **The Passover** – Exodus 12:1-28 | **Virtue:** Deliverance

Week 3

15. **Crossing the Red Sea** – Exodus 14:10-31 | **Virtue:** Freedom
16. **The Ten Commandments** – Exodus 20:1-21 | **Virtue:** Righteousness
17. **The Promised Land** – Numbers 14:1-9 | **Virtue:** Vision
18. **Rahab and the Spies** – Joshua 2:1-21 | **Virtue:** Mercy
19. **Ruth's Loyalty to Naomi** – Ruth 1:1-18 | **Virtue:** Loyalty
20. **Samuel's Call** – 1 Samuel 3:1-18 | **Virtue:** Listening
21. **David Anointed as King** – 1 Samuel 16:1-13 | **Virtue:** Leadership

Week 4

22. **David and Goliath** – 1 Samuel 17:1-51 | **Virtue:** Bravery
23. **God's Promise to David** – 2 Samuel 7:8-16 | **Virtue:** Covenant
24. **Solomon's Wisdom** – 1 Kings 3:4-15 | **Virtue:** Wisdom
25. **The Temple Built by Solomon** – 1 Kings 8:1-21 | **Virtue:** Reverence

26. **Elijah on Mount Carmel** – 1 Kings 18:17-39 | **Virtue:** Zeal
27. **Elisha and the Widow's Oil** – 2 Kings 4:1-7 | **Virtue:** Generosity
28. **Jonah and the Whale** – Jonah 1:1-17, 2:1-10 | **Virtue:** Obedience

Week 5

29. **Isaiah's Prophecy of the Messiah** – Isaiah 9:2-7 | **Virtue:** Hope
30. **Daniel in the Lion's Den** – Daniel 6:10-23 | **Virtue:** Faithfulness
31. **Nehemiah Rebuilds Jerusalem** – Nehemiah 2:1-8 | **Virtue:** Perseverance
32. **Esther's Courage** – Esther 4:10-17 | **Virtue:** Courage
33. **The Prophecy of the New Covenant** – Jeremiah 31:31-34 | **Virtue:** Renewal
34. **John the Baptist Prepares the Way** – Matthew 3:1-12 | **Virtue:** Preparation
35. **The Annunciation** – Luke 1:26-38 | **Virtue:** Obedience

Week 6

36. **Mary Visits Elizabeth** – Luke 1:39-56 | **Virtue:** Joy
37. **The Birth of John the Baptist** – Luke 1:57-80 | **Virtue:** Faithfulness
38. **Joseph's Dream** – Matthew 1:18-25 | **Virtue:** Trust
39. **Journey to Bethlehem** – Luke 2:1-5 | **Virtue:** Endurance
40. **The Nativity of Jesus** – Luke 2:6-20 | **Virtue:** Love

These daily readings provide a scriptural journey through the Old Testament prophecies, key figures, and events leading to the birth of Jesus Christ. Each story offers a virtue or theme, helping families focus on meaningful aspects of faith, character, and the anticipation of Christ's coming.