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MY DEAR SISTERS AND BROTHERS IN THE LORD,

Once again, we are celebrating the most wonderful time of the year. The weather is nice and cool, and the atmosphere is filled with joy and excitement. Festive decorations are everywhere and Christmas carols are in the airwaves. It is Christmas! Everyone is looking forward to a family get-together (just a month after Thanksgiving celebrations) where there will be good food, laughter and cheer – and of course, presents! No wonder why they always say “Tis the season to be jolly...” So, let us celebrate!

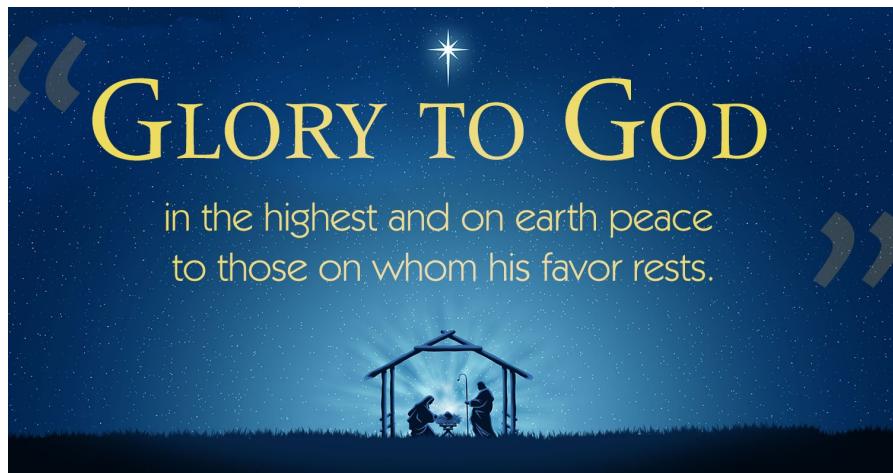
The most important reason for our celebration is the fulfillment of God’s promise to be with us. The prophet Isaiah declared: “A virgin shall bear a son, and He shall be called Emmanuel.” (Isaiah 7:14). We rejoice in the profound mystery of God’s love that was made manifest in the birth of Mary’s Child in Bethlehem – the great event that ushered in the greatest love story ever told. It is not easy to fathom the depth of this mystery – that God in all His glory became flesh and dwelt among His own creation through His beloved Son, Jesus Christ. The fact that the Savior was born in a way so bereft of grandeur – in a shabby manger surrounded by animals in a den – even made the event more unimaginable and yet more meaningful. His poverty did not take away His glory as shown by the presence of the Angels singing “Gloria in Excelsis Deo”.

On this very special day and in the midst of all the merry-making, let us not forget to spend a moment to contemplate the Nativity Scene – May, Joseph, and the Child. This scene speaks of the greatness of the love of God for us, and how this Holy Family became instrumental for the fulfillment of God’s plan. Let us allow their inspiration to permeate our hearts and move us to live in hope, peace, joy, and love. And may the light brought by the birth of Jesus dispel any darkness in our lives – fostering unity, peace, and charity among us.

I wish you and your loved ones a Blessed and Merry Christmas, and a joyous New Year, too.

In Jesus, Mary, and Joseph,
FR. ROMY

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- **Pastor:** Fr. Romy Dionisio
- **Associate Pastor:** Fr. John Udochukwu
- **Priest in Residence:** Fr. George Griener, S.J.
- **Deacons:** Colin F. Campbell & Mark Kriese

LITURGY SCHEDULE

Sunday Mass: 4:00PM Saturday (Vigil Mass); 7:00AM, 9:00AM, 11:00AM and 5:00PM.

Weekday Mass: Monday through Friday at 6:30AM and Saturday at 8:00AM.

Sacrament of Reconciliation: Wednesday 5:00PM-6:00PM, Saturday 9:00AM-10:00AM, and by appointment.

Eucharistic Adoration: Thursday from 7:00AM-9:00PM in the Convent Chapel

First Friday Adoration & Mass: 5:00PM Adoration, 6:00PM Mass (Church)

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Families For Caring Christmas Program

Thank you to each and every one of our generous parishioners who added to Christmas joy by giving to our less fortunate neighbors through our giving tree and delivering gifts. Merry Christmas to you all!

Flocknote

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