

Christmas Message 2020

Dear Brothers & Sisters in Christ:

We will soon be celebrating the birth of Jesus and once again the angels will acclaim their melody of love singing glory to God in the highest and peace to all people on earth. The Son of God comes to bring peace to our lives. I pray the Christ child brings joy and happiness to your families and loved ones this Christmas.

It has been a very difficult year for many. A deadly disease has disrupted the spiritual, social, and economic life of the world. Many are suffering and ill. And many have succumbed to it. When the wise men come to see the Christ child in the dark of night, not unlike the dark of this past year, they recognize their salvation has come. They see a great light coming to rescue them from the dark of the night.

There is an ancient Advent hymn that proclaims, "Cast away all dreams of darkness; welcome Christ the light of day." Christmas brings a new day. A new hope. He is born Emmanuel God with us. Let us go in haste to the manger and bring to Him any dreams of darkness, frustration, and worry of the past year. He will cast all worries away. He comes to bring us into the light of day. The light of Christmas!

All Christmas masses celebrated will be offered for the intentions of our families and loved ones, living and deceased, for the healing, safety, and well-being of all our parish and friends.

I thank you for your faith and devotion. For all that you have given in prayer, offerings, pledges, donations, service to your neighbour, food for the poor, clothing for those in need, offerings given to the tree of hope and reconciliation for our brothers and sisters of the First Nations on Manitoulin Island. And for being servants of Christ Emmanuel walking with Him into the light of day.

Merry Christmas!

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