

The Nativity of the Lord



Dear Parish Family,

As we celebrate the birth of Our Lord Jesus Christ, we rejoice that the eternal God, who holds the universe in His hand, entered our fragile humanity through the Blessed Virgin Mary. In this amazing mystery, the Infinite meets the finite, and the Eternal Word becomes flesh. It is a beautiful paradox of our faith: divine majesty hidden in humility, Light shining in the shadows of our world.

The hymn says, "A thrill of hope, the weary world rejoices." In these days of uncertainty and challenges of isolation, fear, sickness, suffering and loss, these words remind us that true hope does not come from our own efforts or world security. It comes from Christ Himself, the Light that cannot be overcome, the gentle Lord who offers rest to every heart that is tired or burdened.

Mary, the Blessed Mother, shows us the heart of hope: trusting in God's promises. Her faithful fiat opened the way for Jesus to enter our world, teaching us that following Him means keeping our hearts open to God.

Christ is our true "thrill of hope": forgiving sin, restoring dignity, bringing healing, and drawing us to eternal life. In Him, hope is renewed, peace is given, and joy is complete.

As we celebrate His birth, may we open our hearts to receive again the grace of the Incarnate Word. May our prayers, our love for one another, and our faithfulness to the Gospel allow His light to shine ever brighter in our homes and throughout our parish community.

On behalf of Fr. Frantzcy and our devoted parish staff, I wish you and your loved ones a holy, joyful, and blessed Christmas. To Christ the Lord, born of the Virgin Mary, be all glory, honor, and praise, now and forever.

With my prayers and blessings,
Fr. Vilaire Philius
Pastor

