

*For to us a child is born, to us a son is given, Wonderful Counsellor, Mighty God, Everlasting
Father, Prince of Peace. Is 9:6*

Dear Parishioners,

With deep joy and gratitude, I extend to you my prayerful best wishes for a holy and blessed Christmas. Whatever it is that our hearts and souls desire, whether we realize it or not, our ultimate desire is Jesus Himself, for this reason, we are filled with joy and consolation at Christmas to know that all that we hoped for has been fulfilled in the person of the Christ Child.

On that first Christmas, the angels praised God, saying, "Glory to God in the highest, and peace on earth to men of good will." The shepherds came and adored the newborn Savior. We too need to pause and treasure the gift of Christmas in our hearts.

Moreover, we must not let Christmas just be a passing day. Live in the spirit of Christmas each day. Reflect upon how to better treasure this gift each day by making prayer a critical part of your day.

Lastly as your pastor, I treasure the gift of you and the dedication, sacrifices, and hard work you have shown to make this parish a beacon of Christ's love.

May our Lord Jesus Christ, born in Bethlehem, bless you, your families and loved ones at this blessed time of hope and grace.

Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year 2022!

Rev. Lewis Carter