Christmas Message

“The Light of ‘Love’ has entered into our fleshly world through a woman who said, “YES” to God’s divine plan. It’s time for us to pause to see this Light and feel its warmth and celebrate its cause”.

I wish everyone a Holy and Blessed Christmas and Peaceful New Year. May the Love, Joy and Peace of “Our New Born King” be in your hearts and your homes. As we will celebrate Christmas Masses as one big parish family, each one of you can be sure and certain that you are all remembered at the Holy Sacrifice of the mass.

All the readings for all the various Christmas liturgies proclaim the same mystery. And that mystery of God pours out grace in the midst of it, moreover; he chooses to join us in our lives by becoming one of us. Jesus enters into life that we might do the same. Whatever the circumstances of your life right now ~ grief or joy, struggle or success, faith or doubt ~ Jesus has lived it himself, and he longs to live it with you. *Choose life with Jesus!* Let Him be born again in your heart. Allow Him to enter into your moments and give you the life for which you were created. Jesus became one of us so that we may have life.

I would like to thank all of our parishioners for your commitment to our parish this past year. The giving of your *time, talent* and *treasure* to the Lord continues to bear fruit for the Kingdom of God. I would also like to extend my gratitude to all who worked so hard to make our Christmas celebrations truly wonderful. Thanks to all who were involved in decorating our churches and setting up for the different liturgies, this season, and throughout the liturgical year. Also, a special *thank you* goes out to the devoted members of the various ministry’s in our parish, especially to those who work quietly, behind the scenes.

Christmas is a time for us to say, “thank you” Jesus for entering our world and bringing your light into our lives. Without you the world would be a place of darkness and shadows. Come Lord, fill our lives with your peace, joy and love.

May this time of Christmas be a special time with family and friends, and to acknowledge the ongoing presence of Jesus Christ in your lives.  May the profound mystery of Christmas fill your soul with a desire to always put Christ first in everything you do. *Come, thou long expected Jesus, Born to set thy people free! From our fears and sins release us, Let us find our rest in thee.*

**Merry Christmas & Happy New Year,**

**Hope, Peace, Joy and Love,**

**Fr. Arlan Parenteau**