

Pastor's Letter

December 28, 2025—The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary & Joseph

Dear Church Family,

"How beautiful upon the mountains are the feet of him who brings glad tidings, announcing peace, bearing good news, announcing salvation, and saying to Zion, 'Your God is King!'"

Chances are that if you have children in your home, you were awakened on Christmas Day by them bouncing on your bed at the crack of dawn and yelling Christmas greetings at you before running off to see what Santa brought them.



"Hark! Your sentinels raise a cry, together they shout for joy, for they see directly, before their eyes, the LORD restoring Zion."

The joyful anticipation that has been building for the last several weeks has finally come to fulfillment in the arrival of the Nativity of our Lord. All the preparations were complete. The decorations went up. The presents have been given. Family and friends gathered. But the celebration has just begun! With all the joyful activity we might lose sight of the heart of the holiday, which runs through epiphany, that is the reason for all of the festivity. We gather with our families because on Christmas day God moved to bring all humankind into his own family by taking human flesh and being born into the Holy Family. We give each other presents in imitation of the wise men because the Father has given us the gift of his only begotten Son for our salvation. We feast in celebration of the fact that God has satisfied the deepest hunger of our hearts, reconciliation and communion with him.

"And the Word became flesh and made his dwelling among us, and we saw his glory, the glory as of the Father's only Son, full of grace and truth."

I hope that at some point during this happy season you will take a moment to sit down with the people you love and reflect on this great mystery of God's generous love to us. Don't rush to put Christmas to rest. Open your Bible to chapter two of the Gospel of Luke and to chapter two of the Gospel of Matthew and listen again to that beautiful story of Mary and Joseph and angels and shepherds and wise men and let them add depth and meaning to your celebration.

"In times past, God spoke in partial and various ways to our ancestors through the prophets; in these last days, he has spoken to us through the Son."

In this season of joy, may our hearts be open to hear and receive the Word made flesh.

Blessings,
Fr. Scott

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