

A LETTER FROM FR. REJIMON K. BENEDICT



Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

Greetings to you, Peace, Joy, and Love on this most blessed Christmas season!

As we celebrate the birth of our Savior, let us reflect upon the profound message of the Gospel of Luke (Lk 2:1-14). In the humblest of conditions, in a manger at Bethlehem, the Son of God began His life in our world. That moment, marked by simplicity and profound tenderness, changed the course of history forever.

The story of Christ's birth reflects God's deep hope and peace for all humanity. From Joseph and Mary's journey to Bethlehem to the shepherds tending their flocks to the angel's glorious proclamation to humanity- all speak to the great love of God invading the everyday life of His people. The angel's announcement, "Do not be afraid; for behold, I bring you tidings of great joy," reverberates across time to reassure the present. In a world often shrouded by fear, division, and uncertainty, Christmas calls us to renew our hope, trust in divine providence, and work toward peace within our families, communities, and worldwide.

This Christmas, let us open our hearts to Christ as Mary and Joseph graciously opened their arms to welcome Him into their lives. May the invitation to humility, service, and selfless love be a light to guide us, inspired by the newborn King who chose to be among us, not in grandeur but in a modest manger.

In this holy season, let us remember those in need—the lonely, the poor, the sick, and the suffering. May our belief in the Christ Child inspire us to be His hands and feet and give comfort, hope, and joy to those in greatest need.

Christmas Blessings

May the Christ Child fill your hearts and homes with His peace and love. May you find pleasure in life's simple gifts and be empowered by the stable promise of God being with you. May the light of Christ shine upon you and lead you into the new year with hope and renewed faith.

On behalf of Our Lady of Mercy Parish, I extend my warmest wishes for a joyous Christmas and a grace-filled New Year. Let us celebrate together, rejoicing in the glory of God's love manifested in Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior.

With love and prayers,

Fr. Benedict, Administrator, Our Lady of Mercy Church.