



ST. JOHN VIANNEY CATHOLIC CHURCH

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Dear Parishioners,

Merry Christmas to all of you.

“Christ is born again and the angels sing once more: ‘Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace, good will among all.’” (Luke 2:14-15)

This year our hearts are all more eager to sing these beautiful words of angelic choir sung on the first Christmas. Last year, due to pandemic restrictions, we had a virtual celebration; pews were empty, church bells were silent, decoration was minimum. Therefore we are all the more excited to come together for the celebration again. Christmas Eve mass will be held at 6pm - with caroling beginning at 5pm – at St John Vianney, and at 4pm at Our Lady of Lourdes. In preparation for Christmas St John Vianney will be open all day for Sacrament of Reconciliation on December 21; I invite you to join both events and receive blessings.

The sacred day of Christmas has dawned inviting each of us to a spiritual uplifting and encounter with Jesus Christ. He who is without beginning, invisible, immaterial, ever existing and the same becomes an infant for us and for our salvation. Through his birth, our Lord entered into our humanity. Giving us a deeper understanding of our relationship with our Creator and offering us a greater experience of being. The Son of God who became a human being for our sakes, the One in our midst who knows our pains and struggles, offers to each of us life and peace.

This story of our Lord’s Nativity fills our hearts with tremendous joy. In this marvelous event of God becoming man, He reveals His great love for us and His divine plan to restore our communion with Him. Through His incarnation, Christ offered Himself for our renewal and challenges us to offer in return the same love, hope, and peace He brings to us.

May you all have a very holy and blessed Nativity, filled with the love of God and the true life which He offers to us, and may baby Jesus grant us all his richest blessing in the New Year.

Thank you to those who helped decorate our church into a beautiful space for Christmas. And thank you all for your love and care, gifts and sweets and more. Please accept my prayers for a joyous and peaceful Christmas, and my best wishes for a happy and safe New Year.

Yours in Christ,

Father Jaison Tellis, OCD