

*The virgin will conceive and give birth to a son,
and they will call him Emmanuel (which means 'God with us')."*
-Matt. 1:23

My Dear St. Francis of Assisi Family,

Christmas is almost upon us—a profound celebration of the Incarnation, God's ultimate gift to humanity. Each Christmas reminds us of God's choice to dwell among us through Jesus Christ. This marvelous gift comes to us unconditionally; regardless of our actions or shortcomings, God chose to be with us out of His boundless love for all humanity.

As we gather during this season of family and fellowship, let us take time to contemplate the true "reason for the season"—Jesus Christ, our Lord. We must welcome Him into our homes and celebrations, remembering that as Christians, our Christmas observance stands as a powerful proclamation of our faith: "***For God so loved the world that He sent His only Son***" (Jn. 3:16), and "the Word became flesh of the Virgin Mary and dwells among us" (Jn. 1:14).

May our Lord Jesus Christ, born in Bethlehem, shower His blessings upon you, your families, and loved ones during this sacred time of hope and grace. On behalf of the parish staff, I extend my warmest Christmas wishes to you all, and pray that the New Year brings renewed hope, energy, and blessings to our community. I remain deeply grateful to God for the privilege of serving such a vibrant community of faith.

Christmas Blessings!
Fr. Vincent