

THE WORD BECAME FLESH AND DWELT AMONG US



Dear Friends,

At Christmas, the Church invites us to stop in wonder before one of the greatest mysteries of our faith: **God has become one of us.** In the quiet of Bethlehem, the eternal Word took on flesh, not in power or splendor, but in the humility of a child laid in a manger. As St. John proclaims, ***"The Word became flesh and dwelt among us"*** (John 1:14). This is the Good News that changes everything.

In a world that often feels hurried, anxious, and divided, the birth of Jesus reminds us that God chose to enter our world gently, bringing light into our darkness, hope into our fears, and peace into our hearts. The Angels' message to the shepherds still repeats today, ***"Do not be afraid; for behold, I proclaim to you good news of great joy that will be for all the people. For today in the city of David a savior has been born for you who is Christ and Lord."*** (Luke 2:10). Christmas is not just a memory of long ago - it is a living promise that God is still at work among us - ***"For today...a savior has been born for you who is Christ and Lord."***

The manger also teaches us how to receive Christ. The Holy Family welcomes us into their poverty, their trust, and their total reliance on God. Mary teaches us to ponder these mysteries in our hearts, Joseph shows us faithful obedience, and the Infant Jesus invites us to rediscover the power of humility, love, and self-giving.

As we celebrate Christmas in our parish community, we are reminded that the same Jesus born in Bethlehem comes to us today in the Holy Eucharist, in Sacred Scripture, and in one another - especially in the poor, the lonely, and the forgotten. Christmas calls us not only to rejoice, but also to become bearers of Christ's light in our homes, workplaces, and neighborhoods.

May this holy season renew our faith, strengthen our hope, and deepen our love. May the peace of Christ rule in our hearts, and may our homes be filled with the joy that comes only from the newborn King.

Merry Christmas,
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