

Christmas SHINES ITS *miracle* IN OUR *hearts*.

Christmas 2018

Christmas is the season of Christ birth, the sacrificial Lamb, The Savior.

Christmas, you see, is more than nice presents under a tree, new clothes to adorn us. It is about Giving and Gifts, generously sharing in the ultimate Gift Jesus Christ, The gift of Salvation and Eternal Life. Sharing gifts is not limited to those we love; a gift is most gratifying when it is a gift of oneself, one's Talent, Time and Treasure.

Christmas is the season of Love, a celebration of sacrifice and appreciation to those who mean the most. Expressing love may be the most fulfilling thing we can do yet the most difficult especially if we do not receive that love back. Love anyway! True love does not expect and demands nothing in return.

Christmas is the season of Joy, find joy in life, friendships and happy actions. Bring a little joy into others' lives, show it with a smile, a whispered "Thank you!" a big hug, a planted kiss on the cheek. We have plenty of time to dash back to our lives.

Christmas is the season of Peace, unto ALL, not just Family and Friends. Turmoil is rampant, political conflicts proliferating, religious persecutions widespread, natural disasters more destructive. We offer the gift of peace this Christmas by taking the first step, praying and empathizing with others.

Christmas is the season of Hope, one of the greatest assets, one of the greatest treasures and one of the greatest gifts we can share with others. For without Hope life could seem bleak.

Christmas is the season of Reconciliation, a story of forgiveness and goodwill. A Child was born to offer forgiveness to those who need it most.

Christmas is the season of THANKS. To God, for our Life, Health, Happiness, our Family and the offer of eternal life. Our Lady of Redemption Parish has shown once and again that it is worthy of God's blessing for they have given, worked together in love and harmony towards giving back to God.

This Christmas is the season to thank God for your generosity and continual hard work. You have heeded the call, met the challenge and fully paid for several repairs, the Ciborium (canopy) over the altar, the ICONOSTASIS and Platiterra.

Wishing you, our parish family, a Blessed and Merry Christmas, and a healthy and prosperous New Year! May the birth of our Lord fill your hearts and home with peace, joy and love!

Come Let us adore him!

Your Brothers in Christ,

Fr. Michel Cheble,
Deacon David Herr
Deacon Rick Trabulsy

*When they saw him,
they worshipped him.*

MATTHEW 28:17