

My dearest parishioners,

Rejoice, today is born our Saviour, Jesus Christ!

Christmas is here and it is time to celebrate and reflect in our lives what took place in Bethlehem --- Jesus, our Emmanuel --- was born. May the songs of the angels and the joy of the shepherds embrace us with deep gratitude and great joy and inspire us to become Christ to others! The joy of Christmas is this, that we become fully alive in God for He becomes one like us in all things but sin!

Thanks for all those who generously donated to the Food Bank...it was overwhelming! Again, you have shown us the meaning of Christmas which comes from giving and sharing, especially to the poor in our community!

Thank you to all who participated in our Pilgrimage of Faith Appeal! Time and time again, you have proven your dedication, untiring support and sense of belonging to the parish! As I've always said, I consider myself fortunate as your pastor and I am always grateful!

Thank you to Janet Marcotte for recording the song 'What Can I Give Him?' (Music by Mark Hayes) for me to sing this Christmas...always a pleasure! And of course, to our Catechism children who participated in the Christmas Pageant...thank you for showing us the joy, peace and love of Christmas!

Special thanks to all our creative Decorators, Choir, Eucharistic Ministers, Lectors, Altar Servers, Ushers, our Sunday Bulletin Editors, those who donated the flowers and trees, and everyone who participated to make our Christmas celebration a festive, spiritually nourishing and memorable occasion! Your willingness to help makes my job easier!

On behalf of the Parish Pastoral Council and Finance Committee, I wish you all happiness, good health and love! May Jesus Christ be truly born in each of us for Christmas means little if He is not born in our lives! May the Holy Family --- Joseph, Mary & Jesus --- become a source of our joy and service to others! Merry Christmas and a Happy, Prosperous 2011!

Love and Prayer

Fr. Rex