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Dear Parish Family,

As we begin the season of Advent and prepare for the great feast of Christmas, we can't help but ask the question, 'What will the celebration of Christmas be like in the midst of this pandemic?'

I think it is a very valid concern to point out. Will there be some restrictions placed upon us as we once again observe the birth of our Savior, much like the constraints in the celebration of Thanksgiving? Most of us understand the reasons why. They are simply to suppress or slow down the spread of the virus which has been lately continuing its spread uncontrollably.

But if there will be restrictions placed in our Christmas celebration, will it be a less joyful, dull event, lacking in its merrymaking? I am sure there have been times in history where the Christmas celebration has been muted because of sad situations taking place in life.

So perhaps we need to go beyond the trappings and the trimmings of the season to capture and be reminded of the reason for this glorious event. God does not want to be separated from His children forever, so He sent His Son to become one of us, to reconcile us and make us a family again. And that is what we commemorate in a special way on December 25 each year.

When we focus our thoughts in this way, I believe Christmas will always be a joyful event with or without restrictions.

Peace

Fr. Dwight

P.S. I am celebrating the Sacrament of Reconciliation each weekday during Advent from 5:00pm - 6:00pm and on Saturday from 4:00pm - 5:00pm. The one exception will be tomorrow, Thursday, December 3 due to Tom Loftus' viewing in the church from 5:00pm - 7:00pm.

Also remember to pre-order your chickens for the KC Chicken Sunday which is December 6. The form is at osvhub.com/smlj/forms/kc-chickens-december or you can go to our website.