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Dear Parish Family,

It was the night before Christmas and all through theChurch (as my late dear friend Fr. Joe would say).

I hope you don't mind me saying this but I am excited. This is the Christmas that that we are slowly getting back into the swing of life that we were familiar with before the pandemic. The thought of celebrating the Christmas mass for you and with you is probably the closest I will get to the childhood feelings and excitement, mystery and awe. An experience of men and women, girls and boys, drawn together because a great light has shown on earth. Our Messiah and Savior, has come to save us. He will come again to take us home. And so we celebrate His birth with the peace and joy that this world cannot give.

Christmas 2021 finds us all with different thoughts and emotions. While many are filled with the joy that this time of year brings out, some are recovering from illness and surgery. Some are in pain physically and emotionally. Some are hoping for employment, purpose and meaning. For some, it's coming home while others may agonize why they have left. Some have visions of parties, presents, and fun. Others search for love and meaning in life. So please know that whether you are gathered with me at the altar of sacrifice or are miles away, you are in my prayer intentions.

Your hearts, your dreams, your crosses are in the hands of your heavenly Father. He desires you. And my prayer this Christmas, is that we all become closer with the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit!

Merry Christmas!

Fr. Dwight

P.S. Cardinal DiNardo held a gathering of priests this week in Houston and announced a letter will be coming soon stating the obligation to attend mass on Sundays and Holy Days will be reinstated as of the Feast of the Epiphany which is January 2 this year. Of course many of us felt obliged to attend throughout these times if we could but I did want to let you know ahead of time about the Cardinal's direction.