### Wednesday, January 16, 2019

Why do we make so much of Christmas that we are still celebrating it in the liturgy after all these days? It is because Christmas gives a deep and beautiful meaning to our lives. Christ came to earth to help us as we stumble our way through life on earth as we stumble our way toward God and unending happiness.

#### Friday, January 18, 2019

Peace on earth, good will to men. My dear friends, we must instruments of peace. Hate is strong on earth. It makes a mockery of the meaning of Christmas. Peace on earth...

### Monday, January 21, 2019

One of the most delightful physical experienced we can have is the fragrance of a flower, a rose. St. Paul suggests that the good news of the Gospel is like that – a fragrance of rare beauty.

### Wednesday, January 23, 2019

Do you ever stop to think of the great gift that has come to you from God – the gift of the true faith? Think of some truly wonderful people you have come to know but for all their goodness they were not gifted with the true faith but you have been so favored.

#### Sunday, January 27, 2019

My dear friends, as you look back over your life you may find that you have always had your hand outstretched to receive from God. You ask for good health, you ask for friends, for financial security – on and on it goes. There is nothing at all wrong with this. There is no limit to God's generosity. But do you ever make an effort out of basic decency to make some return to God for His generosity to you? You could say "thank you" as you speed along the parkway, as you stand on line to be waited on at the supermarket. But in some way or other you ought to express your gratitude for God's massive generosity toward you.

## Monday, January 28, 2019

Add richness of meaning to the routine, dull moments of your day. You can do this by offering your efforts as you dust the furniture, drive along the parkway or file cards. Whatever you are doing, wherever you are, God is within hearing distance wherever you find yourself and whatever you are engaged in doing.

#### Tuesday, January 29, 2019

My dear friends, people come together for a variety of reasons, some good some bad. You enter a movie theatre and join several others to view a film. You enter a restaurant along with others to satisfy your hunger. You get into a subway to go downtown. But the noblest reason of all is our meeting each other here at church to worship God. Top that if you can!

### Wednesday, January 30, 2019

A simple prayer with very deep meaning – simply saying to Our Lord, "Dear Jesus, make me the person You want me to be."

#### Saturday, February 2, 2019

I am sure that neither death nor life nor angels nor principalities nor things past or things to come nor powers nor height, nor depth nor anything else in all creation will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus Our Lord.

My dear friends, these have got to be the most consoling words you will ever hear. They declare that nothing that you or anybody else can do or think or say can make God turn His back on you and leave you to your own devices. He will never, ever give up on you.

# Monday, February 4, 2019

My dear friends, as you know we date happenings either B.C. before Christ or A. D. anno Domini, the year of Our Lord. This dating implies that the most important thing to happen on this earth and in all history is nothing other than the coming of Christ – to our history, to our world.

#### Tuesday, February 5, 2019

It is interesting to note how in the Gospels the Disciples' knowledge of Jesus grew and deepened. When they first spoke of Him they said He was sent by God. Later they began to say that God was with Him. Following the resurrection they realized that God was in Him and indeed He was and is God.

#### Wednesday, February 6, 2019

Some people like you because of your wit. Some enjoy you because of your kind manner. Others enjoy your exciting personality. But God loves you because you're you – just as you are – with all your flaws and crotchets and in spit of your thoughtlessness of Him.

### Friday, February 8, 2019

We could think of our lives as an orchestra – each one of us plays a different instrument. And the Conductor of this orchestra is Christ.

### Tuesday, February 12, 2019

Jesus once asked His disciples, "Who do you say that I am?" Many centuries later, an artist in Rome attempted to answer that question by painting on the wall of a catacomb a lamb, a shepherd, a vine, a ship, an anchor. My dear friends, what this shows is the depth and richness of meaning there is in Jesus the Son of God.

#### Wednesday, February 13, 2019

My dear friends, you can add richness of meaning to the routine moments of your day. You can do this by offering your efforts as you dust the furniture, drive along the parkway or file cards. Whatever you are doing, wherever you are. Do not underplay God's accessibility. He is within hearing distance.

## Thursday, February 14, 2019

My dear friends, Our Lord asks us to be the light and the salt of the world we live in. How can we do that? Ask God to enlighten you as to the best way you can achieve that goal where you live and where you work.

# Tuesday, February 19, 2019

My dear friends, harsh reality – if the suffering you have had to endure has turned you to God, it is a blessing not a curse.

## Thursday, February 21, 2019

Some time today, on your way to work perhaps or going back home, list at least three good qualities you have. Then thank God.

## Tuesday, February 26, 2019

When all is said and done, what is expected of us this new day?

- To act justly
- To love tenderly
- To walk humbly with God

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