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Greetings!

As we begin another season of Christmas, I'm reflecting back on my homily from the 3rd week of Advent. During that homily I talked about the difference between happiness and joy. I described happiness as something we largely cannot control. It is something we either feel or do not feel about something or a situation. It largely speaks to a preference often tied to our emotional responses in a given moment. Joy is something much more profound. Joy is connected in general to community or relationship and in particular to the presence of God in our lives. Joy is really a choice. It is a choice to be engaged in communion with one another and our God. And that communion with God is first best expressed through the mystery of the birth of a savior.

This is why we celebrate with "Joy" in our hearts at this time. The great thing about Joy then is that it is not in any way tied to happiness. Happiness can certainly accompany joy and it often does. But for some Christmas is an emotionally difficult time of the year that is marked with some sadness. Perhaps the loss of a loved one or an illness in the family has made it a difficult time. But Joy can

still remain in our hearts because it is not tied to a particular way to feel. In fact, in those moments, Joy can give us a great deal of comfort because what better thing to celebrate, even in a sad moment, that God is with us; which by the way, is the translation of the name Emmanuel "God is with us." Regardless of whether this is a Christmas accompanied by happiness or sorrow, let it be a season of Joy by choosing the closeness of God in your heart and being open to His presence in your heart!

Merry Christmas,
Fr. Mark

Let's Stay Warm Together!

With these arctic temperatures, our church's heat isn't able to fully keep up. **Please be aware that the church may be a little more chilly as we worship together this weekend and beyond!** We look forward to seeing you all in your beautiful Stylish Sweaters, wonderful Winter Coats and perhaps some Glamorous Gloves. Let's Pray Together!



Celebration of Masses

Nativity of Our Lord

Christmas Eve, Saturday, Dec 24 ~ 3, 5, & 10pm

Christmas Day, Sunday, Dec 25 ~ 8 & 10am

Feast of the Holy Family

Friday, Dec 30 ~ 7:30am

Solemnity of Mary

New Year's Eve, Saturday, Dec 31 ~ 4:30pm

New Year's Day, Sunday, Jan 1 ~ 8 & 10am

Epiphany of the Lord

Saturday, Jan 7 ~ 4:30pm

Sunday, Jan 8 ~ 8 & 10am

Baptism of the Lord

Monday, Jan 9 ~ 7:30am Mass

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