

“ Happy Birthday Baby Jesus! ”
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Happy Holidays to all. May the Lord be with you.

It has been a blessing to see many of our young communities active this Christmas season. Some ministries have done pastorelas, posadas, Christmas caroling, and much more. There are two important things I encourage young people to do this season.

1. “ **Happy Birthday Baby Jesus !** ”

- a. I invite all young people to sing Happy Birthday to baby Jesus. You can do it with your family, friends, and siblings, do not be shy. One of the things I used to do when I was a confirmation teacher was to buy a small birthday cake and together, as a class, sing happy birthday to Jesus. You are welcome to do so as well. This activity leads to a moment of giving and expressing gratitude.

2. **Give from your Heart ... (Luke 21:1-6)**

- a. The Gospel of Luke presents to us the true meaning of giving. You may be in a position with financial hardships and cannot afford to give many gifts this season. I invite you to reflect on this passage. I encourage you to write a letter, gift a handmade gift, or simply help your loved ones by offering a little bit of your time. The Lord tells us in this passage to offer something genuine that comes from our hearts. Remember, expressing gratitude is also a powerful gift we can give this season.

Let us celebrate together the birth of our Lord Jesus Christ. May He fill our hearts with peace, joy, and strength this Christmas. Congratulations to all the ministries who had a Christmas production this season. May our mother Mary elevate our prayers and accompany us on this journey.

In Christ,

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