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December 25, 2022 – Merry Christmas

And suddenly there
was a multitude
of the heavenly host
with the angel,
praising God and saying:

**“GLORY TO
GOD IN THE
HIGHEST.”**

Luke 2:13-14

December 25, 2022 • Christmas

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Christmas Greetings!

There are so many things that surround the celebration of Christmas, and it is easy to miss the real meaning. *Although these things help us to celebrate this time of year*, Christmas is not about the parties or the presents. It’s not about the food, the festivities, or even family. It’s not about the decorations, the Christmas cards, or the traditions. The fact is: Christmas is uniquely about God. Christmas is about God’s promise, saving his people, coming to us – as one of us – in Jesus. Christmas is nothing without Jesus. And if Jesus is not in Christmas, then Christmas is nothing at all.

This is a simple story that we have heard our whole lives. The mysterious pregnancy, the journey to Bethlehem, the star, the Magi, the stable, the angels, the shepherds, and the clear announcement that from a stable, everything in the whole world had changed. Because of this event, more than any other event in human history, we have this day. All that we do during this time of year is because of the birth of God, Jesus, Savior, Emmanuel, GOD-WITH-US!

In Jesus we have found that God is real and present every day in and around us. Our faith tells us that he is the HOPE in our times of despair, the PEACE in our times of chaos, the JOY in our times of sadness and the LOVE in our times of loneliness.

Many are experiencing very difficult times and sometimes feel very lost and without hope. Maybe you have been hurt or rejected in some way by your church. Our St. Mark parish family is here to help you to know the Joy and Hope that can be found in having an active faith life. If you have questions or concerns about your faith or the church or just need some guidance in life, please feel free to contact us and we will help you however we can. We thank you for being a part of *OUR PARISH FAMILY* here at St. Mark the Evangelist. Merry Christmas!

The Staff of St. Mark the Evangelist Catholic Community!

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