

# *Christmas 2020*



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**Our Dear OMOS Parishioners and Visitors,**

***May the PEACE and JOY of CHRIST fill your hearts!***

In Bethlehem, on the first Christmas, God entered our world in our human form to be with us as Savior and Friend.

There was no room at the Inn; may we make room for the Christ in our hearts and homes. Angels came to announce the great joy of our Savior's birth; may be good messengers of His Good News and Love. Shepherds came to adore the newborn Christ; may we make haste to give adoration at each Sunday Mass. Wise men brought gifts; may we be a gift to God in the faithful service and generosity of our lives.

I am most grateful to God for all the blessings our parish has received. And I am also deeply grateful to you for your continued cooperation, prayers, support and love for me and the whole parish staff and volunteers.

May Christ, through Mary, give you and your loved ones a full share of happiness and health during the Christmas season and in the coming New Year.

**Sincerely in Christ through Mary,**

***Fr. Arnold Aurillo, Pastor***

Christmas greetings! This will be a Christmas like no other - not because of what is happening in the world, but because of what is happening within us. This Christmas can be a time of great hope for us if we choose to let the Spirit of God find new places to dwell within our hearts; if we embrace the humbling yet glorious truth that out of love for us God Himself chose to become one of us, to live among us, to teach us how to love Him and to love one another.

It may be true that because of the adversities we are facing this will be a Christmas like none other. My friends, let's not forget that we have a choice to focus on how we wish things could be different, or on the many blessings we still enjoy. Remember that Christ Himself was born in the midst of adversity. At the very beginning of his human life, Jesus was in danger, and so He, Mary, and Joseph had to flee their homeland after news of his birth reached King Herod. But God made sure that they were not only kept safe from harm, He also assured them of his divine presence.

I will be counting my blessings this Christmas, and I pray that you do, too. May we always count our blessings, at Christmas and throughout the whole year. We have every reason to be thankful, "for a child is born to us, a son is given to us; upon his shoulder dominion rests. They name him Wonder-Counselor, God-Hero, Father-Forever, Prince of Peace." (Is 9:6)

Merry Christmas!

**Yours in Jesus through Mary,**

***Fr. Tom Quirk. Associate Pastor***

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Christmas is the feast of God's 2020 vision.

God coming to save us  
From a deadly universal virus.

The virus of sin and death,  
Jesus' birth among us  
Reveals God's vaccine of amazing grace.  
It heals the gap of social distancing  
Caused by the global virus.

God's 2020 vision is  
"A new commandment I give unto you.  
Love one another  
As I have loved you."

This 2020 vision  
With the vaccine of amazing grace  
Creates a new humanity  
Leading to the new creation.

May God's 2020 vision and vaccine  
Fill our Christmas and all our days with life and hope.  
Jesus through them redeems us forever,  
From the virus of sin and death.

-Tomas o Cathalain

May God's 2020 vision and graced vaccine fill your Christmas and all your days with life and hope. Through these amazing gifts may our loving God heal our virus-stricken, divided and broken global village and common home.

*Msgr. Tom Cahalane, Pastor Emeritus*

 **Greetings from our parish staff—**

Merry Christmas to all my fellow parishioners! I miss having you come in the office and seeing your smiling faces and our conversations. Please know that you can still reach me in the parish office by phone and I am happy to come to the door to assist you. I look forward to the day when we can be face to face again. May God continue to bless all of us. Know that all of you are in our prayers. Please stay safe and healthy.

***Cindy Phillips, Office Manager***

On behalf of the faculty, staff and students at Our Mother of Sorrows Catholic School, we want to wish you a Merry Christmas! This Christmas, we are thankful for the continued support from the parishioners. We thank you for your prayers and your gifts of time, talent and treasure.

We hope that you and your family have a safe and healthy Christmas. We will continue to keep you in our prayers.

Merry Christmas,

***Erin Vu, Principal***

Wishing you the merriest of Christmases! Yes, even in the midst of this pandemic and the craziness of the world, we happily celebrate the birth of our Lord and look forward to His second coming. I know, for myself this has what has kept me sane: knowing that this is just *so temporary* and that one day we will all be in a place free from sickness and sadness! It has been so uplifting knowing how many of you are still celebrating with the OMOS family from your homes. We love the Facebook comments!! One of the most difficult things about this pandemic was singing to an empty church. I just love hearing all the voices on Sundays and it was heartbreaking singing by myself. Now I am grateful for the small assembly joining us and look forward to that 400 voice choir again. God bless all of you! You are a BLESSING in my life!

***Lyn Bulski, Liturgy and Music Director***

May your Christmas be filled with the love of Christ who truly is the reason for the season! Please stay safe wo we many see you next year. Happy 2021! Peace and blessings from Adult Faith and RCIA!

***Melinda Caballero and Core Team (David, Leti, Sand, Marty, Nicki and everyone else who is vital to our processes!)***

This year has been full of challenges with Religious Education and Sacrament Preparation on line. Even though we haven't been able to see one another please know that you are in my prayers. I look forward to seeing all the catechists, students and families in person next year. Have a Merry Christmas!

Peace & Blessings,

***Laura Stehle, Religious Education Director***

Thank you for all your support to our outreach ministries this year. Although things have looked different with your help we have been able to continue to help those in need. I look forward to being able to work together in person. May you have a wonderful Christmas!

Peace & Blessings,

***Laura Stehle , Director of Christian Life and Social Concerns***