



A Christmas Letter from Fr. Paul

Dear Members of Our Lady of the Assumption Parish,

It is a great joy to welcome with you the annual celebration of the birth of Our Savior. He comes to us as a small child, subject to all the joys and difficulties of human life. He comes to us with great love and the desire to bring us all to the Kingdom of God. He comes to experience our human life completely so that he can join it to his own divine life. The name that the angel Gabriel gave him is most appropriate, since “Jesus” comes from the Hebrew word for Savior.

With Mary, Joseph and the shepherds, we gaze with awe at this little Babe, full of promise and hope. Every new birth speaks of possibilities and opportunities ~ another prospect of bringing life and light to our world. This birth, along with all that Babe did as he grew to be a full adult, offers even greater joy as we see him smashing the yoke of sin and death.

We also are about to begin a new year: 2018! My prayer and hope is that during this year, all of us members of Our Lady of the Assumption Parish will grow deeper in love with Jesus Christ and eager to come closer to him in prayer. I also hope that we will give greater evidence of our faith and love in him by the way we treat one another, the way we give to those in need, and the way we show the real joy of our hearts as we contemplate what the good God has done for us.

May you and all those you love and care for be blessed in wonderful ways this year!

Yours in Carmel,

Father Paul

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