



*The Angel said to them,
“A SAVIOR has been born for you
who is MESSIAH and LORD.”*

Christmas 2020

Dear Sisters and Brothers in Christ,

Who among us has not walked in darkness? We have all known the darkness of fearful times, both personally and globally. We live in a time of uncertainty during this year of unprecedented challenge and change. Whether our darkness is from our own fears and financial worries, concerns for health, or apprehension over societal upheaval, we remember that we are in this as one body in Christ.

Gratefully, there is a star rising in the East, and that is our shared hope and faith in our coming Savior. On this Christmas, the light of Christ once more shines anew! This same light of Christ shines in our lives, our homes, our workplaces, and more. This light of Christ shines forth from you and from me, and from all who gather to become that body.

The Church invites us to gather in prayer to celebrate the Christ child. Our Christmas mass schedule is on the reverse of this letter, and registration will be required. Masses will continue to be streamed online for those who cannot join us because of health, distance, or a desire to remain indoors.

This year, we are also coming together as three parishes in one family of parishes - Immaculate Conception, St. Joseph's, and Our Lady of Grace! Let us all welcome one another into community with joy as we navigate new pathways of being church!

Christmas is also a time to offer thanks. We know that everyone faces very different circumstances this year, but I humbly ask your generosity in making your Christmas offering. Your gifts are what keeps the lights burning here, the light of Christ on Route 50. Thank you in advance for your generosity.

May our newborn Savior bless you and your loved ones abundantly, may your Christmas be full of light and hope in Christ.

In Christ's Joyful Peace,

Rev. Jerome R. Gingras, Pastor