



MERRY CHRISTMAS!

Dear Brothers, Sisters and Friends in Christ,

*“In times past, God spoke in partial and various ways...
in these last days, He spoke to us through the Son.” (Hebrews 1:1-2)*

With deep love, joy and gratefulness, I extend to you my prayerful best wishes for a Holy and Blessed Christmas Season. During this Advent Season, it has been my prayer that each of you would find opportunities to reflect on your own faith and relationship with the Lord Jesus Christ and His Church. Whatever it is that our hearts and souls desire, whether we realize it or not, our ultimate desire is Jesus Himself; for this reason, we are filled with love and joy at Christmas to know that all that we hoped for has been fulfilled in the person of the Christ Child.

It is not an understatement to say that the challenges before all of us today are greater than any that we have encountered in our lifetimes. The love of God the Father is made manifest to us in the most wonderful gift of His Son, Jesus. With the Angels in Bethlehem, our faith moves us to sing along: “Glory to God in the highest and peace to His people on earth!” We recognize that true PEACE on earth flows from our recognition and praise of God in our lives.

Christmas has a way of bringing to Church individuals and families who for various reasons, have not been to Mass for some time. What a wonderful and grace-filled opportunity to put aside past differences and old habits and begin anew that prayerful relationship with the Lord and His Church community. I extend to all of you an open, grateful heart of welcome. Together, may we grow in strength and grace to know and celebrate together God’s presence in our lives and His dominion over all things of this world.

May our Lord Jesus Christ, born in Bethlehem, bless you, your families and loved ones at this blessed time of Hope, Love, Peace and Grace. May Mary, the Mother of the Child Jesus and our Mother, and St. Joseph watch over and intercede for us and our beloved St. John the Evangelist Parish now and always.

Merry Christmas and Have a Blessed and Healthy New Year!

Fr. Dominic