

For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Savior,
which is Christ the Lord.

Merry Christmas

from the staff of
St. Patrick Catholic Church and School.
Thanks for all we do for each other, we are truly a blessed community.

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Dear Parishioners of Saint Patrick,

On behalf of my family, and our parish and school staffs, I wish you a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year. As always, I begin by giving thanks: thanks to all of you for your commitment to our community, and thanks be to God, who is with us during this Christmas season and throughout the year, for the countless blessings He has bestowed upon Saint Patrick as a community, and each of us individually.

My Christmas and New Year's wish for all of us is that Jesus be relevant and real to each of us this coming year: that Jesus be present and on our minds and in our hearts not only at Mass, but throughout our busy days and weeks; that Jesus be someone we turn to throughout the day for inspiration, consolation, and guidance. Many reading this are already there, but many of us have room to grow in our relationship with Jesus, and it is our mission as a parish community to help each other grow closer to Jesus.

I asked our Jesuit parish priests, our Pastoral Council, Stewardship Commission, and Parish Staff for suggestions and recommendations for practical steps we can take to enhance our individual and community prayer life. Our hope is that these events will enhance our ability, during this Jubilee Year of Mercy, to be open to receive God's infinite Mercy and to in turn share it with those with whom we live and work.

This Jubilee Year of Mercy, our plan is to present a series of prayer events and opportunities to help us grow closer to Jesus. Some of these are fairly significant events, others are relatively minor, but we hope each of them may open the door to a closer connection to Jesus. Join us for our **Jubilee Year of Mercy Campaign**.

New Year's Resolutions - Share yours with the parish. It seems we often stumble and don't follow through on our resolutions. Perhaps praying for each other will help our resolve. During the Holiday Masses, stop by the Gathering Space, write your Resolution on a special card and post it on the bulletin board so we can all pray for each other.

During Lent a **Prayer Intention Box** and blank cards will be located at the church entrance. If you have a personal intention, write it on a card and drop it in the box and it will be included in the Prayers of the Faithful.

Parish Prayer Chain - If you have a prayer that you would like our parish to pray for and can't make it to Mass, call or email the parish office (prayer@saintpats.org), and we'll forward your prayer request to our Parish Prayer Chain.

Periodic Homilies - Highlighting the variety and purpose of prayer in our lives.

Aggiornamento Series of guest speakers: Fr Howell S.J., *Who is Pope Francis*; Catherine Punsulin - *Laudato Si - Encyclical on the Environment*; Small Book Group gatherings; a Pilgrimage to enter the doors of the Cathedral.

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament - Mondays, from 3:00 - 6:45 p.m. in the Parish Center Chapel.

Prayer thru Action - **Sandwich Saturdays** - Help make sandwiches for the needy with our Pastoral Council.

Sadly, my family and I won't be here to join you in our parish Christmas celebration, as we will be visiting our daughter Sarah who is serving in the Peace Corps in Tanzania, Africa. I don't know whether we'll be able to celebrate Christmas Mass (**note to self - don't ever take Mass for granted**) but we'll certainly keep you in our prayers, and ask you to do the same.

Saint Patrick - Pray For Us!



Kevin Lovejoy
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