

Fr. Charles Puthota's Blog

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From the Pastor's Desktop



Dear Parishioners of St. Elizabeth,

A Christmas Message from Father Charles

Christmas is beautiful: “Christmas waves a magic wand over the world, and behold, everything is softer and more beautiful,” says Norman Vincent Peale. How true! It’s the most beautiful time of year. Do you know why we never get tired of Christmas? The answer is simple: Christmas is beautiful. The whole world is enchanted by its beauty. That’s why poets, playwrights, singers, and painters go wild over the theme of the holy Baby born in a manger surrounded by his parents, shepherds, the wise men, and even animals. During the current pandemic, when the world is gripped by anxiety, uncertainty, and darkness, the spirit of Christmas uplifts us with hopes of health and safety for everyone.

Christmas happens in us, our families, and towns: Have you noticed that many painters place a modern city or town in the background of the manger? It is to show that the birth of Christ takes place now in our lives, our cities and towns. W.T. Ellis says, “It is Christmas in the heart that puts Christmas in the air.” The magic of Christmas---the mystery and majesty of God becoming one with us---can transform us, which in turn can help transform families, communities, and the world. Just imagine the revolution of peace, love, and justice that Christmas can bring about!

Christmas at St. Elizabeth Parish: We are a community of believers centered on Jesus Christ. In all that we do in our parish, we learn to think and feel like Jesus, to love God and others. Let us, as a parish community, draw closer to Jesus this Christmas. He is ready to be born in our parish all over again. Our acceptance of Jesus’ birth in our community would concretely mean that we get together to pray, love, share, serve---and to be the best we can be as human beings and Christians.

Christmas Outdoor Mass Schedule: Christmas Eve 3:00 p.m., Christmas Day 9:30 and 11:00 a.m., New Year’s Day 10 a.m.

Thank You: For celebrating throughout the year our faith at the Eucharistic table and through other sacraments, for hearing God’s Word, for the spirit of stewardship expressed in all your service and volunteering, your kindnesses and collaboration, and the generous donations to make our parish ministries and projects solid and successful.

Merry Christmas! Happy and Healthy New Year!

Your Friend and Pastor, Father Charles Puthota