



## FROM THE DESK OF FR. MIKE

Merry Christmas to all who celebrate the birth of our Lord and Savior this Christmas. We are happy to welcome guests, travelers, college students, relatives, and friends to share in the Eucharist on Christmas. Jesus was born in a manger, a feeding trough to that he would be "Bread for the world"!

May we live Christ-centered and Eucharist-centered lives, with peace, hope, and joy in our hearts.

### *A Christmas Letter from Jesus*

*When you look for me at Christmas,  
You won't need a special star.  
I'm no longer just in Bethlehem,  
I'm right here where you are.  
You may not be aware of me  
amid the celebrations.  
You'll have to look beyond the stores,  
and all the decorations.  
But if you take a moment  
from your list of things to do,  
To close your eyes and say a prayer,  
I'm waiting here for you.  
You're the one I want to be with,  
You're the reason that I came!  
And you'll find me in the stillness  
Where I'm whispering your name.*

Thanks to all benefactors of the Church of St. Mary who have been able to financially support the parish throughout the year as well as with an end of the year gift to St. Mary's this Christmas. I look forward to praying with you in 2024.



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God bless us with heavenly Joy at Jesus' birth,

*Fr. Mike Macius*