

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

Greetings in the precious name of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ!

There is light in the world. During this season of Christmas, our light comes from an insignificant manger in the land of Palestine. Our Savior is born. Christmas shows us that God wants to be close to us and wants us to be close to Him. It tells us that God's unconditional love is enough to reveal that He is willing to share in our poverty and our suffering.

The place where He was born, Bethlehem, means house of bread. It reveals to us that He came to be our food, to nourish us with His truth, His light, and His love. The present living Eucharist that we share in our community today. His birth shows us that He came for all people, from the lowly shepherds who were practically the least important in society to the wise men who came from far away. His coming into our world brings the greatest hope for humanity that we shall live forever in His kingdom.

Let us be joyful as we are grateful for the blessings bestowed upon us throughout the year. It is also a time when we, as a parish family, come together to reflect on the importance of community, faith, and service. Your presence and participation are what make our community strong and vibrant. I acknowledge that the past year has brought challenges for many, and we are deeply grateful for your unwavering commitment to Our Lady of Lourdes. Your generous support, both in spirit and in action, enables us to continue our mission to be a place of worship, learning, and community for all who seek solace and spiritual nourishment.

Last October, we celebrated our 75th Parish Jubilee Anniversary. Our theme was "Pilgrims of Hope, Ultreia." We are thankful for many things. Over the past 75 years, countless people have found a spiritual home in our parish. Now we are "Ultreia", we are going beyond with an energetic intention for many years to come. Thank you to all who have made these anniversary celebrations possible. Let us walk together and look to the future with hope, knowing we will continue to be thankful for what we can do for God's glory.

May this Christmastide unite us as a family to support our parish and ensure it remains a source of faith and hope. I would love you to join us at one of our special Christmas Masses. I wish that your family and loved ones receive many blessings from the Holy Family during this season. I continue to hold you in my prayers and ask that you continue to pray for me. Our shared prayers and faith especially connect us.

Paz,

Fr. David