

Pastor's Christmas Letter 2018

Dear OLM Parishioners,

With my warm personal greetings of love, peace and joy, I extend to you my prayerful best wishes for a holy and blessed Christmas as we share the blessings of another Nativity celebration.

It has been eight years now since I came to this parish as your pastor and my heart is full of gratitude to Almighty God for the many blessings He has bestowed on this wonderful faith community over the years. My thoughts turn to our love and devotion to Mother Mary, our Lady of Mercy, who is our patroness and our most powerful advocate and guide.

During this Advent Season, I hope and pray that each one of us will be able to find time to reflect on our own faith journey and our relationship with our Lord Jesus and his Church. In the midst of all our challenges and concerns, the love of God is shown to us in the wonderful gift of His Son, who is born to us this Christmas, realizing that true peace on earth stems from our recognition of Jesus Christ as the Prince of Peace.

The celebration of Christmas has a way of bringing families and individuals who, for various reasons, have not been to Mass or the Sacraments for months or years. There is the great danger for us to get too caught up into this highly-commercialized holiday season. For this reason, I would like to invite you to our Simbang Gabi masses, our traditional novena of masses before Christmas on December 15-23 at 7:30pm, with the opportunity of the Sacrament of Reconciliation at 7:00pm. I do hope that you will seriously avail of this time of grace in order to truly prepare yourselves for Christmas. I would also like to invite you to our fellowship in the hall after each mass to taste the food and delicacies hosted by our parish organizations, to better know one another and to strengthen our unity as a parish family.

In conclusion, I would like to take this opportunity to wholeheartedly thank you for this kind spirit of cooperation and support you have shown to OLM parish over the years. As you know, we are facing some maintenance projects to our aging church facilities. We are trying to keep our church buildings safe, sturdy and beautiful. So, as part of your year-end tax deduction, I do hope that your Christmas gift to the parish this year will fittingly measure up and reflect your gratitude to God's bountiful blessings to you.

May you all enjoy the blessings and graces of this Holy Season. Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.



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