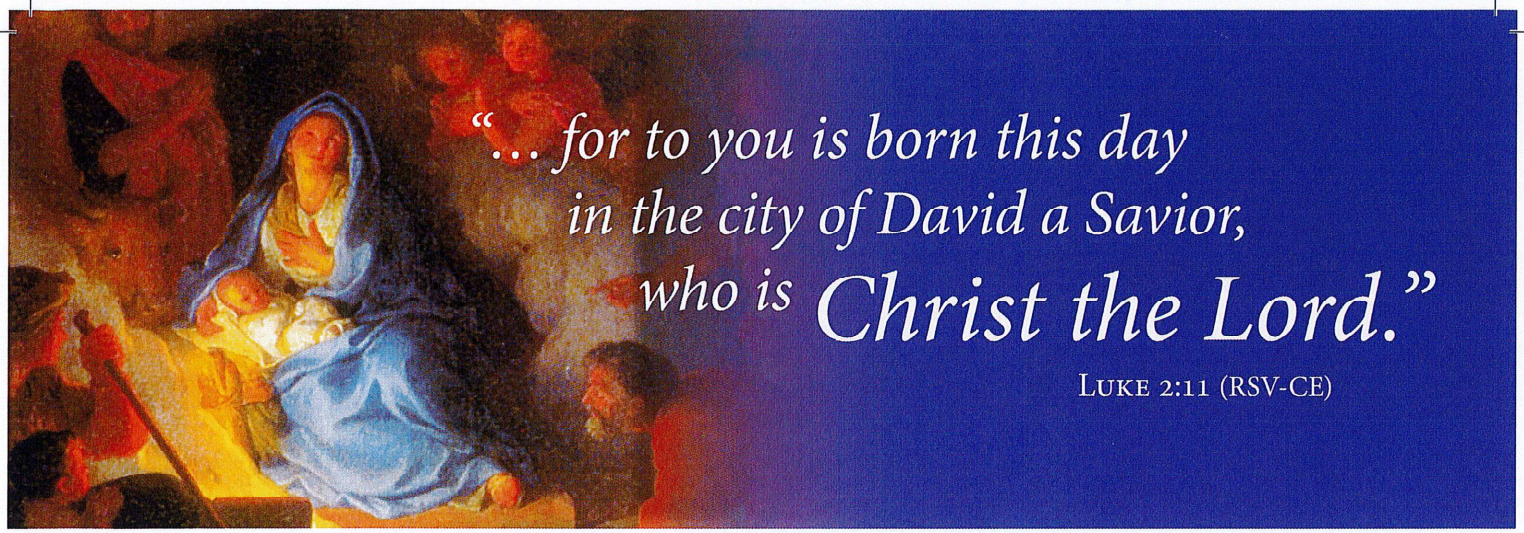


Dear Parishioners,

"A young married couple were very much in love. Christmas was approaching, and they wanted to give a gift to one another. They were very poor and had no money to buy the gifts. So each one without the knowledge of the other, decided to sell his or her most precious possession. The girl prized above all else her long golden hair. She went to a hairdresser and had it cut off. She then sold it to buy a lovely watch chain for her husband's watch.

He, in the meantime, went to a jeweler and sold the only watch he had to buy two beautiful combs for his beloved's hair. On Christmas, they exchanged their gifts. At first, they cried then they laughed. There was no hair for the comb and no watch for the chain. But there was something more precious and that was the idea behind their gifts: each had deprived self of the best to give to the other..."

A gift is no gift if it does not cost us something, if it does not contain a part of ourselves.

Christmas is a reminder that God has not forgotten us. It is a token of how much God loves us. "God so loved the world that He gave His only Son, so that everyone who believes in Him may not perish but have eternal life". (Jn: 3:16). Thus, Christmas is essentially the greatest sacrifice of God. There is no sacrifice without love.

Let us be reminded of the greatest sacrifice of God sending His only Son into the world for the salvation of the whole of humanity. Let the spirit of Christmas at this season enable us to love, sacrifice and be at peace with God and others.

Saint Joseph the Worker Church Bonneauville wishes you, your family and friends a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. May the glory and love of the Infant Jesus fill your heart with peace and joy.

Sincerely in Christ

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