

Christmas

Dear Parishioner,

Christmas! It is Christmastime again at our doorsteps. We love this season of light and joy. We get ready for this celebration enthusiastically all through the month. Hoping everything will be perfect and beautiful. Our preparations often take many forms, spiritual or more interior and material or more external. Most often our external preparations take precedence over our interior preparation which Advent offers and invites us to. Without realizing them, getting gifts, and meals ready, inviting and visiting our loved ones, decorating our homes and even churches can take on more importance than the season itself. Advent invites us to a unique, spiritual and religious journey which let the birth of Jesus open our hearts to the grace of Christmas and fill every dimension of our lives with light and joy.

When Christmas comes around every year, one thing in particular, catches my attention is that of multitudes of lights sparkling around us. They not only shine from the Christmas trees, but also at our streets, homes and even at our churches. These dazzling lights seem to be an invitation to see Christmas as a mystery of light. It is not easy for us to recognize light in a world torn by the darkness of selfishness, violence, lack faith and broken promises. Yet these realities do not stop the fulfilment of the promise of the One who is light for men and women of faith. Christ promises to be the light of life for those who commit to follow Him as His disciples. Jesus the light, born of the Virgin Mary came into our world and became one of us. His light enters our lives and makes us "children of light and children of the day; we are not of the night or of darkness" (1 Thessalonians 5:5). Like Him, and in Him, we became the "light of the world" (John 8:12 and Matthew 5:14). Let the preparation of Advent and celebration of Christmas enable us to receive Jesus, the Light and illuminate our life and those around us.

Saint Joseph the worker Church Bonneauville wishes you, your family and friends a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Sincerely in Christ,

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