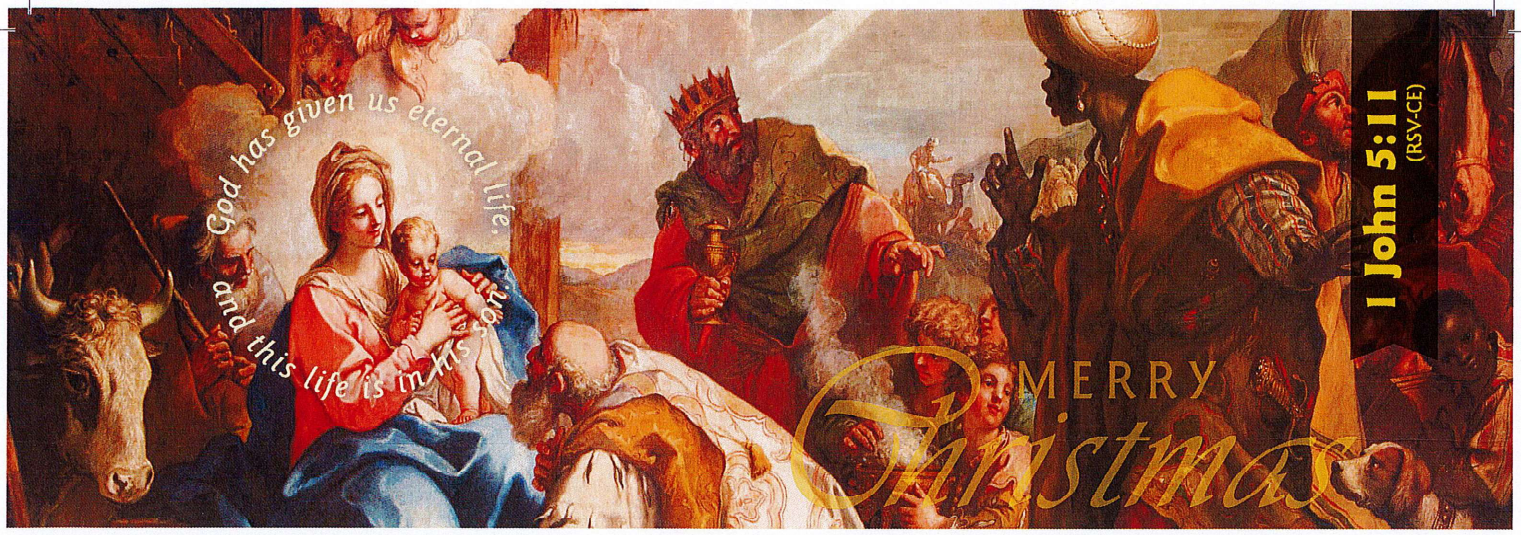


My dear parishioner

Four candles were lit and burning on the Advent wreath. All around, it was quiet, so quiet that one could hear the candles talking among themselves. The first candle sighed and said, "My name is peace. My light shines, but people don't pay attention to me". The candle's flame kept getting smaller until it went out altogether. The second candle flickered and said, "My name is Faith. But I am not very much sought after these days. There is no longer any reason why I should be burning." A sudden gust of wind came through the room and the candle went out. Sadly, and softly the third candle almost whispered, "My name is love. But I have lost my interest in burning. People shove me aside. They see only themselves and not the other people they are supposed to love." Suddenly the flame flared up for a second and then went dead. At this point a child walked into the room, looked at the candles and said in surprise, "Aren't all supposed to be burning?" Then it started to cry ... At that the fourth candle spoke up and said "Do not worry: if I am still burning, we can relight the other candles. My name is hope. Then the child got a match and relighted the other three candles from the fourth one.

With Christmas. fast approaching, we want to prepare ourselves for it with more cheer and enthusiasm as used to be in the past years. It has been a different world through 2020, we are struggling to survive amidst of Coronavirus Covid-19 pandemic. It is the most wonderful and joyful time of the year to celebrate and rejoice our Lord's Nativity. We are again and again reminded to wear masks and keep social distancing at every gathering. This global pandemic has led us to pause and rearrange our day to day living. It is a special year in all sense affecting all people across the globe, it is time to get back to what we forgot or lost and take time to savor the beauty and uniqueness of our Christian family and living. We live in a busy world and time where we hardly get time to savor, share and live the joy of the season. We shall stop and prepare properly to celebrate and share the spirit of Christmas with our lovely family and dear ones and without spreading the germs. We are specially called to celebrate and rekindle peace, faith, love, and hope during this season Christmas. Let our faith, and hope in the Lord and love for each other lead us to a happy, healthy, and safer tomorrow.

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

Sincerely in Christ

Fr. Benny Jose *Deacon Richard Weaver*