

My dear Parishioner,

I was working at the supermarket check out counter and my nerves were badly on edge. Up came a little boy with loaf of bread. "That will be one dollar and nine cents" I told him, as he dumped a fistful of change onto the counter.

He looked at me and with trembling fingers tried to push the coins together. I counted the money. My stomach tightened as I heard some lady say, "I thought this was a express line! It'll take her all day to count that kid's money.

The youngster was short 28 cents. I shot him with an uneasy look. His cheeks turned pink. "What would the Lord do right now?" I asked myself, as the Sunday preacher had advised. Quickly I picked up a piece of paper and wrote on it, "I owe this cash register 28 cents." Then I put it into the cash register with boys' coins. "Thank you very much ma'am" he replied, flashing me lovely smile. After that, the complaining customers no longer made any difference ... my heart felt light because on this one small occasion I had done what I felt Jesus would have done ...

Once again, Christmas is around the corner! We as usual start preparing for this most wonderful time of the year with lots of cheer and enthusiasm. Lights and decorations are up right after Thanksgiving, sometimes even before. We are still amid Coronavirus Covid-19 pandemic. Christmas season brings the spirit of Hope, joy, and love to our lives and homes despite all that are affecting and going across the globe. It is a special time of the year where we personally prepare our hearts and homes to welcome Christ, our Savior.

We celebrate our Lord's coming into the world on Christmas day. Let us be reminded that we celebrate "Emmanuel, God with us". And therefore, our celebration of the Nativity of the Lord offers us another occasion to pause and think about our precious life God has gifted us and all that we take for granted daily. Let this celebration of Christmas bring us closer to Christ who is with us, our family and friends. Let our faith, hope and love in the Lord and for one another lead us to happy and healthy tomorrow.

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

Sincerely in Christ,

Father Benny Jose Deacon Richard Weaver