

ADVENT AND CHRISTMAS 2022

“Behold, I proclaim to you good news of great joy that will be for all people. For today in the city of David a savior has been born for you who is Christ and Lord.” (Luke 2:10-11)

These words of the angel to the shepherds on the night of the Nativity are, as the angel said, “for all people,” including us. They bring us joy and hope. In the midst of all our current challenges and concerns in our lives and the world, the love of God the Father is made manifest to us in the wonderful gift of His Son, Jesus. God entered our history. He became Emmanuel, God-with-us. This is the most amazing truth of our faith.

It was beyond anyone’s dreams that the Almighty and eternal God would enter history as a newborn baby. The Incarnation was beyond any human expectation. When we contemplate the mystery of Christmas, we become like the shepherds and magi: all we can do is approach the mystery in adoration, with wonder and awe. We encourage you to embrace the mystery of Christmas with renewed faith and the steadfast hope that God’s reign has begun, and we are “called to be its joyful heralds in a world that yearns for justice, truth and peace” (Pope Francis, General Audience, December 14, 2016).

The familiar faces of those present at Jesus’ birth also teach us how to respond to the Christ Child. Mary is the woman of prayer who hears God’s Word, treasures it in her heart and accepts it with the “yes” of faith. Joseph is the one who truly hears and sees what God demands of him, even when it seems improbable and difficult. The shepherds approach the stable with simplicity, unfettered by worldly status. The magi steadfastly search for the Lord and King until they find Him in the most unlikely of circumstances. It is our prayer that as we celebrate Christmas may we all experience the true joy of Christmas and transmit this joy with kind gestures, and generosity to all those who are in need and who are suffering or hurting.

I (Father Jinto) am very happy to share this, and to celebrate my first Christmas with you as your Pastor. I thank you for all of your kindness and prayers, and the very warm welcome you have given to me. As we move toward the conclusion of another year, we thank God for all who make their spiritual home in our congregation, and for all the ways in which the reality of Jesus has come to the world around us through your faithful worship, dedicated service, generosity of spirit and treasure, and the truly welcoming atmosphere that many have experienced among you.

As priest leaders of the Parish Community of St. Kevin, we invite and encourage you to join us for the beautiful Christmas liturgies that take place here at St. Kevin’s. Please know that each one of you will be in our prayers, that you may have a Blessed and Joyful Christmas and a Happy and Healthy New Year 2023!

Fr. Jinto Mathew Puthiyidathuchalil, CSC – Pastor
Fr. Arockia Sunil Josapath, CSC – Associate Pastor

The Parish Community of St. Kevin invites all Parishioners home for our
2022 Christmas Season Celebrations

Sacrament of Penance/Reconciliation

Individual Celebration Saturday, December 17th – 10:30am

Taizé Prayer for Advent

Tuesday, December 20th – 7:00pm

Christmas Eve – Mass Times:

Saturday, December 24th 5:00pm 8:00pm Midnight

Christmas Morning – Mass Times:

Sunday, December 25th 8:30am 10:00am 11:30am

Feast of Mary, Mother of God – Mass Times:

Saturday, December 31st 5:00pm

Sunday, January 1st, 2023 8:30am 10:00am 11:30am

A Christmas Prayer

O Sweet Child of Bethlehem, grant that we may share with all our hearts
in this profound mystery of Christmas.

Put into the hearts of men and women

this peace for which they sometimes seek so desperately and which you alone can give to them.

Help them to know one another better, and to live as brothers and sisters,
children of the same Father.

Reveal to them also your beauty, holiness and purity.

Awaken in their hearts love and gratitude for your infinite goodness.

Join them all together in your love and give us your heavenly peace. Amen.

-St. John XXIII