

CHRISTMAS 2024

My Dear Parishioners and Friends,

On this Christmas day, our heart is filled with compassion for the ones with weary hearts. 2024 has been a devastating year for many people around the world. There is indescribable turmoil in Israel after the October 7th terrorist attack last year and is carried over to 2024. Tragedies and calamities continue on to plague people over the world. Weary souls are filled with uncertainty about the future.

But even amidst a world filled with chaos, we can rejoice because we have our beloved SAVIOR—the ONE who was born to save mankind. We can rejoice because Christ is our peace and hope. We can rejoice because we have faith that Christ will return and make all the wrong things right.

If you're feeling weary and have a troubled heart, may the reality of Christ's birth and healing presence lift your spirit. May you experience the peace of Christ that surpasses all understanding today and always.

As we celebrate Christmas this year let us all pray:

Heavenly Father,

Thank You for the gift of Your SON, JESUS CHRIST. Thank You for sending Jesus to be our SAVIOR and eternal PEACE-GIVER. Help the ones who are feeling weary today. Help them take hold of the peace that surpasses all understanding. Guard their hearts and minds with Christ's perfect peace. Help their hearts not to be troubled or afraid. Help them to trust You more, walk closely with You, and rest in knowing You do impossible things. Help them take hold of Your hand and live with strong faith until the day of Christ's return. I pray in Christ's name. Amen.

Merry Christmas! Chúc mừng Giáng Sinh. Feliz Navidad. Maligayang Pasko.

One in the service of the Lord,

**Fr Oscar P. Paraiso
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