

Christmas

Dear Parish Family,

Welcome to all of our parishioners and guests! Thank you for joining us. Amidst the hustle and bustle of this busy season, ***Christmas is a time of joy for Catholics!*** The Nativity of our Lord is a mystery we could spend our whole lives pondering, but we focus on it especially at this time of year. By coming to us in flesh, in person, Christ embraces us and brings dignity to our humanity. We discover that all things are possible for God, and knowing that Jesus was born for us, fills us great joy. His life, death, and resurrection bring meaning to our lives and provide for our salvation. ***God's love for us is amazing!***

Jesus is the reason for the season, but he is the reason for all that we do here, every day of the year. We open up our Christmas gifts with the idea that we would use and cherish them going forward. God has given us the gift of his son but doesn't give us a gift receipt so that it can be returned. ***Jesus has come to us, making his dwelling with us, giving us peace, comfort, strength, healing, goodness.*** We continue to unwrap that gift and use the graces he's given to us when we come together for Mass, when we help the school, when we participate in faith formation, when we host baptisms, funerals, and everything in between, when we join in the service to the poor of St. Vincent de Paul or our food pantry, or when we join in the devotion and community life of our Altar Rosary Societies, and so many others besides – ***come be a part of all the good things that are happening here at the Niagara Frontier Catholic Community*** and invite your friends and family to check us out as well. Stay tuned to our website, emails, and bulletins for more information. Join us in Jesus' mission, our mission, to share this news with all the world.

It's been good to be with you for a few years, and now to be a part of Immaculate Conception as well. ***I am continuously overwhelmed at your great love and support - thank you for everything! May we continue to be a blessing to one another.*** On behalf of the clergy and all of the pastoral staff of the Niagara Frontier Catholic Community, we wish you and yours a Merry Christmas!

Peace,

~Fr. Luke