

# St. Jude Catholic Church

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Dear Friends in Christ,

Glory to God in the highest and peace to his people on earth!

In the midst of a darkened world, the angels sing a song of hope. The Angel announces glad tiding of great joy. The Savior is born, God with us. This is what we celebrate and rejoice in every Christmas. God has taken on our flesh and become one of us and our relationship with God is forever changed by this gracious event.

Whatever drew you here today, I hope that you will feel the presence of the Lord in this Church and in this community of faith. I hope that the song of song of the angels will exult in your heart and grant you the peace which is the promise of Christmas.

If you have been away from the Church for a while, I hope you will see the humility, vulnerability and love of God in the manger as invitation to enter more fully into his life here on earth through this community of faith. If the experience of Christmas is completely new to you, I hope you will discover here that abiding love God which draws us closer to God and one another.

Our broken world is much in need of the peaceable kingdom heralded by Christ's birth. Especially this year, let us pray that Christ's peace may heal the divisions among us in our families, our nation and our world. May the Savior bring healing the we need. May Christ's peace reign in our own hearts and in our world.

On behalf of myself and all who share in the ministry here, I would like to wish you and your families a joyful and blessed Christmas. May God surround you with his joy, peace and love!

Sincerely in Christ,

Fr. James Johnson