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The Nativity of the Lord

Dear Parish Family,

Every year we hear the familiar stories, sing the same endearing hymns, and decorate our homes and churches in a festive manner. Why? What draws us in great numbers to Christmas Mass? Why do we make a special effort to come together as family for this feast? Does not the message of Christmas touch our deepest human longing? Our desire for God and God's desire for us come together in the mystery of the Word-made-flesh! Often we obscure this simple but profound truth with our frenetic lifestyles and our concerns for what others consider important. Consider the example of the shepherds. They were humble men who were likely illiterate. Their care for the flock kept them from regular attendance at synagogue and other family functions. They were astounded by the message of the angels and went in haste to verify its truth. They, in turn, became the first ones to proclaim the Good News! "And Mary kept all these things, reflecting on them in her heart." (Luke 2, 19)

Blessed Christmas,

Rev. Bill Foley

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