



Thou shalt...call his name *Jesus.*

LUKE 1:31

December 7, 2020

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

Even though it has been a challenging year for many of us, we find comfort and hope in the wonderful Good News that Jesus became Emmanuel, God with us. Although this year we cannot celebrate in large gatherings like last year because we need to be safe and protect one another from Covid 19, we still want to celebrate the Birth of Jesus Who was born for us out of love. At this time, to keep everyone safe, we are not allowed to gather inside the Church, but we will celebrate with five masses virtually with a small group present practicing social distance and wearing face coverings outside the church. To accommodate as many people as possible, the Holy Father and Bishop Soto has given permission to celebrate Christmas Eve this year as early as 2 pm.

In our parish, we will celebrate Christmas Eve Thursday, December 24, with outdoor Masses at 2:00 pm, 4:00pm, and 6:00 pm. On Christmas Day, Friday, December 25, we will celebrate with outdoor Masses at 9:00 am and 11:00 am.

Also, we will have a virtual penance service on Thursday, December 17, at 7:00 pm, and I will be available from 7:30 to 8:00pm to hear confessions, as well as on Friday, December 18, from 9:00 am to 10:00 am, 1:00pm to 2:00 pm, and 5:00pm to 6:00pm. Of course, I am available on Saturdays at 3:00 pm and at anytime by appointment.

It is important in this challenging time to put our faith in God and to know that His love is stronger than any evil or inconvenience and that He is always with us. I and all the staff wish you a Holy Christmas filled with God's love and a Better New year. We encourage you to celebrate with your immediate family safely and to reach out to your friends and others through a card, a call, or social media and we invite you to join us through Vimeo on our website, YouTube, and Facebook. Join us also every Saturday at 5:00 pm and Sundays at 9:00 and 11:00am through the social media.

God Bless you all and keep you and your loved ones safe. Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!

Sincerely in Christ,

Eduino Silveira, Pastor