

Feliz Navidad!

Dear brothers and sisters,

After walking these last four weeks of Advent, the awaited day has arrived, and we rejoice in the Savior who has been born to us.

Like the shepherds, we too have been keeping watch. We have been praying and waiting throughout Advent, hoping to see a great light. Today, as the prophet Isaiah says, *we remember the light that shone forth*. Today we remember, as the evangelist tells us, that Mary gave birth to the Light, and that, like the shepherds, we too have been enveloped by God's light.

Christmas is an opportunity to remember how great and generous God has been to each of us. This year, the blessings have been countless, and therefore, just as the shepherds of Bethlehem, who were keeping watch, rushed to meet the newborn child after receiving the angel's message, we too should go to meet the Savior who has been given to us.

God has become like us for our sake. We can now contemplate God's greatness in the simplicity of a newborn baby. That baby, whom His mother wrapped in swaddling clothes, who cries, who sleeps, who slowly moves His little face, is God. Because of this great act of love from God towards us, we cannot forget that just as Joseph and Mary walked the streets of Bethlehem searching for a place to find shelter and rest, today many of our brothers and sisters continue their journey, seeking refuge, looking for a place to rest and find shelter in their lives.

I wish you that this Christmas, the Child of Bethlehem fills you with His love and presence, that your homes are filled with joy, laughter, and celebrations, and that as you receive gifts, you remember that the greatest gift has already been given to us in the manger of Bethlehem: Jesus, the Savior of the world.

I wish that in this new year, 2026, the Lord of time grants you everything you desire and plan for the good of your homes and families, and that the new year arrives full of many more blessings for all.

Feliz Navidad y Prospero Año Nuevo

Remember,

"God loves you, God loves me, God loves us"



Reverend Sergio Rodriguez

Pastor





Hello Everyone —

After a season of watching and waiting, at the Christmas Midnight Mass we hear the wonderful words:

“The people who have walked in darkness have seen a great light.”

Isaiah 9:1

Can you imagine for a moment being a part of the nativity scene? Forget the sanitized view born from nativity plays — beautiful though they are — the stable is a dark and muddy place. It is quaint and almost forgotten. In this humble place a cry pierces the night: an infant is born and swaddled in rags. For all intents and purposes, this could be any baby in any place in the world. But what unfolds in this scene is a miraculous birth that forever changed the world. The Savior of the world is not a king born in a grand palace with finery, but an infant born of poor parents in a modest stable.

It's hard for us to imagine who would take offense at a baby born in a manger — a defenseless infant in such a lowly place. Yet even then, some did. And still today, many turn away. But God holds nothing back. He enters our darkness, our “stables,” our forgotten places. Jesus comes to us not as a princely dignitary who rules with power and decree, but as one meek and humble of heart, bringing light to our darkness and inviting us into a life of humility, gentleness and grace.

Through his miracles and mercy, Jesus shows us that everyone — especially those pushed to the margins — is worthy of dignity and love. He continues to invite us to see his presence: in the beauty of creation, in the love of family and friends, and most profoundly, in the presence of Christ in the Eucharist.

My hope and prayer for you this Christmas is that your heart will be filled with the light of God's inbreaking love — that the eternal Son may shine into your life, your heart and your family. May his light, which no darkness can overshadow, fill you with peace, joy and freedom that the world cannot give.

May God bless you, and Merry Christmas!

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