

*Glory to*  
**GOD**



## MERRY CHRISTMAS

from

The Church of St. Mary  
261 Eighth Street East  
Saint Paul, Minnesota 55101

Dear Parishioner,

Are you ready for Christmas? It's a question we are often asked. But I ask: how can we as Catholics really be ready for Christmas? How can we keep the season of holiness in our hearts as we "wait in joyful hope for the coming of our Savior, Jesus Christ"?

First, I invite you to take some extra time in prayer. Even if it is just a few extra minutes a day, take that time to reflect on the Nativity of our Lord, God's gift to us as a promise of salvation. I encourage you also to celebrate the sacrament of reconciliation, which brings with it grace and peace. And finally, I urge us all to share our hope with friends and family, inviting them to celebrate Mass with us. In this way, we can truly be ready for Christmas.

May the Peace of Christ be with you this Christmas, and throughout the year.

Sincerely in Christ,  
Fr. Benny Mekkatt, CFIC

## CHRISTMAS 2018

### NOVENA FOR THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION

Nov. 29th thru Dec. 7th  
after every Mass

### IMMACULATE CONCEPTION

Vigil Mass with Archbishop Hebda  
Friday, Dec. 7th, 5:30 p.m.  
(Reception following Mass)  
Saturday, Dec. 8th, 9:00 a.m.

### CHRISTMAS MASSES

Monday, December 24th  
Prelude Music at 5:00 p.m.  
**Vigil Mass 5:30 p.m.**  
Tuesday, December 25th  
7:30 a.m. & 10:30 a.m. Choir

### NEW YEAR'S MASSES

Monday, December 31st, 5:30 p.m.  
Tuesday, January 1st 9:00 a.m.

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### SANTA BREAKFAST

Sunday, December 16th, 11:30 a.m.