

Gloria in Excelsis Deo



Celebrating the Nativity of the Lord

Our Lady of Victory • Christmas 2018

A Message from Fr. Ben

We celebrate the birth of a Child – every child

Into our world and into our lives God sent His Son as a baby. This child, man and God, from the moment He was conceived in the womb of His Mother the Blessed Virgin Mary is a gift from God to us. As I have gotten older, and hopefully grown in wisdom and maybe a little good sense, I have come to realize that every child is a child of God and a gift from God.

More importantly, it strikes me that no matter how a child comes into the world, no child comes into the world without God making it happen. Only God can give life and so every child's existence is a witness of God's work. God makes life happen. Without God willing it, there is no life. Further, no matter how they come into the world, a child is a gift from God. In marriage or outside marriage, born to the rich or the poor, the powerful or the powerless, every child of every color, every child from every part of the world, children of all sorts, abilities, gifts, talents, challenges, all of them exist because God gives them life. God creates them and God sends them as His sons and daughters as His gifts to us – our families, communities, nation, even our world. Every child matters to God and so every child should matter to us.

As Joseph and Mary made their way from Nazareth to Bethlehem there was no one to help them. They had no rooms at the inn. They found a stable and they received the gift of God to the world – a child – Jesus. We could not be there for Jesus, Mary, and Joseph, but we can be there for God's children today. All children matter to God because all children, no matter how they come into the world, are God's children. All children matter to God, and so all children matter to us. That's our way, that's who we are, that's what we do. We celebrate the birth of a child – every child.

Wishing you all a very happy Christmas and every blessing for the New Year of 2019. Thank you for all you do to support Our Lady of Victory Parish. It is a wonderful parish and community. Thank you for all you do to care for all God's children.

fr. Ben

Don't forget to support the Seminary and Seminarists this Christmas.

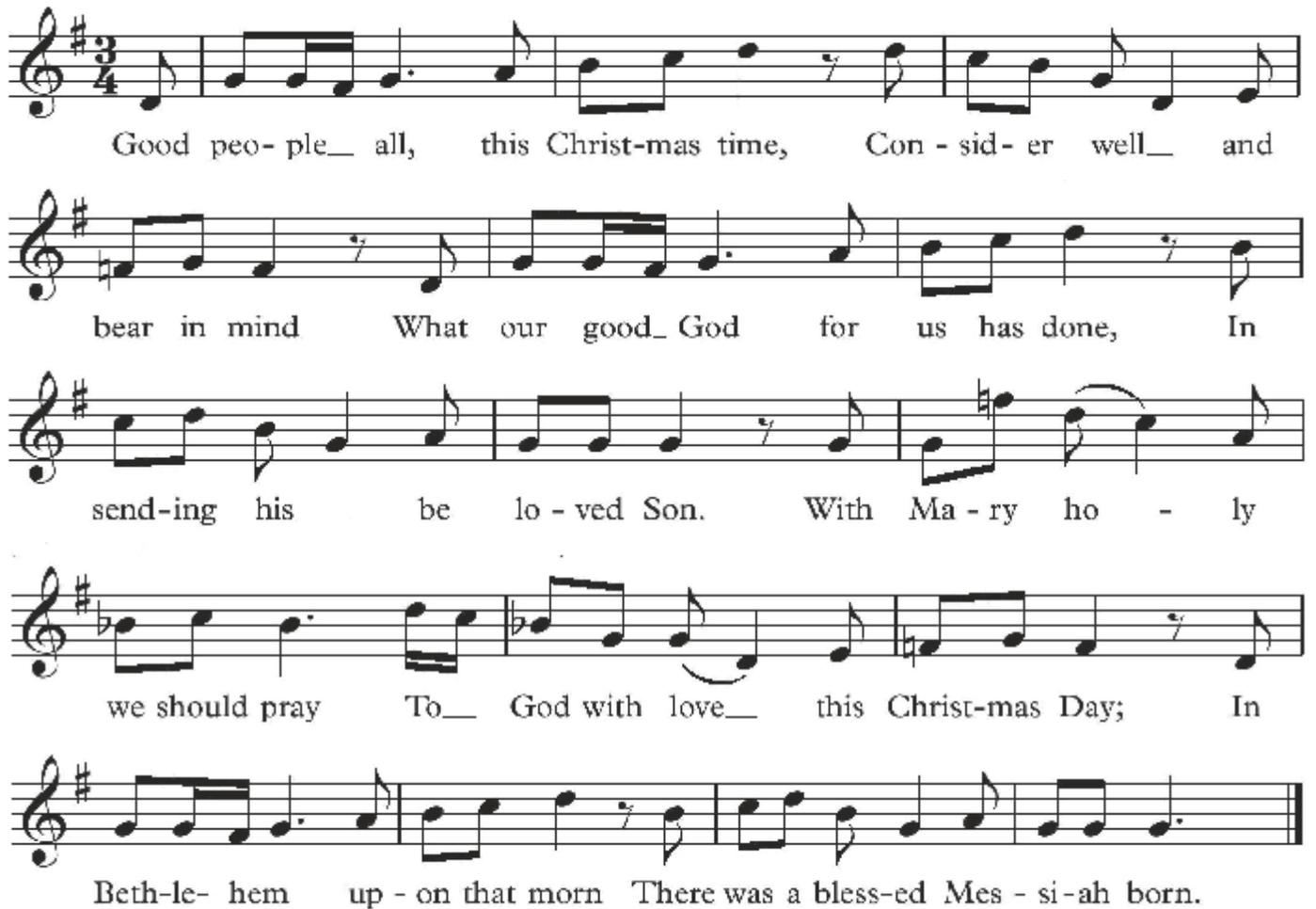
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Thanks,
Fr. Ben



Offertory Hymn - Wexford Carol

5:00pm, 11:00pm, and 10:00am Masses



Good peo- ple_ all, this Christ-mas time, Con - sid - er well_ and
bear in mind What our good_ God for us has done, In
send-ing his be lo - ved Son. With Ma - ry ho - ly
we should pray To_ God with love_ this Christ-mas Day; In
Beth-le- hem up - on that morn There was a bless-ed Mes - si-ah born.

The night before that happy tide
The noble Virgin and her guide
Were long time seeking up and down
To find a lodging in the town
But mark right well what came to pass
From every door repelled, alas
As was foretold, their refuge all
Was but a humble ox's stall

Near Bethlehem did shepherds keep
Their flocks of lambs and feeding sheep
To whom God's angel did appear
Which put the shepherds in great fear
Arise and go, the angels said
To Bethlehem, be not afraid
For there you'll find, this happy morn
A princely babe, sweet Jesus, born

With thankful heart and joyful mind
The shepherds went the babe to find
And as God's angel had foretold
They did our Savior Christ behold
Within a manger he was laid
And by his side a virgin maid
Attending on the Lord of Life
Who came on earth to end all strife

Communion Song - Silent Night

5:00pm and 11:00pm Masses

English Verse

Silent night, holy night!
All is calm, all is bright
Round yon Virgin, Mother and Child
Holy Infant so tender and mild
Sleep in heavenly peace
Sleep in heavenly peace

German Verse

Stille Nacht! Heilige Nacht!
Alles schläft; einsam wacht
Nur das traute heilige Paar.
Holder Knab im lockigten Haar,
Schlafe in himmlischer Ruh!
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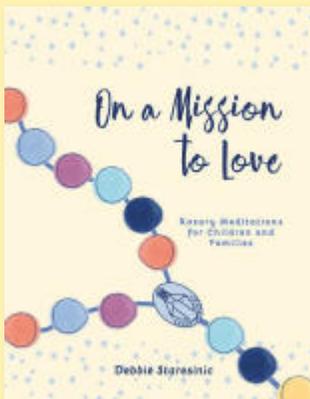
Gaelic Verse

Oíche Chiúin, oíche Mhic Dé,
Cách 'na suan, dís aráon,
Dís is dílse 'faire le spéire,
Naíon beag gnaoigheal ceannantais caomh,
Críost 'na chodhladh go séimh,
Críost 'na chodhladh go séimh.



Oh come, let us adore Him

A Special Christmas Gift to you from Our Lady of Victory



As a token of our gratitude, please be sure to take our gift to you, the book *On a Mission to Love*, after Mass. Please see a volunteer near the exit at the end of Mass.

On a Mission to Love helps families with the crucial task of praying together, particularly by teaching children how to understand and pray the mysteries of the Rosary. These Rosary meditations provide every Catholic family with a pathway to pray the Holy Rosary together and so draw closer to Jesus Christ through our Blessed Mother Mary. The meditations also help children of all ages to come to appreciate the great gift of the Holy Rosary in the classroom.

With gratitude to Ruah Woods for helping provide this gift.