

# ALL SAINTS PARISH

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## *Christmas Message 2023*

*As we celebrate the birth of Christ this Christmas, let joy be born in our hearts not just this Christmas day, but throughout the year, not just the year, but our entire lives. Let our actions inspire this world, that seems so lost in darkness, with the light of Christ. Let us welcome family and friends. Let us welcome strangers and travelers in our midst who join with us to celebrate the Eucharist. Make room for them; greet them with a welcoming smile and gracious hospitality not like Mary and Joseph, who sought a room in the inn without success. Let us not send them away to be born in a manger like the baby Jesus.*

*If you are returning to Church today from a long absence, or even a short one, let the joy of this celebration fill you. Let the light of Christ into your lives and into your hearts.*

*My thanks to all of you who have been faithful parishioners in All Saints Parish, for all you do even through challenging times. It is with humble joy that Fr. Mark and I give thanks for the honor of serving as your Pastor and Associate Pastor. Thank you for your support and prayers. "Do not be afraid; for behold, I proclaim to you good news of great joy that will be for all the people. For today in the City of David a Savior has been born for you who is Christ and Lord. And this will be a sign for you: You will find an infant wrapped in swaddling clothes and lying in a manger." And suddenly there was a multitude of the heavenly host with the angel praising God and saying: "Glory to God in the highest and on earth peace to those on whom his favor rests." (Lk2:10-14)*

*May God bless you this Christmas, may all darkness in your lives be removed by the light of Christ. May your hearts be filled with the Joy of Christ's birth and may you be missionaries of that joy, Amen.*

*Fr. Gregory Agyeman*

