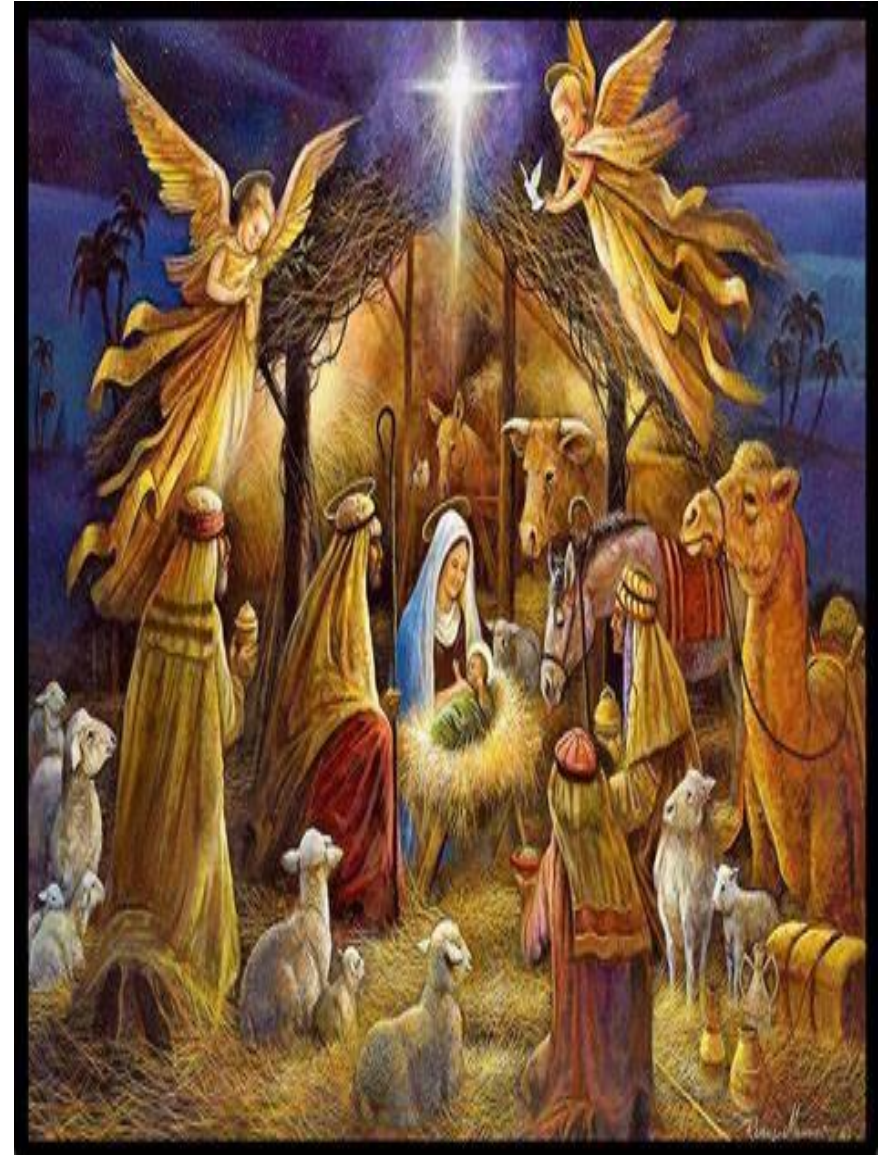


<i>Parish Office is CLOSED from December 24th to January 2nd</i>	
Saturday, December 24th Christmas Eve	
Mass @ St. Agnes (With Incense)	5:00 pm
Mass @ St. Anthony (With Incense)	7:30 pm
Mass @ St. Agnes (With Incense)	9:00 pm
Sunday, December 25th Christmas Day	
Mass @ St. Agnes (with Incense)	9:00 am
Mass @ St. Anthony (With Incense)	10:30 am
Mass @ St. Agnes (With Incense)	12:00 Noon
Monday, December 26 NO MASS	
Tuesday, December 27	
Mass @ St. Anthony / Black Nazarene Novena	7:00 pm
Wednesday, December 28	
NO ADORATION @ St. Anthony	
Mass @ St. Anthony / Black Nazarene Novena	7:00 pm
Thursday, December 29	
Mass @ St. Agnes	9:00 am
Mass @ St. Anthony / Black Nazarene Novena	7:00 pm
Friday, December 30	
Mass @ St. Agnes	9:00 am
Mass @ St. Anthony / Black Nazarene Novena	7:00 pm
Saturday, December 31 New Year's Eve	
Mass @ St. Agnes	5:00 pm
Mass @ St. Anthony	7:30 pm
Sunday, January 01 New Year's Day	
Mass @ St. Agnes	9:00 am
Mass @ St. Anthony	10:30 am
Mass @ St. Agnes	12 Noon
Tuesday, January 3	
Mass @ St. Anthony / Black Nazarene Novena	7:00 pm
Wednesday, January 4 / NO Adoration	
Mass @ St. Anthony / Black Nazarene Novena	7:00 pm
Thursday, January 5	
Mass @ St. Agnes	9:00 am
Mass @ St. Anthony / Black Nazarene Novena	7:00 pm
Friday, January 6	
First Friday Mass @ St. Agnes	
Mass @ St. Anthony / Black Nazarene Novena	7:00 pm
Saturday, January 7	
Mass @ St. Agnes	5:00 pm
Mass @ St. Anthony	7:30 pm
Sunday, January 8	
Mass @ St. Agnes	9:00 am
Mass @ St. Anthony	10:30 am
Mass @ St. Agnes	12 Noon
Black Nazarene Mass & Dinner @ St. Agnes	4:00 pm

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A Blessed Christmas to everyone and a Wonderful New Year.

December 25, 2022

**Christmas Message from our Pastor
St. Agnes & St. Anthony Parishes**

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

Christmas is the thankful remembrance of the coming of the son of God into our history to save us as the fulfillment of the promises of God.

The birth of Jesus is a reminder of God's immense love for humanity. In the Gospel we read: God so loved the world that He gave His only Son, that everyone who believes in Him shall not perish, but have eternal life. For God did not send His Son into the world to condemn the world, but to save the world through Him...(Jn. 3:16). It is God's love that made Christmas possible. It is a reminder that God has reached down to us. As a response to that expression of love we have to reach up to Him with thanksgiving for our salvation.

Christmas calls us to change our lives and it is the celebration of light. God has sent us the purest and brightest light of all. In the Gospel we read, "the people who sit in darkness have seen a great light, on those dwelling in a land overshadowed by death, light has arisen." (Mt 4:16). That light was the life of all. The purpose of his coming into the world was to enlighten all of us. To eliminate darkness from us, allow Jesus to come into our lives. In the Gospel of St. John, we read: the light shines in the darkness, and the darkness did not overcome it.

In Christmas season, lights all over the place bring us comfort and joy in the dark night. Darkness is a metaphor

for all painful and bad experiences in our lives like sickness, suffering, death, and sin. The truth of Christmas is that, into all of these darkness, God sheds light, if we believe in Jesus and give him at most importance to him in our lives.

Jesus, the savior of the world did not come as a powerful ruler, but was born in the lowliness of a manger. God offered us salvation in a way that is simple and accessible to all. No one is exempted from it.

In the gospel we read about the joy of the shepherds when they heard from the angels that a Savior had been born. Excited over the good news, they went with haste and found Mary and Joseph, and the child lying in the manger. When they saw this, they made known what they had seen and what had been told to them about this child. And all who heard it were amazed.

Like the shepherds who went with haste to see the child Jesus and shared the good news, we- Christians- are also called to go with haste and share the good news. As Christians, we are entrusted with the duty to proclaim the Good news, so that the Divine message of salvation may be known and accepted by all people throughout the earth. This duty is even more pressing when it is only through us that people may hear the Gospel and know Christ. [C.C.C. # 900]. Dear brothers and sisters Christmas is meant to celebrate peace and joy. Amidst the busy shopping, parties, presents, and fun, remember that the Prince of Peace came to restore peace and joy to all. As we Celebrate Christmas, Let us be messengers of peace, hope and joy to the world. Wish you all Merry Christmas.

Fr. Varghese Munduvelil CFIC

**WISH YOU ALL A BLESSED CHRISTMAS AND A GRACE
FILLED NEW YEAR!**