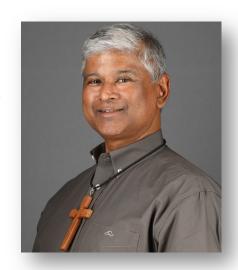
Pastor's Message

"Our soul waits for the LORD; he is our help and shield.

Our heart is glad in him, because we trust in his holy name." - Psalm 33:20-21

Dear Friends,

I pray this message finds you all healthy in Body and Mind. And may your Spirit find Peace in our Lord Jesus Christ!



I came across a posting on social media this week from (I'm guessing) a younger clergy person who asked if anyone else found the Christmas season "tiring." A number of responses came back with familiar refrains - the frenetic pace, the sacrifice (for clergy) of focused family time, the seemingly forced festivity and commercialization, the focus on the jovial, bearded man in the red suit with the bagful of toys rather than the birth of Jesus, the litany is indeed lengthy!

And for those of us who have lost loved ones, or are having health problems or going through painful life transitions, the "merriness" of it all can leave us feeling empty and alone.

It is in these critical moments when we might want to turn to our Holy Word - a word that has comforted, inspired and upheld many generations before us: Where we are weak, God is strong! When we have need, God will provide in abundance! And when it feels like we're alone, God is ever with us!

If all the falderal feels artificial, maybe even hurtful in a way, know that God's Love for you is real and utterly unshakable! Be glad in him, and trust in his holy name!

The Peace of Christ be with you! Anil