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Hope you and your loved ones had a blessed Christmas and great celebrations. May this beautiful season continue to fill your life with the Joy of Jesus dwelling in your heart. Our liturgical celebrations were very beautiful and spiritually enriching. We have a great team of volunteers who make our church so beautiful and our liturgies so lively. I thank all of you for your contributions which made this year's Christmas more joyful.

Those of you who were not able to come to church due to health challenges, you were specially remembered in my mass intentions. I asked Jesus to fill you with his love and I am sure you felt that. Know that even if you are not physically able to join us, spiritually you are with us.

Even though Advent was a special time to prepare for Christmas, our parish was also busy with our Love One Another Campaign. As I have been updating you in the past few months, we have been slow due to our unique situation. We were supposed to close the campaign by Christmas. But we have only reached 54% of our goal as of now. So, we have decided to extend the campaign till the end of January. We will have our In-Pew weekend on January 14 &15, during which we ask every family to participate and pledge whatever contributions you can for the next five years. Only 24% of our parish participated so far. We should make it at least 50% and that would make us closer to the goal. Even if it is difficult, please consider a small sacrifice every month to commit for the future of our church.

I also want to thank each one of you for your love for the church. On a personal note, many of you wrote me cards with your wishes and thanked me for serving you as your pastor. I am humbled by the kind words you have shared personally and through the cards. All I can say is **THANK YOU** and thank Jesus for calling me as his priest to serve each one of you. I am so blessed to be with you.

I conclude by wishing a Blessed New Year to each one of you and commending you and our parish community under the powerful protection of Mother of Perpetual Help. **“The Lord bless and keep you! The Lord let his face shine upon you, and be gracious to you! The Lord look upon you kindly and give you peace!”** (Numbers 6:24-26)

With Blessings and Prayers,

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