

## *Merry Christmas and Happy New Year*

*From all of us at The Abbey!*

*“No one, whether shepherd or wise man, can approach God here below except by kneeling before the manger at Bethlehem and adoring him hidden in the weakness of a new born child” (CCC 563).  
Catechism of the Catholic Church*

*We wish you a Blessed Christmas and peace and joy in the New Year! May His presence bring hope and confidence into each one of your hearts as you place all of your trust in Him in union with His Holy Mother of God and in knowing that He will provide for us in all things.*

*Thank you for all of your love, unending support, and encouragement throughout this difficult year. May blessings surround you in 2021!*

*Only when Christ is formed in us will the mystery of Christmas be fulfilled in us. [Cf. Gal 4:19] Christmas is the mystery of this "marvelous exchange": O marvelous exchange! Man's Creator has become man, born of the Virgin. We have been made sharers in the divinity of Christ who humbled himself to share our humanity. [LH, 1 January, Antiphon I of Evening Prayer] [460]*