

December 15, 2020

My dear friends in Christ,

A voice crying out from the desert: "Prepare the way of the Lord, make straight his paths." These are the words that we heard from John the Baptist last Sunday and the Sunday before.

The next nine days are very critical for us as we await the coming celebration of the feast of the birth of our Savior, Jesus Christ. I don't have to emphasize to you the importance of our preparations.

I know that we are in this pandemic. We are confronted with many emotions and fears. We are affected by it, directly or indirectly. We know someone who have died of Covid19 or we know someone who is in the hospital. There will be many empty chairs around Christmas table. How many more people will die before the feast of Christmas? Many questions in our mind and hurts in our heart. Our spirit is low and we don't have the energy to move on. Certainly this will be a very different Christmas. But I know that we will do everything to be prepared in the most difficult human experience. Historically the bright star of Bethlehem will shine in darkness like it did during the difficult years of the Second World War.

PAUSE AND FOCUS!

We must pause for a moment and to start to focus on the Savior's coming at Christmas. Allow the baby Jesus in your hearts and be met by his holy smile. We need that today. Let the joy of his coming be upon us and fill our hearts and our spirit with grace and wonder. We need to encounter the child Jesus! We must stay together in the spirit of joy, thanksgiving and love.

Today, December 15, we begin our Simbang Gabi (Dawn Mass), a Filipino nine-day preparation of Christmas. This year, all the Simbang Gabi Masses will be at 7pm livestream on YouTube and Facebook. This will end on December 23.

Our outdoor masses continue this weekend, December 19/20.

SATURDAY, Spanish Mass at 4pm

SUNDAY: English Mass at 10 and 12nn

This is our Mass schedule for Christmas:

December 24, Christmas Eve: 4pm—Spanish Mass (Outdoor Mass)

7pm---English Mass livestream on YouTube and Facebook

December 25, Christmas Day: 10am and 12nn Outdoor Mass in the school yard

We hope and pray that it will not rain!

I wish you love and strength during these last days of our Christmas preparations! Do not IMPEACH CHRIST from your heart, but REACH FOR CHRIST! And thank you again for your great generosity. I am.....

Fr. Geoffrey, your servant in Christ