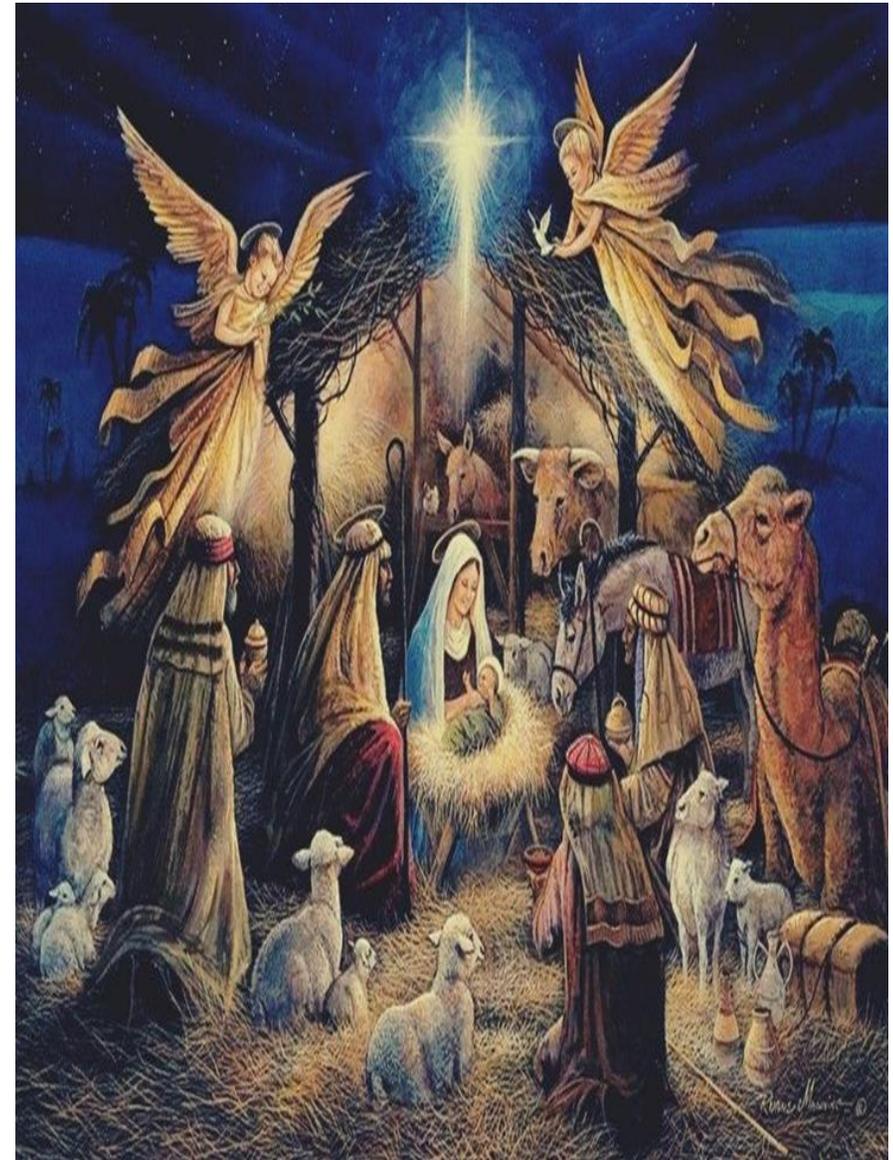


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<i>Parish Office is CLOSED from December 23rd to January 3rd</i>	
<b>Thursday, December 24<sup>th</sup> Christmas Eve</b>	
Mass @ St. Agnes (With Incense)	5:00 pm
Mass @ St. Anthony (With Incense)	7:30 pm
<b>Friday, December 25 Christmas Day</b>	
Mass @ St. Agnes (with Incense)	9:00 am
Mass @ St. Anthony (With Incense)	10:30 am
Mass @ St. Agnes (With Incense)	12:00 Noon
<b>Saturday, December 26</b>	
Mass @ St. Agnes	5:00 pm
Mass @ St. Anthony	7:30 pm
<b>Sunday, December 27</b>	
Mass @ St. Agnes	9:00 am
Mass @ St. Anthony	10:30 am
Mass @ St. Agnes	12:00 Noon
<b>Tuesday, December 29</b>	
Mass @ St. Anthony	7:00 pm
<b>Wednesday, December 30</b>	
Mass @ St. Anthony	6:15 pm
<b>Thursday, December 31 New Year's Eve</b>	
Mass @ St. Agnes	5:00 pm
Mass @ St. Anthony	7:30 pm
<b>Friday, January 1st New Year's Day</b>	
Mass @ St. Agnes	9:00 am
Mass @ St. Anthony	10:30 am
Mass @ St. Agnes	12:00 Noon
<b>Saturday, January 2</b>	
Mass @ St. Agnes	5:00 pm
Mass @ St. Anthony	7:30 pm
<b>Sunday, January 3</b>	
Mass @ St. Agnes	9:00 am
Mass @ St. Anthony	10:30 am
Mass @ St. Agnes	12 Noon
<b>Tuesday, January 5</b>	
Mass @ St. Anthony	7:00 pm
<b>Wednesday, January 6</b>	
Mass @ St. Anthony	6:15 pm
<b>Thursday, January 7</b>	
Mass @ St. Agnes	9:00 am
<b>Friday, January 8</b>	
Mass @ St. Agnes	9:00 am
<b>Saturday, January 9</b>	
Mass @ St. Agnes	5:00 pm
Mass @ St. Anthony	7:00 pm



Parish office is closed from December 24th, 2020 to January 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2021  
**A Blessed Christmas to everyone and a Wonderful New Year.**

*December 25, 2020*

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

*Christmas Message 2020*

*The people living in darkness have seen a great light; on those living in the land of the shadow of death a light has dawned. (Matthew 4.16)*

*At the darkest moment of human history when fear and anxiety held humanity in chains, the Birth of Jesus gives the world the energy of hope. Today, everyone had the reason to fear. At the time of the birth of Jesus, the Jews were afraid of the Romans other external aggressors and urgently needed a Messiah. The rest of humanity was in captivity of sin and error. Even Mary was afraid at the message of “impossibility” from the angel Gabriel. Joseph was afraid of taking Mary as his wife. However, at the appointed time God showed His faithfulness and reversed all impossibilities. The birth of Jesus Christ vanished every fear and proved God to be promise keeper.*

*The assurance of the promise made to Israel took centuries to fulfil. But the love of the Lord shall never cease to be, his mercies never come to an end. They are new every morning and great is his faith (Lamentations 3:22-23). No time is late for God. He visits us in our hopelessness, helplessness, imperfections, injuries, fear, shame and confusion and turns our world around. This is the merit of Christ’s coming.*

*Fear prevents us from seeing God’s promises being fulfilled in our life. Fear covers God’s abilities and revelations and uncovers the weight of our problems. It actually makes us prey*

*to human opinion. Fear makes us go in the wrong direction and allow others to follow. It makes us to be silent when we should speak up. Mary was faced with the difficulty of accepting the virgin birth and so was Joseph in accepting pregnant Mary as a wife. But God told them as He tells us “do not be afraid”. They believed, took courage and all fear was arrested. We may be facing some fear of the unknown, fear of past mistakes, fear of present challenges, fear of tomorrow. The promises may be coming to fulfilment but we may be distracted by fear. If we let faith take the place of fear we shall see God’s promises fulfilling in our life.*

*Mary had her plans as a young girl. Her parents too had their own plan. They betrothed her to Joseph. No parents will not be happy to see their daughter getting pregnant before being married. But here comes the plan and the will of God. Mary surrendered all, said Yes to God, endured all and gave us all we can ever have— Jesus Christ. In our lives, it is not our will but God’s will be done. In his will is our peace. In his will is our joy.*

*In this situation of Covid – 19 pandemic threat, as the people of the Old Testament, we have to be people of Hope. It is our hope in the providence of God that imparts energy and meaning to our life. In this festive season we pray for the members of our parish who are not able to attend the liturgical celebration in our parish.*

*May the Child Jesus fill your life with Peace and Hope.  
Merry Christmas & A peace filled New year.*

*Yours in Christ,*

*Fr. Varghese Munduvelil, CFIC  
Pastor*