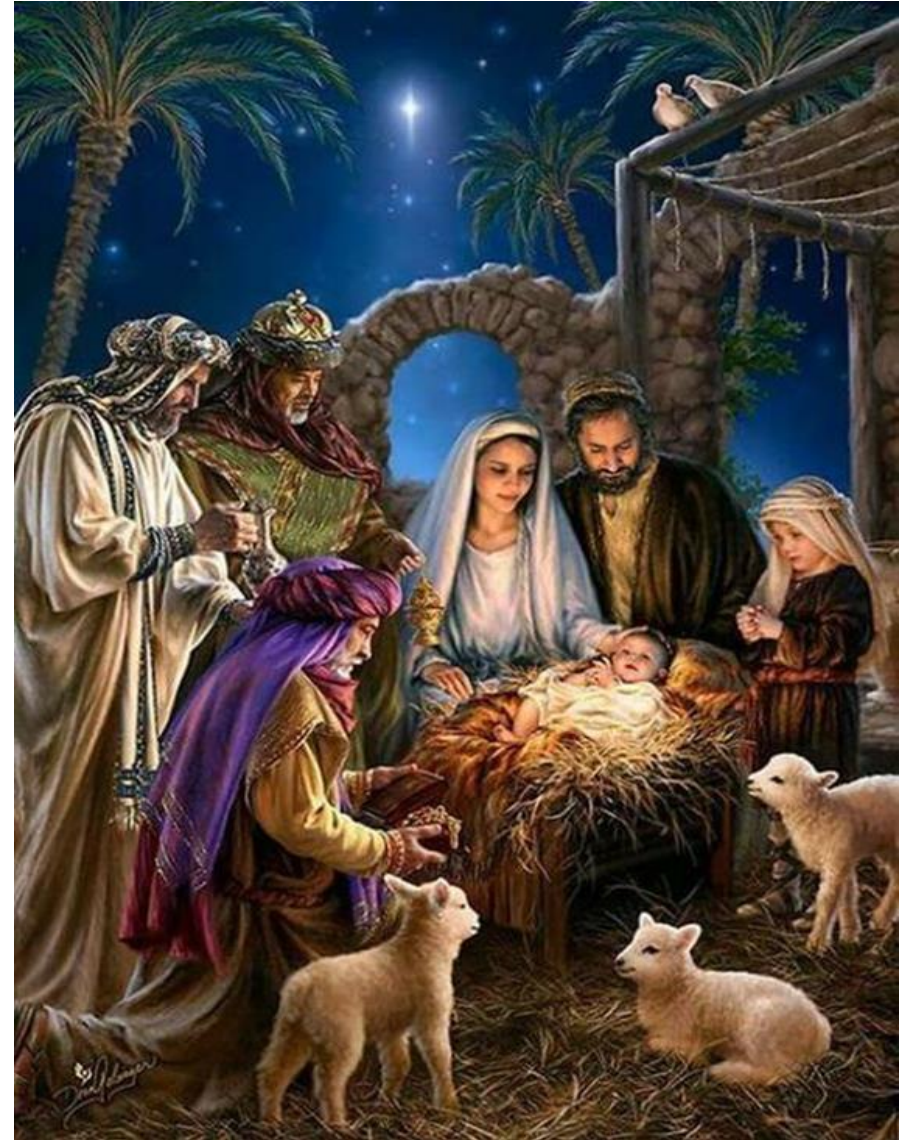


<i>Parish Office is CLOSED from December 23rd to January 01, 2024</i>	
<b>Sunday, December 24<sup>th</sup> Christmas Eve</b>	
Mass @ St. Agnes (With Incense)	5:00 pm
Mass @ St. Anthony (With Incense)	7:30 pm
Mass @ St. Agnes (With Incense)	9:00 pm
<b>Monday, December 25<sup>th</sup> Christmas Day</b>	
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>Tuesday, December 26 NO MASS</b>	<b>St. Anthony</b>
<b>Wednesday, December 27</b>	
<b>NO ADORATION @ St. Anthony</b>	
Mass @ St. Anthony / Black Nazarene Novena	7:00 pm
<b>Thursday, December 28</b>	
Mass @ St. Agnes	9:00 am
Mass @ St. Anthony / Black Nazarene Novena	7:00 pm
<b>Friday, December 29</b>	
Mass @ St. Agnes	9:00 am
Mass @ St. Anthony / Black Nazarene Novena	7:00 pm
<b>Saturday, December 30</b>	
Mass @ St. Agnes	5:00 pm
Mass @ St. Anthony / Black Nazarene Novena	7:30 pm
<b>Sunday, December 31</b>	
Mass @ St. Agnes	9:00 am
Mass @ St. Anthony	10:30 am
Mass @ St. Agnes	12 Noon
New Year's Eve Mass @ St. Agnes	5:00 pm
New Year's Eve Mass @ St. Anthony	7:30 pm
<b>Monday, January 1 (New Year's Day)</b>	
Mass @ St. Anthony	10:30 am
Mass @ St. Agnes	12:00 Noon
<b>Tuesday, January 2</b>	
Mass @ St. Anthony / Black Nazarene Novena	7:00 pm
<b>Wednesday, January 3 / NO Adoration</b>	
Mass @ St. Anthony / Black Nazarene Novena	7:00 pm
<b>Thursday, January 4</b>	
Mass @ St. Agnes	9:00 am
Mass @ St. Agnes / Black Nazarene Novena	7:00 pm
<b>First Friday, January 5</b>	
<b>Adoration @ St. Agnes</b>	6 – 6:45 pm
Mass @ St. Agnes / Black Nazarene Novena	7:00 pm
<b>Saturday, January 6</b>	
Mass @ St. Agnes	5:00 pm
Mass @ St. Anthony/ Black Nazarene Novena	7:30 pm

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A Blessed Christmas to everyone and a Wonderful New Year.

December 25, 2023

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

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

**“Glory to God in the highest heaven, and on earth peace to those on whom his favor rests.”** Luke 2:14

Christmas Day is inviting us into the joy of the divine embracing the humanity.

The time of Jesus and ours have many similarities. The Bible often recounts stories of war, political strife, and human struggles during Jesus' time. Similarly, we find ourselves living in a world marked by conflict, calamities, and a constant struggle for power, often with a disregard for human values.

Just as the shepherds experienced the presence of Jesus in the manger, we are called to be vessels of God's love and light in a world that often feels shrouded in darkness. Our role today echoes that of the shepherds—being bearers of the good news, embodying the love of Christ in our actions, and allowing others to experience the child Jesus in our hearts. In a world yearning for authenticity and love, let us strive to be real, just as Jesus made God's love real to us on that holy night.

God always works in unexpected ways in our lives. The Christmas story has an unexpected beginning. The story begins with Mary, a young woman, betrothed to Joseph. Surprise and confusion have engulfed Joseph when he learned of Mary's miraculous pregnancy. But Joseph, described as a righteous man, initially planned to dismiss Mary quietly. He responded to the unexpected circumstances with grace and righteousness. His response demonstrates compassion and a desire to protect Mary from public shame.

The angel's message to Joseph transforms fear into hope. The name given to the child, Jesus, carries the promise of salvation.

The fulfillment of the prophecy in Isaiah underscores the significance of Jesus as Emmanuel—God with us. The message of Emmanuel resonate with us today, amidst the challenges and uncertainties we face. In life, God often chooses the unexpected to bring about His divine plans. This unexpected event challenges us to be open to God's work in our lives, even when it doesn't align with our expectations.

Emmanuel is not just a historical truth; it is a present reality. God is with us in our joys, sorrows, triumphs, and challenges. As we celebrate the birth of Jesus, let us remember that the story of Christmas is a story of unexpected grace, mercy, and divine presence. We should, like Joseph, respond to the unexpected in our lives with faith, righteousness, and a willingness to see God's hand at work.

One powerful example from the Bible that illustrates the theme of ordinary individuals touched by extraordinary grace is the story of Mary, the mother of Jesus. And every Christmas echoes this.

In Christmas the most precious gifts that we can give to others is giving Jesus through the acts of kindness, compassion, and love.

The universal Church is eagerly responding to Pope Francis' call for Synodality. On the first Christmas Day, Our Lord came into the world to walk with humans, and to encourage all to walk together in harmony. Synodality means walking together in unity. Christmas is the time for bringing to our homes the joy of God's presence among us. The New Year is just around the corner. A grace-filled Christmas and a happy New Year to you. Let us walk more confidently and more unitedly in the spirit of Synodality.

**Fr. Varghese Mundavelil CFIC**