



*"Glory to God in the highest heaven,
and on earth peace among those
whom he favours!"*
Luke 2:14



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Dear Parishioners and Friends of the London North Central Catholic Family of Parishes,

As the Advent season begins, I find myself reflecting deeply on the mystery and beauty of the Incarnation – the heart of our Christmas celebration. Each year, as we gather to celebrate the birth of our Saviour, we are invited to contemplate God's boundless love and His willingness to enter our world, to share in our joys and sorrows, and to be close to each one of us.

This year has brought its share of challenges and blessings. We've walked together through moments of joy and times of sorrow, supporting one another as a Family of Parishes. I am immensely grateful for each of you – for your faith, your kindness, and the ways you embody Christ's love in our community. It is your warmth and devotion that makes our parish a true family, a place where everyone is welcome and loved.

As we prepare to celebrate Christmas, let us remember that Jesus was born into humble surroundings, in a stable in Bethlehem. This humble beginning reminds us that God is present in every corner of our lives, even in the quietest, simplest places. He comes to us not with grandeur or splendor, but in a way that invites us to welcome Him into the depths of our hearts.

I am privileged to be your Pastor, and I feel incredibly blessed and honoured to be with you. My prayers are with you always. Let us keep in our prayers those who may feel lonely or burdened this season, those who are struggling, and those who need our support. Together, let us be Christ's hands and heart, bringing light and hope to a world in need.

May you be filled with the wonder of Mary, the obedience of Joseph, the joy of the angels, the eagerness of the shepherds, the determination of the magi, and the peace of the Christ child.

On behalf of our parish team, I wish you and your loved ones a peaceful and joyous Christmas. May the newborn King fill your hearts with His grace, and may His love sustain you in the year ahead.

In the Shepherd Lord,

Father Daniel Bombardier
Pastor

