

From the Desk of Father Maddaloni

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hile they were there, the time came for her to have her child, and she gave birth to her first-born son. She wrapped him in swaddling

clothes and laid him in a manger, because there was no room for them in the inn.” LUKE 2:6-7



Simple. Humble. Pure.

When I was small, my parents had a rule. We could not open any presents until we had said a prayer before the nativity scene on the mantle. We knew that the celebration, with all its thrills, was imminent, but this small ritual started the day. It helped ensure that the horse was firmly before the cart and not the other way around – first the nativity of Jesus, then the celebration of it.

I hope that your Christmas is fantastic. I hope the parties are a lot of fun. I hope that you treasure your time with loved ones and that the gifts you exchange are meaningful and given in the spirit of love.

I pray that the image of the stable remain with you on Christmas Day and all through the Christmas season, and that the event itself does not get lost in the celebration of it.

“For today in the city of David a savior has been born for you who is Messiah and Lord.” LUKE 2:11

May you have a blessed and very merry Christmas.

*- Father Maddaloni, Father John Wachowicz,
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Reconciliation

On December 24, confessions will be heard in the church from 10:30 a.m. until noon.