Dear Parishioners,

At Christmas, we celebrate a simple and beautiful truth: God comes close to us. He enters into our everyday lives, with all that weighs on our hearts, fear, guilt, pride, shame, and blame, those things that often wound or break our relationship with Him.

Baby Jesus, come to restore this beautiful relationship with the grace of His presence, making us feel loved again, and God know how much this generation is in need to feel loved.

The figure of the Virgin Mary accompanied us during the Advent season as we awaited Jesus' coming and taught us how to welcome Him. She opened her heart completely to God and trusted Him. Because of this, she became full of grace, not by her own strength, but because she made room in her life for God's presence.

This same grace is offered to us. When we welcome the baby Jesus into our hearts with faith, humility, and trust, God fills us with His love. His grace warms our hearts, brings peace to our lives, and renews our hope, even during moments of difficulty or uncertainty.

Christmas reminds us that God desires to dwell with us. When we make space for Him, our hearts become a place where Christ is born anew, and we feel joyful again.

May this Christmas be a time when you truly feel the warmth of God's love. May your hearts be open, like Mary's, to receive Jesus and be filled with His grace, His peace, His joy and His love.

With my prayers and Christmas blessings to you and your families,

Fr. Augusto Menichelli Pastor