



## Christmas Joy!

As we get older, many of us find that the years seem to go by so much more quickly than when we were children. The seasons seem to be shorter. We just put away our Christmas decorations and suddenly, it seems, we are getting them out of storage again. We ask, "Where does the time go?" It is true that life here on earth does pass quickly and, with that realization, we should cherish every moment and do our very best to be faithful to all that God expects of us.

The days of the Christmas season go by quickly so each and every moment of this special time of the year should be celebrated to the fullest extent. It is certainly easy to get overwhelmed with the secular aspects of the season. However, we must never forget why we have this season in the first place: Jesus Christ is born! That is the only reason we have Christmas.

We celebrate this great event of God becoming a human being. God comes into our world, born as an infant, and becomes an adult who teaches, heals and proclaims the Good News. That, indeed, gives us reason to rejoice. Jesus came into the world because of His great love for us. He did not remain a baby in the manger, however. He grew up in the Holy Family and eventually left home to fulfill His mission. He would suffer and die for all of humanity. On the third day, He would be raised up and lives today among us, as He promised.

The Lord Jesus Christ wishes all people to be saved and calls everyone to come to Him in love and trust. It is my sincere hope and prayer that this Christmas season will fill you with peace and joy as you contemplate and celebrate this holy time: the entrance of Jesus Christ, our Lord and Messiah, into the world!

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