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# Happy Holy Christmas Season and New Year!

Taken from Pope Benedict XVI Encyclical Letter,  
*God is Love* (12-13):

By contemplating the pierced side of Christ (cf. 19:37), we can understand the starting-point of this Encyclical Letter: "God is love" (1 Jn 4:8). It is there that this truth can be contemplated. It is from there that our definition of love must begin. In this contemplation the Christian discovers the path along which his life and love must move. Jesus gave this act of oblation an enduring presence through his institution of the Eucharist at the Last Supper. He anticipated his death and resurrection by giving his disciples, in the bread and wine, his very self, his body and blood as the new manna (cf. Jn 6:31-33). The ancient world had dimly perceived that man's real food—what truly nourishes him as man—is ultimately the *Logos*, eternal wisdom: this same *Logos* now truly becomes food for us—as love. The Eucharist draws us into Jesus' act of self-oblation. More than just statically receiving the incarnate *Logos*, we enter into the very dynamic of his self-giving.

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Please join us daily in praying the following prayer for founding growth and formation of the Community ...Thank you for this kindness!!!

Eternal Father,  
give us this day the grace  
to bring to fruition  
Jesus' prayer for unity at the Last Supper,  
by being Jesus for and to others,  
in living the Family Life of  
the Blessed Trinity  
as reflected in the Holy Family,  
thus, becoming a living prayer of unity,  
a Saint (Jesus for and to others),  
especially living Jesus' Way of Life of:

- Sunday* ... private prayer
- Monday* ... community prayer
- Tuesday* ... fasting and penance
- Wednesday* ... spreading the Good News
- Thursday* ... helping the needy
- Friday* ... carrying the Cross
- Saturday* ... forgiveness

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"Behold the Handmaid of the Lord; be  
it done to me according to Your Word."

Luke 1:38

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"The Virgin shall be with  
Child and give birth to a Son  
and they shall call Him  
Emmanuel,"  
a Name which means  
"God is with us."

Matthew 1:23



Come and adore Him...



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Praise be Jesus Christ...

We give praise and thanks to  
God our Father,  
our Lord Jesus Christ  
and the Holy Spirit  
for you.

*We are praying that  
the Blessed Trinity  
may bless you  
and your family  
this Advent and  
Christmas Season and  
throughout the New Year!*

You will be remembered in our  
daily Community life prayers especially:  
at Holy Mass and Adoration  
praying the Mystical Rosary,  
the Liturgy of the Hours,  
in the Mystical Mass Prayer,  
the Chaplet of Mercy  
and Silent prayer.

“God is love” and He has called us to live in loving communion with Him so as to bring to fruition Jesus’ prayer for unity at the Last Supper (our Charism) by living the Family Life of the Blessed Trinity as reflected in the Holy Family (our Spirituality).



We are deeply grateful for your continued prayers: Sr. Mary Rose passed final comprehensive exams and graduated with a Masters of Arts degree in Theological Studies from Notre Dame Graduate School of Christendom College. Sr. Mary Joseph continues preparing for final comprehensive exams in 2008 for the same degree. We ask for your prayers that on the Feast of Christ the King 2008, we will then be able to focus our energies on founding growth after having completed years of study.

Our Parish now has a pastor, Fr. Jim Anguiano after two years since the passing of our pastor of 24 years, Msgr. O'Brien. We continue in our united common life, prayer, and apostolate of Christian renewal expressed in catechesis with evangelization at San Buenaventura Mission for our 22<sup>nd</sup> year. We have 330 children in our Elementary Religious Education Program,



170 High School youth in preparation for Confirmation, 6 children in the Children's Catechumenate and 5 adults seeking to enter into or complete their initiation in the Catholic Church. We continue to rejoice in the Blessed Trinity for all opportunities of sharing with others Jesus' Way of Life.

Be assured that you are in our hearts and prayers, as we remember all of your needs in union with Jesus, in each Mass that will be celebrated for our intentions this Advent and Christmas Season. Thank you so much to those who have made this gift to others possible!

Thank you too for your love and care in prayer for us through out our founding process!!!

Let us be united as we keep our eyes fixed upon Jesus, open to living His Life of Holiness to which each of us has been called by being Jesus for and to others.

Let us together pray for the grace of perseverance in faith, hope and charity!

May you have Blessed Advent and Christmas Season and a Holy New Year!

United in Jesus' Love and Mercy,