

*“For a child is born to us, a son is given to us ... Prince of Peace.”*

Isaiah 9:5

Parishioners, Visitors, and Friends,

Those are words of the prophecy from Isaiah that we hear at Christmas.

We are joy-filled to be together with our family and friends at home to celebrate the birth of God into our world.

So much has happened since the last Christmas: struggles with inflation and illness, empty places around the family table, and even the joy of new additions in our lives. We keep in our hearts, as always, that the most precious and greatest gift is Christ, God incarnate, who comes to us as a child and offers his life for you and me and the world.

Last June, on the anniversary of my ordination to the priesthood, I thanked God and am grateful to Him for helping me to persevere joyfully in his service as a priest for the last 25 years.

In the same month, on the Feast of Corpus Christi, the United States Bishops inaugurated the Eucharistic Revival to help us deepen our appreciation for the Body and Blood of Jesus Christ we receive at the Mass. I thank the Lord always and every day for your living faith in the Lord and your sincere devotion to the Blessed Sacrament. These are your enduring supports that hold my hands up as Moses' hands were held up by God's people during their sojourn in the desert. (Exodus 17: 8-13; 2).

As we celebrate the birth of our Savior, Jesus Christ, I wish you and all your loved ones the joy of Christmas and the peace from on high and I will remember you and all family and friends in the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass during the Christmas Season and throughout the New Year.

*Mele Kalekimaka & Hau'oli Makahiki Hou!*



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