



FROM THE DESK OF FATHER JONATHAN

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"Today in the town of David a savior has been born for you; He is Christ the Lord" (Lk 2:11).

His coming was foretold by the prophets, longed for by his people for ages and then.....there was no room in the Inn. He was hunted by Herod, shunned by his neighbors, adored by his followers, derided by religious leaders, abandoned by his disciples, and crucified by the Romans.

And today, in Belmont he is born again on Christmas Day. By rising from the dead he defied death and has given to us another chance at love and forgiveness.

He comes to us once again as a child. Who can be afraid of a child? He tells us to look at him and talk to him. He asks us to hold and caress him by taking him into our minds and hearts and beginning again as if we had always said "yes, baby Jesus. there is room for you in the Inn."

This baby Jesus does not cry for anything other than for the one who passes by without a word for the savior who is for all.

Merry Christmas to all of you, parishioners and friends of Our Lady of Mt Carmel. I have no doubt that this will be a wonderful year and together we will grow as a family, as brothers and sisters of Jesus who is Christ the Lord.

*God bless,
Father Jonathan*

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