



“FROM THE DESK OF FATHER JONATHAN”



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This Christmas we are all especially aware of the dangerous world in which we live. The terrorist attacks of Paris and San Bernardino bring home our own fragility and insecurity. Fear has a way of freezing us, in both body and soul. We alter our activities and we close down our emotions. We trust less.

Maybe that's why God chose to come to us in the form of a baby. Nobody fears a baby. A baby is all tenderness and goodness. A baby is vulnerable and weak. A baby needs us more than we need him. No matter our state of mind, it is easy to embrace and love a baby.

And isn't this type of fearless relationship with us the reason God came to earth....to embrace us and be embraced by us, to love us and be loved by us, to take upon himself our sin and suffering so that we might be with him forever in heaven?

"Emmanuel, God with us!"

Thank you, Jesus, for coming to earth. But thank you, especially for coming to us as a baby, wrapped in swaddling clothes. Here at Our Lady of Mount Carmel we are not afraid of you. Today, Baby Jesus, we embrace you as our Lord, Friend, Savior, Brother, and Savior.

Merry Christmas!!

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