

Homily for the Vigil Mass on Christmas 2020

What do you call a very old snowman?.....WATER!

It is so nice to be with you all on the first celebration of Mass for Christmas.

It truly is a high priority to celebrate the most precious GIFT of our entire life; the gift of our Blessed Savior.

We started preparing for Christmas in Advent by praying COME LORD JESUS and now we pray GOD IS WITH US!

We celebrate Christ's first birth from the time of the Annunciation of His INCARNATION (**where the finite and infinite come together**) but we also celebrate His birth into our hearts. To understand the Incarnation, we need to see it as having its own energy. For all believers it is a real union with God. Isaiah uses the example of a marriage to explain this union with God. YOU WILL NOT BE FORSAKEN BUT WE WILL BE ESPOUSED; and the two will be as one.

Bishop Robert Barron says it perfectly in his book BRIDGING THE GREAT DIVIDE:

In Acts, Paul tells the people that we are held in high regard. So high a regard that God has entrusted His message to us so that we will use His grace to share the GIFT OF JESUS WITH OUR FAMILY (especially our children) AND FRIENDS.

The great proclamation from our Gospel is that Jesus will save His people from their sins. He was sent so that sin may not enslave us. **We are free!**

During advent we had the opportunity to receive the sacrament of RECONCILIATION. I just want to acknowledge our thankfulness to Frs. John and Kiet for making the confessionals Covid-19 safe and allow the people to understand God's vindication in a real way.