



The Trumpet

St. Lawrence Parish Newsletter

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On Sharing Christ's Light

"A holy day dawned upon us. Come, you nations, and adore the Lord. For today a great light has come upon the earth!" Gospel Acclamation

This invitation from the Christmas Mass at Dawn is not meant just for a one day but every day during the year. What captivates me are the images of light vs. darkness. As we enter into the quiet, cold months of the winter seasons January—March we must be reminded that each day we gain more sun light.

The scriptural image of light vs. darkness posits that Light = God and Darkness = Satan/Evil. How many Christmas songs equate the birth of Jesus as the "Light come into the World". The shepherd's night vision of angels was described as —"the angel of the Lord appeared to them and the glory of God shone around them." Light equates with the Glory of our God, creator. The first day of creation God said, "Let there be light".

It's always wonderful for me to drive around before Christmas looking how people brighten their homes, yards, neighborhoods with Christmas light. Some farmers used to put a huge star atop their silos, remember?

It's up to us to project the "Light of Christ" to the world, not just at Christmas time, but throughout the year. The Responsorial Psalm of the mass at dawn has this refrain: "A light will shine on us this day: the Lord is born for us. (Ps. 97:1) As we go through these upcoming months, don't let the light of Christ grow dim. Share the "Joy of Jesus" throughout the New Year. Spring will come with longer days, warmer sun, and promise of new life. Like the shepherds of Bethlehem, you too can be heralds of the Good News—Christ is Born, give praise and glory to God.

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