

A Christmas Thought by Msgr. John O'Connor

“God loved the world so much
That he gave us His only Son” (Jn 3:16)



Outside our kitchen window, I hung two mesh bird “socks” filled with thistles. Wild finches come by the dozens, climbing up and down those socks. I love and enjoy watching those finches and make sure they have full socks and water. But every time I begin to open the door, they not only “do not arise and come,” but they all fly away. I wonder, don’t they know who puts food in the socks and fills the water?

I think a lot of us are like those finches. We simply don’t realize how much God loves us. We take for granted all that God gives us, and we tend to keep our distance and often just “fly away” from Him.

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Loving and Generous, We Wish You All
a Happy Christmas and a Peaceful New Year.**

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Mass Schedule	Sundays	at St. Cecilia's	9:30 a.m.
		at St. Mary's	11:15 a.m.
	Weekdays	at St. Cecilia's	8 a.m. (M-W-F)
		at St. Mary's	8 a.m. (Th.)
Confessions	Sundays	at St. Cecilia's	9 to 9:25 a.m.

Gospel: Luke 2:15 - 20

Though Jesus was born in a stable, which would have been seen as an unwanted dwelling place to have been this site would refused to the most welcoming history despite its Even today, the in Bethlehem, first Helena in 325 actual place where pilgrim has to pass through the stoop (bend) of Divinity.



unwanted dwelling born in or live in, yet welcome all, no one manger. It remains the of places in Christian lowly circumstances. Church of the Nativity built by the Empress A.D., to enter the Christ was born, every bend low in order to tiny door. All must entering the presence

So it is in our tiny parish entering the Lord's House as in Bethlehem, we are in the House of the Divine.



Church of Nativity, Bethlehem

From the Pew

Christmas is called Christmas, meaning Christ's Mass = Christmas.

St. Cecilia's and St. Mary's donated to the Valley's Toys and Joys Program this Season \$1,250.00, in gift for children to experience the happiness of Christmas. The Spirit of Giving is truly alive in the Valley.

Motto: "Meet as Strangers, Leave as Friends."

On Christmas Eve, the 2nd Collection is for Children Summer Trip to Six-Flag.

On Christmas Day, the 2nd Collection is for St. Cecilia's Fountain Fund.

St. Cecilia's Food Bank. Every week in December.

Sock Drive. St. Mary's catechism students are collecting adult male socks for St. Vincent de Paul. Now 'til December 30th. No Mass this Friday, December 26th.

"By the end of World War II, the cow again was King (or more correctly Queen) Dairy and beef production again dominated the county output and today remains the top products from the land.

In 2007, Marin's cows produced over 23 million gallons of raw milk."

- Dewey Livingston, Historian



I'm your Dairy Queen,
not Lafranchi's.

Last week's collections:

St. Cecilia's, Lagunitas	\$ 262.00
St. Mary's, Nicasio	<u>\$ 278.00</u>
Total:	<u>\$ 540.00</u>



The only person who is with you your entire life is the Lord whose birth we Celebrate today.

