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SILENT NIGHT

Welcome to Christmas 2020 at St. Julia Church. Whether you are joining us in person or via our St. Julia YouTube Channel, I am glad that you have joined us on this most holy and blessed occasion—**the birth of our Saviour, Jesus Christ.**

Christmas is no doubt different for all of us this year during the pandemic. Yet, just as the wise men were guided to Jesus in the manger by the North Star, something has brought us to this Mass and celebration. That person is Jesus Christ—fully God, and fully human. That is the beauty of Christmas. It is in and through the birth of Christ that God took on our human flesh, and became one of us, in the form of a baby. That is what **Emmanuel** means, **“God with us.”** Now, over 2000 years since the birth of Jesus Christ, we continue to be reminded of this fact. God is with us.

As we continue to navigate through these times, we are reminded that we do so together. We are never alone. We must also remind ourselves that **our navigator is Jesus Christ,** for Jesus is our guide on this our earthly journey.

Silent night. Holy night. Christmas may be a little quieter this year for all of us. In this silence, may we experience the peace that Jesus longed to bring into this world, for Jesus is the Prince of Peace. May this holy night remind us of God’s love for each one of us.

This is what we celebrate with the birth of Jesus – the **Prince of Peace.** Sleep in heavenly peace. It is my prayer that you experience and encounter the peace of Christ when you join us for Mass, either in person or virtually, and bring that gift of peace into your homes, schools, places of work, and out into our world—all safely.

May the peace of Christ be with you this Christmas, and may our loving God bless each of you and those that you love, today and always.

Christmas blessings,

Fr. Greg Schmidt



HOLY NIGHT