

Editorial



I hope this newsletter finds you in high spirits as we approach the most magical time of the year. Another semester is coming to an end and we are all looking forward to the Christmas holiday break. Exams are getting over and it is finally that time of the year. You know, the one where hearts are filled with joy, where homes are adorned with festive decorations and where loved ones come together to create lasting memories.

As the holiday season approaches, we are reminded of the true essence of Christmas- the gift of togetherness. From the twinkling lights that illuminate the streets to the aroma of freshly baked cookies, Christmas truly brings a sense of magic and wonder. Therefore, as we gather with loved ones and reflect on the most unforgettable moments we had this year, let's cherish those moments together with the timeless beauty that surrounds us during this magical time of the year. Whether you're decorating the Christmas tree with your family, attending joyful carol services or exchanging

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gifts with loved ones, let's come together and appreciate the true meaning of this festive season. I hope the magic of Christmas fills every corner of your heart and home with joy and may all that is beautiful, meaningful and brings you joy be yours this holiday season and throughout the coming year.

Happy holidays!

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WHAT CHRISTMAS MEANS TO ME

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Christmas Season is that very special time of the year when we experience the spirit of Love, Joy and Giving. It is the season of hope and peace that binds people, even strangers in joy and gladness. "Thank God for his gift that words can't describe!"
(2 Corinthians 9:15)
Merry Christmas and Peace to All!

Ms. Medonino
Accountant

Christmas is one of my favourite time of the year. It is a time to celebrate the birth of Jesus. Christmas for me is more like an escape from reality for a quick second where I can be with family and dear ones. Celebrating the small things in life like putting up lights, decorating our homes and sharing the love of Christ to people around us. Christmas is also a reminder that I should strive to be who Christ wants me to be. This means loving others- which includes caring for those that are different from us and those we don't get along with, as well as helping the less fortunate because everyone deserves to have a wonderful Christmas.
Have a Merry Christmas!

Ms. Keleseno Longkumer
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Christmas means a time to share and celebrate the birth of Jesus Christ. It is a time to spend with family and friends.

Mr. John Besü
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Christmas to me is a time for Family, Friends, Love, Joy, Church and Meals

THE BIRTH OF JESUS

Read the story about the Birth of Jesus.

The Message

One day approximately 2,000 years ago, a young Jewish woman named Mary was shocked when an angel called Gabriel appeared. Gabriel had a message for Mary. She would soon give birth to the Son of God and he shall be called Jesus. This message scared and confused Mary, but she kept her faith in God and said, 'I am the Lord's servant; let it be as you say.'

The Journey

Joseph was Mary's fiancé and they lived in the town of Nazareth. One day they had to travel 65 miles (105km) to Bethlehem for a census ordered by Roman Emperor, Caesar Augustus. Nazareth and Bethlehem are in the country called Israel. After several days Joseph and Mary made it to Bethlehem, but the inn was full. Luckily they found a stable to stay in. Joseph collected fresh hay for them to use as beds. Jesus was born in the stable that night. They had no crib, so the baby was laid in a manger with fresh hay to lie on.

The Shepherds

Suddenly many angels appeared saying, "Glory to God in the highest, and on Earth peace, goodwill toward men! The shepherds went to Bethlehem and saw Jesus in the manger. They decided to spread the news, and all that heard were amazed. The same night, shepherds were in Bethlehem, watching their flocks of sheep. An angel appeared and gave them the good news that a Saviour, the Messiah, had been born and they would find him in a manger.

The Three Wise Men

Later, three wise men (magi) saw a bright star, which marked the birth of a new King. They came to Judea, the area around Bethlehem, to worship Jesus. Herod (the King of Judea) called the wise men and told them that they must find the new king because he wanted to worship him too. The wise men continued to follow the star to Bethlehem until it was directly above the stable. They saw Mary and Jesus in the house and knelt to worship Him. They brought Jesus gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh. Frankincense was burned to make a sweet smell, and myrrh was an expensive perfume.

Journey to Egypt

After seeing Jesus, the wise men had a vision warning them not to go back to King Herod, so they followed a different path home. King Herod lied about wanting to worship Jesus. Herod actually wanted to find Jesus to kill him. He was scared that this new King would replace him. He didn't realise that Jesus would be King of God's spiritual kingdom, not King of Judea. Herod was enraged when the wise men didn't come back to tell him where Jesus was. He decided to kill all children under 2 years old, thinking Jesus would be killed. But God told Joseph to escape to Egypt. They took Jesus and moved to Egypt where they would be safe. They all stayed in Egypt until Herod had died, and then they returned to Nazareth.

THE LEGEND OF THE POINSETTIA

Pepita was a little girl who lived in a tiny village in Mexico. Every Christmas, the village would set up a manger like the one in Bethlehem and all the villagers would bring gifts for the Baby Jesus and set them at the altar of the church. Pepita loved looking at the manger and seeing people bring gifts, but her family was very poor and had no money to buy gifts.

One Christmas Eve Pepita walked to the church with her brother Pedro. 'I wish I had a gift to put by the altar' Pepita said. 'Why don't you pick some flowers?'

"Why don't you pick some flowers?" asked Pedro. 'A gift doesn't have to be expensive as long as you have the right feeling in your heart when you give it'

Pepita looked around but couldn't see any flowers. There were some green weeds growing at the side of the road but she felt embarrassed putting those on the altar. But there was nothing else, and she wanted to give something. So she picked the weeds and she and Pedro walked on to the church.

When they walked into the church, they saw the wonderful manger and the huge collection of expensive gifts. Some of the villagers smiled when they saw Pepita walked towards the altar with her bunch of green weeds, but no-one laughed for they knew Pepita's family was poor and could not afford to buy a gift.

Pepita laid the weeds down at the foot of the altar and turned to walk away but she hadn't taken three steps before she heard the villagers gasp. She looked back at the altar. The leaves at the top of the weeds had started to change colour - from a dull green to a beautiful warm shade of red. And as she watched, she saw the weeds burst into flowers - crimson flowers in the shape of a star.

The village kept on its tradition of displaying a manger and bringing gifts to the church. But every year, the middle of the display was kept for the poorest families of the village to bring the wonderful flowers that Pepita had brought. The villagers called them the Flowers of the Holy Night. They have become a symbol of Christmas for people everywhere.

Christmas Symbols



The Star Of Bethlehem

The Star of Bethlehem is a symbol of hope and miracles. When Jesus Christ was born, the Star of Bethlehem guided the Three Wise Men to Jesus. For Christians, it is a reminder of the hope that Jesus brings to the world.

Bells

Bells are often used as Christmas symbols because they represent joy and happiness. They can also symbolize the ringing in of the New Year. Bells are often used in holiday decorations, such as wreaths and garlands. They are also a common motif in Christmas music.



The Nativity Scene

The Nativity scene is a popular Christmas symbol that represents the birth of Jesus Christ. It typically features a baby Jesus in a manger, surrounded by Mary, Joseph, shepherds, and animals. The scene is meant to remind us of the humble beginnings of Christ and the true meaning of Christmas.



The Christmas Tree

When we look at the Christmas tree, we are reminded of the hope and joy that the holiday brings. The evergreen tree is a symbol of life and growth, which reminds us that Christmas is a time to celebrate new beginnings. The lights on the tree represent Jesus Christ, who is the "light of the world"



The Christmas Wreath

The Christmas wreath is a symbol of hope, love, and joy. It is traditionally made from evergreen branches, which represent eternal life. The wreath is often decorated with items such as berries, ribbons, and holly. It is typically hung on doors or walls as a decoration.



Candy Canes

Candy canes are a popular Christmas treat that also has symbolic meaning. The shape of the candy cane is said to represent the shepherd's staff, and the red and white stripes are meant to represent the blood and purity of Jesus Christ. Candy canes are also often used as decoration, hung on Christmas trees or in wreaths.



HIGHLIGHTS OF THE MONTH:

- 1st Dec. : Statehood Day
15th Dec. : Submission of IPR to HOD/IQAC Report
Submission/ Submission of Hostel Reports
15th Dec 2023-
15th Jan 2024 : Winter Break

TO LOOK AHEAD:

- 15th Dec 2023-
15th Jan 2024 : Online Admission (SB collect)
16th Jan 2024 : Reopening/ Starting of Even Semester



Merry
CHRISTMAS

& HAPPY NEW YEAR!

