



The Spirit of Christmas

Can you believe it? Another year has almost passed, and here we are once again celebrating the birth of our Lord and Saviour, Jesus Christ - The Prince of Peace, and the reason for the season.

Without a doubt, 2020 has been a year none of us will soon forget!! It was a way of life that none of us could ever have envisioned would happen in our lifetime. However, there's an age old saying that comes to mind, and it certainly holds true here at All Saints. "There is never an ill wind that doesn't blow somebody some good".

The Parishioners here at All Saints did not let COVID-19 dampen their Christmas spirit. In fact, their hearts seem to be warmer and larger than they ever were. It humbles me to see such an outpouring of generosity and compassion that our Parishioners have displayed for one another, and even for those outside our immediate All Saints family. It seems there are so many who just seem to find the need to add a little brightness to the life of someone a little less fortunate.

We have had many Parishioners who have given freely, however, there are two that really jump out at your heart. This time last year the folks here at All Saints reached out to them in their time of need, so this Christmas season when they found themselves in a better place, they felt that they were able to give back. They each provided \$100 in gift cards, and asked that we pass them along to others who may be in need.

And it's not just the sharing of gifts, but also the joy I've seen in people's faces as I have visited with them throughout this past year. Many were brought to tears, as was I on more than one occasion. A kind word and a quick visit with a neighbour or family member can bring more joy than you could ever imagine.

So please let me say on behalf of Christina, myself, and my family, we want to wish you and yours a very Merry Christmas, and a happy and prosperous new year.

God Bless!!!!

Rev Sam+, Christina, and Family