January 17, 2021

Dear parishioners,

"Now hope does not disappoint, because the love of God has been poured out into our hearts by the Holy Spirit which was given to us." (Romans 5:5)

We are people of hope. This is the theological virtue that places us in God's care and we trust in the promises of Christ. Hope brings us beyond reliance on our own strength and abilities, but also affirms our need to serve and love others. We are united and fortified by God's grace. We are called by our baptism to be ministers of God's grace in our own experiences, our relationships, and within society.

These are times that challenge us. We experience fatigue of all types. Our Lord knows what we are feeling. Always turn to Jesus with an open heart. In our weakness, we encounter God's goodness and consolation. He comes into these moments of worry, emotion, separation, sadness, and difficulty. Throughout the Christmas season we have celebrated the truth of the Incarnation, the Word made Flesh, for God is with us.

By our prayers and worship, we continue to lift up our needs and petitions to God. Through varied ministries and initiatives, we continue to reach out to others. Even from a distance, we remain united by God's great love, which indeed is made known to us in many ways.

Thank you again for all your ongoing support of the parish and our efforts to share the Good News of salvation -- hope rooted in faith.

All the way - to God's embrace.

Sincerely, Father Lavorgna