

A Merry Christmas To You

May Christmas morning dawn for each of our thousands of readers with the promise of the most blessed and merriest feast you have ever experienced. This is the wish of the entire staff of the CATHOLIC COURIER and of the many business firms greeting you in the pages of this edition.

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Edition Before Christmas

In these pages reaching you the "night before Christmas" will be followed closely now from home and abroad in Christmas, soon our two, at Christmas story, articles on Christmas coronations, all included to vivify the spirit of observance of Christ's nativity. These are presented to help make your Christmas merry.

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The Song of Christmas

THE long journey from Nazareth to Bethlehem . . . a new Star in the sky . . . heavenly music above the hills of Judea . . . the flutter of angel wings . . . the swift journeying of the Shepherds . . . Mary and Joseph and the new-born Child . . . the coming of the Wise Men, with their gifts of gold, frankincense and myrrh . . .

From these inspiring things the Song of Christmas was fashioned more than twenty centuries ago. The years have added new notes of happiness. Carols and song upon the air . . . candles gleaming into the night . . . secret whisprings and laughter in the home . . . greetings going from friend to friend . . . deeds of love and mercy done in the name of a Child.

No great symphony or composition can match the Song of Christmas. It rises above the clatter and roar of the city; it throbs through the scattered town and hamlet; it sings through the sunlit islands of the South; it permeates the frozen wastes of the Northland. In ever-widening volume its strains echo around the world.

Before its magic the hosts of darkness take flight. It touches the slumbering chords of memory; it heals old hurts and scars; it binds loved ones in a closer and deeper tie. There are no friendless or forsaken within its sound, under its influence the strong reach out to help the weak. Peace and Love and Joy, these are its loudest notes, and they are for all men. For the Song of Christmas is the greatest of all songs because it is understood by every heart.



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