Notes from Fr. Nick

Merry Christmas!

Does God need us? I remember posing this question as a student in the seminary. It halted the professor’s lecture while we pondered the answer. In the end, we decided that God does need us. Not in the sense that God cannot exist without us, but in the way someone in love needs his or her beloved. God created us and then became our suitor.

This may help us understand why He did not manifest himself as a bedazzling Wonder-God, but as a simple human being, accepting all the limitations our material life entails. We know how to love other people in a way that could never apply to an apocalyptic vision of a God. He meets us on our terms, so we can enter into a love-relation with Him.

That’s why the Incarnation took place in a stable rather than on a mountaintop. That’s why the Christ’s birth has meaning to us. And that’s why in the midst of all the ballyhoo and gaudiness accompanying the celebration, we can still find peace at its core.

Adult Sunday School During Lent

Newly-ordained Deacon Joel Thompson, SJ, has been teaching Adult Sunday School in the church after the 8:00 am Mass during Advent.

♦ Are you a 8:00 am Mass attendee? Stay in the church after Mass and hear the presentation, then head downstairs for coffee & donuts.
♦ 9:30 am Mass attendees, come to the church at 9:00 am, enjoy the presentation, then walk over to the Dominican Garden for Mass.
♦ Those of you who attend the 11:30 am Mass, come at 9:00 am, listen to Deacon Joel’s presentation, and then go down to Norton Hall for coffee, donuts, and chat with fellow parishioners until Mass begins.