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Dear Members and Friends of the St. John the Baptist Family,

Just now I have completed looking at each one of your names, you who are receiving this email, and reflecting on how each of you completes the wonderful family of faith that is St. John the Baptist! Despite all the ways the world classifies us, the only designation that transcends all others is that you and I are each a child of grace, a child of God, made a child by the Child, whose birth we are soon to celebrate with great joy, hope, and gratitude! Christmas bears witness to God's tenacious determination and passionate commitment, no matter what, to be with us and for us in Christ today and forever! As I spent time with each of your names, I prayed for you also, praying that your heart and life will be filled with the Good News of the Savior's birth! And may that Light, which no darkness can defeat, brighten your 2018! You matter to God! And you matter to me!

Christmas Eve, being a Sunday, we will celebrate the regular Sunday morning Mass at 10 a.m., the Fourth Sunday in Advent. Then in the evening at 7 p.m. there will be a festive Christmas Mass. And at 10:30 p.m. we will gather for a congregational carol sing, followed by a second festive Christmas Mass at 11 p.m. Please take a moment to think about whom you might invite to join you.

Oh yes, the greening of our beautiful sanctuary will be done this Friday, December 22, beginning at 11 a.m. Mulled cider, sweets, and warm fellowship await as we decorate for Christmas.

Christmas Blessings,
Fr. Tom