

## Notes from the Pastor

December 25, 2022



Dear Saint Lawrence Family,

Innocence is not only worth restoring, it's worth redeeming. Coming more innocently than any newborn baby and more presciently than the greatest prophet, our Savior shows that nothing is more proactive than His plan for salvation, and no one is more tainted than who He came to redeem.

No one chooses to be born into fallen humanity. It is something we all inherit without a choice. There are very few, if any, people I know of who do not shrink away from the pain or suffering of humanity at some point or another. Yet, Jesus chose to join our society anyhow. He foresaw our innocence, bleeding away from a forbidden fruit. He knew we would always want that innocence back and, simultaneously, continue enjoying that forbidden fruit again.

Someone needed to stand against that forbidden fruit to restore our innocence. Someone with power. Indeed, He did. But, He did it by giving us a craving for a new and different kind of fruit. If you listened to my Christmas homily, you'd know what I'm talking about.

Words can be cheap, but innocence is worth redeeming. That is why the Word became flesh. The Eucharist! The most innocent, prescient food that taints our taintedness... with redemption!

TRY THIS: Pay extra attention in 2023 to how Jesus wants to restore your innocence through the Sacrament of Confession/Reconciliation and how He wants to give something far more significant than we ever could have had in the Garden of Eden through the Eucharist.

Merry Christmas,

*Fr. Jimmy*