



Our Mission Statement: 'Inspired by the Holy Spirit we are a Eucharistic community called by God To share the love of Jesus Christ and create a welcoming parish of renewal and mission.'

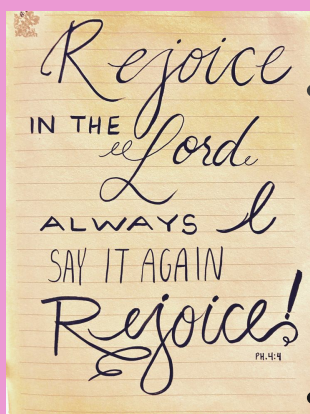


Reflection:

Joy is never manufactured; it is realized. It results from recognizing God and having an intimate relationship with him. The Church invites us to rejoice because, notwithstanding our circumstances, God is present in our lives. The disciples on the road to Emmaus teach us that sometimes our circumstances could blind us to God's presence. Jesus was present with them, "But their eyes were kept from recognizing him" (Luke 22:16). In inviting us to be joyful, the Church challenges us to carefully consider some of the reasons why we remain unaware of God's presence in our lives.

Quote:

I choose joy... I will invite my God to be the God of circumstance. I will refuse the temptation to be cynical... the tool of the lazy thinker. I will refuse to see people as anything less than human beings created by God. I will refuse to see any problem as anything less than an opportunity to see God. I choose patience. I will overlook the inconveniences of the world. Instead of cursing the one who takes my place, I'll invite Him to do so. Rather than complain that the wait is too long, I will thank God for a moment to pray. Instead of clenching my fist at new assignments, I will face them with joy and courage. - Max Lucado, *Let the Journey Begin*



The Assignments

- Think of a difficult situation in your life that you later rejoiced over, such as a lost job that was replaced by a better job or the end of a relationship that led to a better relationship. Look at your current disappointments and trials with that perspective.
- Write out Philippians 4:4 and place it where you can see it throughout the week. When you are having a hard time, pause and look at it.
- Consider contributing to the Indigenous Healing Funds. The envelopes are available at the welcome area, to your right as you

leave the Church.



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