

**Church of the Mediator
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The light that
shines in
darkness!

The Mediorite

From the Rector...

Charles and I want to extend to all our parish family warmest Christmas greetings. May the joy of the Christ child be born in your hearts and his love nourish you now and in the days to come. We are grateful to be a part of such a wonderful church family!

As Tiny Tim would say, "God bless us all, each and every one."



Helen+



I have tried to be very intentional this year about making Advent a time of slowing down and of reflective preparation for the season of Christmas. This past week-end was in sharp contrast to my Advent commitment. Just about every minute was packed with Christmas activities, parties, shopping, gift wrapping and holiday obligations. By Sunday afternoon, I was running low on energy and very comfortable at home on my couch watching Saints' football, but this last activity was an important one, EYC. I managed to leave the comfort of home and return to the church to await the arrival of our always energetic and exuberant youth. Planned for this night was our Christmas party, wrapping of Wesley House gifts, and caroling. As Chris Misun facilitated "Dirty Santa" (a gift exchange where you can "steal" other's gifts), Claire Hasselle (St. Paul's Youth Director) and I wrapped the Wesley House gifts. To the background noise of chatter and laughter of our youth who have so much, we wrapped gifts for those who have so little. After the party, we loaded up the Mediator bus for our next activity, Christmas caroling. At our first stop we were a little tentative with our singing but, after building some confidence, we "sang out" at our second stop and inhaled cookies provided by our hostess. We then headed to Julia Claire Mitchell's house where, not surprisingly, we found a party in progress. Our next two stops were at Golden Living Center and at the home of an elderly couple no longer able to attend church services. On this night, our youth who have so much, gave so much of themselves. The very cool thing is this: the youth give of themselves spontaneously, no lectures or prompting is needed. They instinctively know that to whom much is given, much is expected. They also know that by giving of themselves, they receive a blessing. I was so proud of them this night. The next time you see one of our youth, you can be reminded of their generous spirit during this season of Advent.



Peace,

Caroling

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