



## **SAINT PIUS V PARISH**

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**December 19, 2022**

**Dear Al Bautista and The Bautista Memorial Scholarship,**

**Christmas is almost here. We celebrate the birth of Jesus Christ, the Son of God, in a stable in Bethlehem. The gift of God becoming a human being is a great cause for rejoicing. Gift giving during holidays has an ancient history, dating back to Roman times. For Christians, in imitation of the Magi presenting gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh, to the newborn king, it is common practice to give presents to loved ones, children and to the less fortunate.**

**Through your generous donations we here at St. Pius V can provide many children at least one gift for Christmas. Your gifts are what helps us in our social service to provide food and necessary staples to families in need and to the homeless. We are so grateful for your loving kindness in providing these items currently when so many experience deprivations. We are all God's children, and what a wondrous thing it is to behold when we can work together to provide for the needs of others.**

**We pray for you our benefactors, that God may be merciful to you, and give you the gifts of love, peace, and happiness. May this Christmas see all your families at peace with one another and enjoying each other's company.**

**In Christ Jesus our Lord,**

**Fr. Brian Bricker, O.P.  
Associate Pastor**