



# HOLY FAMILY HOLY ROSARY MISSION

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## Merry Christmas!

There is a story that goes along with this rather recent image. It is **A Special Place for Santa A Legend for Our Time** by Jeanne Pieper.

The **Kneeling Santa** was designed by Raymond P. Gauer. He commissioned sculptor, Rudolph Vargas to create it in 1976.

In the legend, Santa is concerned because he overheard people saying that Santa was more important than the Jesus - **the reason for the season**. Every Christmas, Santa would visit a church with a manger scene as his last stop, just so he would be the first to wish Jesus "Happy Birthday." He would also give Jesus a gift.

Santa was so very sad this Christmas that he was crying, because he thought it was **his fault** that people were **forgetting Jesus**.

Then he heard God telling him to "cheer up." It wasn't his fault that people forgot the meaning of Christmas. Through the years he, St. Nicholas, had done a lot to spread the **true meaning of Christmas - doing acts of charity and helping those in need**. God told him that He and Jesus wanted to **thank him for helping people all over the world find joy and**

**love on Jesus' special day.**

Feeling happier, Santa gave Jesus his gift: **lists of all the kind and loving things young people and old folks had done throughout the year!**

*silent  
night*

Joy to the world the Lord is come  
Let earth receive her king  
Let every heart prepare Him room  
And heaven and nature sing  
And heaven and nature sing  
And heaven and Heaven and nature sing!

*holy  
night*

# Christmas Meditation

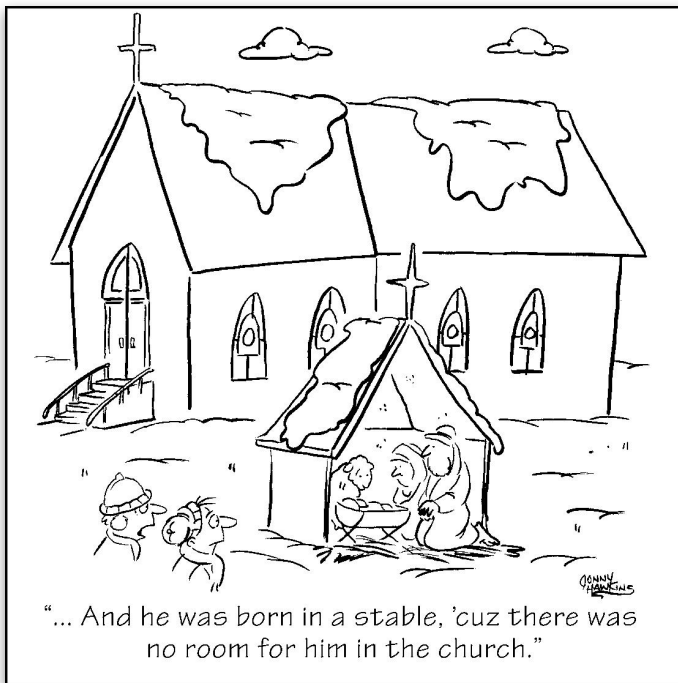
*Jesus, newly born, does not speak; but he is the eternal Word of the Father.*

*He is born poor, and he teaches us that happiness is not to be found in an abundance of earthly goods. He comes into the world without any ostentation, encouraging us to be humble and not to depend on the applause of men.*

*God humbled himself to allow us to get near him, so that we could give our love in exchange for his, so that our freedom might bow, not at the sight of his power merely, but before the wonder of his humility. (St. J. Escrivá)*

*We make a resolution to live the virtues of detachment and humility. We look at Mary and we see her filled with joy. She knows that a new era has begun for humanity - that of the Messiah, her Son. We ask her never to let us lose the joy of being beside Jesus.*

*~Fernandez, Francis - In Conversation with God*



## THE JUBILEE PRAYER

Father in heaven, may the faith you have given us in your son, Jesus Christ, our brother, and the flame of charity enkindled in our hearts by the Holy Spirit, reawaken in us the blessed hope for the coming of your Kingdom.

May your grace transform us into tireless cultivators of the seeds of the Gospel. May those seeds transform from within both humanity and the whole cosmos in the sure expectation of a new heaven and a new earth, when, with the powers of Evil vanquished, your glory will shine eternally.

May the grace of the Jubilee reawaken in us, Pilgrims of Hope, a yearning for the treasures of heaven. May that same grace spread the joy and peace of our Redeemer throughout the earth. To you our God, eternally blessed, be glory and praise for ever. Amen.

