

# memo *from the desk of*

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Luke

Introduction

- A. The prison experience
- B. Caught in the ecstatic moment
- C. The experience is real

Body

- A. Our God made visible
  1. And the glory of the Lord shall be revealed and all shall see it together - Isaiah 40
  2. You are my son: this day I have begotten You Ps 2
  3. You carried in your womb the One who the heavens cannot contain
  4. God so loved the world that He gave his only begotten Son'
- B. Jesus seeks entry into the over-crowded hearts of men and women - he cannot find room: his search and rejection goes on.
- C. Jesus understands us
  1. the European monarch: "I cannot rule my people unless I know them.
  2. Our God has so loved us
- D. Keep in your prayers
  1. our hostages - if international law cannot be respected we are all hostages;
  2. our Cleveland children/schools they are being educated
  3. our families

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*St. Andrew Church*  
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*St. Albin United*



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- A. 18 yrs. without family Xmas
- B. Both joy and loneliness - no Xmas wout family
- C. Mary and Joseph experienced joy and loneliness
  - 1. no one from family
  - 2. painful journey
  - 3. loneliness of the stable, poverty of manger

## Body Deal with loneliness and emptiness

- A. Accept the reality of being here
- B. Recognize that it is not simply the loneliness of this day that disturbs us
- C. See that other's loneliness disturbs us
- D. Seek to fill each other other's void with care, counsel, and joy
- E. Mainly - give birth to something you believe in
  - 1. can't happen without the anxiety of pregnancy and pain of childbirth
  - 2. this nourishment begins within you
  - 3. it is sustained by personal relationships and the atmosphere in which you find or place yourselves

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St. Alexia Hospital the whole meaning & experience of advent hereafter:

1. Sick - acentricity, winter, & winter, hope - for slender

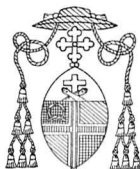
2. this possie - in winter  
nothing

- world winter

- national winter

- city winter

3. Bring the Lord  
head, words in all your heart,  
mind, & soul



# memo *from the desk of*

Korean Community  
Christmas Midnight Liturgy  
St. Augustine  
1981 also: blessing of chapel

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- I. The Incarnation of Jesus
  - a. universal (humankind) and particular (Korean Community: the Korean Chapel)
  - b. Jesus Incarnate as Korean

(point # I, before blessing)

## Homily

### Introduction

- a. 6 month old baby in hospital for abandoned children (e.g., El Salvador) began to refuse to eat, lose weight, seldomly moved or cried, and never smile

nurse informed doctor that child is moving toward psychological withdrawal

doctor's remedy: sign, which read: "This baby is to be held and loved for 15 minutes every two hours!"  
Baby came to life, with the prescribed medication of love.

*⊙ Xst depended on love of many & to seek for his growth & development  
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we must not fear to depend on to love*

*Poland = Symbol*

*used*

*+ consistency  
+ impermanence  
+ motion*

*Love  
& nourish  
irretractable  
complete*

- I. Humankind like this baby: no one who could love us and nourish us, until Christ came. We were wandering and aimless. We could not grasp the unfathomable meaning of life, until God clothe himself in our humanity.... GOD'S LOVE FOR US *⊙*
- II. OUR LOVE FOR EACH OTHER IN IMITATION OF GOD. WE MUST BECOME FLESH FOR EACH OTHER.

suicides, homicides, family conflicts, heart attacks, natural deaths go up at this time of the year.... discouraged, tormented, troubled souls.... Christmas lays bare the loneliness, isolation, and alienation that is characteristic of so many lives...  
LOVE IS THE ANCHER... THE SELF-EMPTYING LOVE

