

Dear Friends in Christ,

Sacred Scripture is filled with many kinds of verses that expresses a sense of thanksgiving and gratitude. In Psalm 136: 1-5, for example, we read the uplifting praise of thanksgiving given by the psalmist to God: “Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good, for his steadfast love endures forever. Give thanks to the God of gods, for his steadfast love endures forever. Give thanks to the Lord of lords, for his steadfast love endures forever; to him who alone does great wonders, for his steadfast love endures forever; to him who by understanding made the heavens, for his steadfast love endures forever...” It is in the same spirit that I would like to take this opportunity to express a few heartfelt thank you.

“I give thanks to the wonderful parishioners of Our Lady of the Airways Parish, who during this Christmas Season gathered together as a community of believers. Your presence and active participation in these liturgies is a wonderful testament to your fidelity, faith and love in the Infant Child, Jesus.”

“I give thanks to the Liturgical Environment Volunteers who once again transformed our Church for this joyous liturgical season with the beautiful crèche, the Christmas flowers and Poinsettias”.

“I give thanks to all the members of our liturgical ministries ~ the Children and Adult Choirs, the Lectors, the Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion, the Ushers, and all the Altar Servers ~ who served at Mass during this Christmas season. Thank you for giving your time, talents and treasure to the people of God.”

“My final thank you goes to the members of my pastoral team ~ Fr. Canisius, Enza Lamberti and Johnathann Rajanayagam. Thank you for your fidelity and untiring assistance. They have greatly helped me in carry out my ministry as Pastor of this parish.”

I pray that each of you may be enveloped in the loving embrace of the Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph. May God abundantly bless you and your loved in the coming New Year.

Pax Christi, *Fr. Thomas*