PASTORAL CARE MESSENGER

Christ Church Cathedral Ottawa, January 2025



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His Name shall stand forever, the changeless Name of Love

"As we reflect on that Name of Love, the name we bear as Christians, Paul's letter to the Philippians today gives us much to ponder as we begin a New Year. It beautifully captures the essence of Paul's message, focusing on the communal nature of the Christian faith and the call to embody Christ's love through actions to adopt a mindset not rooted in self-interest but in mutual care and humility, looking out for one another's well-being a challenge to cultivate a communal consciousness, where love, encouragement and fellowship are shared as the foundation for enduring trials and spreading the message and mission of Christ."

From Archbishop Anne Germond's New Year's Day sermon at Christ Church Cathedral, Ottawa

Love came down at Christmas, love all lovely, love divine; love was born at Christmas – star and angels gave a sign.



May the God of Love, who was born as a sign of God's infinite love for all of humanity, shine in your lives. May this Love come to you in the hands and hearts of everyone you encounter in you day to day lives. And may you be a sign of this Love to everyone you meet.

Canon Doug