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Dear Parishioners:

I find it intriguing that the day after Christmas some people were taking down their Christmas decorations. Wow! They are sure in a hurry to get Christmas over with! It kind of points to treating Christmas as simply another holiday on the calendar. When December 25th is over, Christmas is over? Not hardly. Christmas Season lasts until the middle of January but the essence of Christ born into our humanity has year-round impact on the world.

I realize that Christmas decorations come and go but the knee-jerk desire to box away Christmas ASAP might indicate a hesitancy to claim Jesus as "out in the open" of our lives and not stored away until next December. It is good to savor Christ the Savior of the world in our every breath.

Loving you in Christ,

Fr. Terry