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God, infinitely perfect and blessed in himself, in a plan of sheer goodness freely created man to make him share in his own blessed life. (Catechism of the Catholic Church, 1) And the Word became flesh and made his dwelling among us, and we saw his glory, the glory as of the Father's only Son, full of grace and truth. (John 1:14)

In his love for us, Jesus Christ came to meet us in our sin to restore our relationship with God the Father. He continues to meet us through the abiding presence of his Holy Spirit in the Church.

Our parish meets Christ by:

- Making a decision to accept the offer of Christ's mercy and renewing that decision daily
- Availing ourselves of the grace of Christ in the Sacraments, particularly the Sacraments of Baptism, Confession, and the Eucharist
- Communicating with Jesus daily through prayer, especially prayer guided by his Word in Sacred Scripture

Follow Christ.

Whoever wishes to come after me must deny himself, take up his cross, and follow me. For whoever wishes to save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for my sake will save it. (Mark 8:34-35)

Jesus does not ask us to simply *meet* him, but to *follow* him, conforming our lives in imitation of his example.

Our parish follows Christ by:

- Obeying his commands as passed on by his One, Holy, Catholic, and Apostolic Church
- Listening to and following the promptings of the Holy Spirit
- Deepening our knowledge of Christ and his Church through the study of Scripture and Tradition

Bear Christ.

It was not you who chose me, but I who chose you and appointed you to go and bear fruit that will remain...This I command you: love one another. (John 15:16-17)

The love and mercy we receive from Jesus demand to be shared with others.

Our parish bears Christ (becoming "Christophers") by:

- Building individual relationships in our parish and community through radical hospitality and friendship
- Giving testimony to the great love and mercy we have received from Christ and inviting others to share in that same love
- Practicing and investing in the Corporal and Spiritual Works of Mercy on a personal, local, and global scale