

The Eagle's Nest

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Come Fly With Me



Dear Friends in Christ,

As we enter the season of Advent and prepare for Christmas, our hearts turn to the true joy of this time

— the coming of Jesus, the Light of the world. In these quiet moments, beneath the glow of Christmas lights, we remember that God is near, guiding us with His love.

Scripture reminds us, "Today a Savior has been born for you" (Luke 2:11). Christmas is more than a celebration — it is God's promise that hope is alive, peace is possible and love never fails.

This month, I invite you to open your heart to Jesus in a fresh way. Look for Him in simple blessings, in acts of kindness, and in the ways, we share joy with one another.

May this Christmas fill your home with peace and your heart with the warmth of God's love. As we

celebrate our Savior's birth, may we carry His light into the world.

~Fr. Samy, Spiritual Director~



Founder's Message



A Special Year-End Message from Our Founder

As 2025 comes to a close and we prepare our hearts for the birth of our Savior,

we are reminded once again that God's plans unfold in seasons — each one full of purpose, promise, and quiet miracles. This year has stretched us, strengthened us, and shaped Eagle Rising Catholic Ministry (ERCM) in ways we could not have imagined back in January. Yet through every challenge and victory, Christ has remained our constant light. Christmas teaches us that God often works in the small, humble places long before the world notices the results. A manger, a silent night, a newborn King — this is how heaven chose to touch earth. And in that same gentle way, God has touched our ministry throughout 2025: in every soul reached, every youth encouraged, every family supported, and every seed of hope planted.

As we reflect on the journey of this year, we see God's fingerprints everywhere. We've witnessed young people find confidence through mentorship and programs. We've seen families strengthened through prayer, guidance, and community.

In Focus

A Year of Service, Joy, and Community with Gratitude from Our Ambassadors

Our Ambassadors reflect on the many blessings we've shared as a ministry. This year, we witnessed God's hand at work through fellowship, kindness, and the unity that continues to strengthen ERCM. From serving our youth to supporting families, we've seen this ministry grow not just in numbers, but in heart. This December, as Christmas approaches, we want to thank everyone who supported ERCM — our volunteers, prayer partners, families, youth, and every member of our community. Your faith and generosity have truly made a difference.

As we prepare for a new year, we look forward with hope, trusting God to guide and strengthen us. May this Christmas season bring you peace, joy, and abundant blessings.

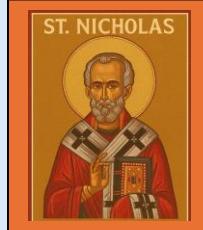
With heartfelt gratitude,
From All of Us

~The Eagle Rising Ambassadors~



Eagle Rising Catholic Ministry

Saint of the Month – St. Nicholas Feast Day: December 6



St. Nicholas, the beloved bishop of Myra, is known throughout the world as a symbol of generosity, compassion, and quiet charity. Long

before he became the inspiration behind Santa Claus, Nicholas was a humble servant of God who used his blessings to lift the burdens of others.

Born into a Christian family and known for his deep faith, St. Nicholas dedicated his life to caring for the poor, protecting children, and helping those in need. He often gave anonymously, slipping gifts to struggling families without seeking recognition. His kindness reflected the heart of Christ — a love that gives freely and joyfully.

One of the most famous stories tells how he secretly provided dowries for three young sisters who had no means to marry, ensuring they would have a hopeful future. His simple acts of mercy changed lives, reminding us that even the smallest gesture can become a great blessing in God's hands.

As we celebrate Christmas this month, St. Nicholas invites us to embrace the true spirit of giving — not in the amount we offer, but in the love with which we give. His life teaches us that generosity is a powerful expression of faith and that kindness can shine light into even the darkest places.

May St. Nicholas inspire us to open our hearts, share what we can, and bring joy to others during this holy season.

~Andrea, Chairperson~

OUR PRAYER

Lord, guide us to be of service to you and others. Inspire us to care for all your creation, especially the youth. Fill us with truth, hope and love in all that we do. Unite us to faithfully journey together with you, as we work to build Your Kingdom within our community.

~Serviam~

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Founder's message continued.

We've watched new volunteers step forward with passion and purpose. And we have continued building bridges within our city — proving that faith, service, and unity still matter deeply in our world.

What a blessing it is to know that when we serve faithfully, God multiplies the work of our hands.

As we step into 2026, we do so with expectation. Not expectation rooted in our own strength, but in the same promise announced by the angel on the first Christmas night: "Do not be afraid." God is with us — guiding, providing, and preparing the way.

May this Christmas fill your home with peace, your heart with hope, and your spirit with renewed strength for the year ahead. Thank you for standing with Eagle Rising, for believing in our mission, and for helping us shine Christ's light in our community.

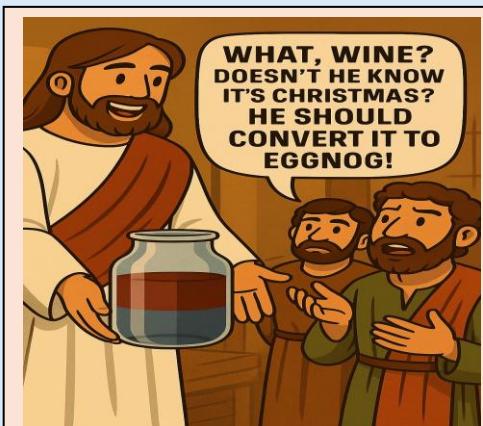
We move forward together — not just as a ministry, but as a family.

Serviam

~Vic Joseph, Founder~

Philippians 1:6

"He who began a good work in you will carry it on to completion."



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Fellowship Corner

November Recap: A Night of Thanksgiving & Fellowship

On November 25, ERCM gathered for a Thanksgiving Celebration and Fellowship Night. Members and Ambassadors came together for an evening of prayer, reflection, and gratitude as we closed the month and prepared our hearts for the Christmas season.



The evening began with a special blessing from Rev. Fr. Samy, who

offered a brief reflection on the importance of giving thanks and recognizing God's goodness throughout the year. His message encouraged everyone to pause and

appreciate the blessings, big and small, that God has placed in our lives.

Attendees were then invited to share what they were thankful for. One by one, participants expressed gratitude for family, health, faith, and the support of the ERCM community. These heartfelt testimonies created a warm and uplifting atmosphere that brought everyone closer together.



Following the reflections, everyone enjoyed a Thanksgiving feast, sharing food, laughter, and fellowship in true community spirit. For many, the evening was a beautiful reminder of unity, gratitude, and the joy of gathering as one family in Christ.

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