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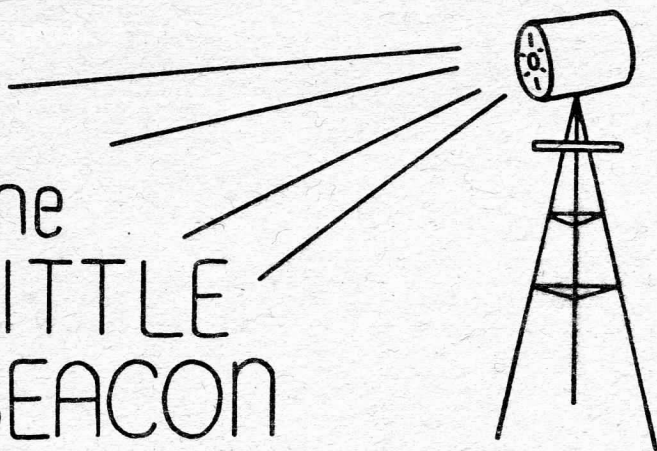
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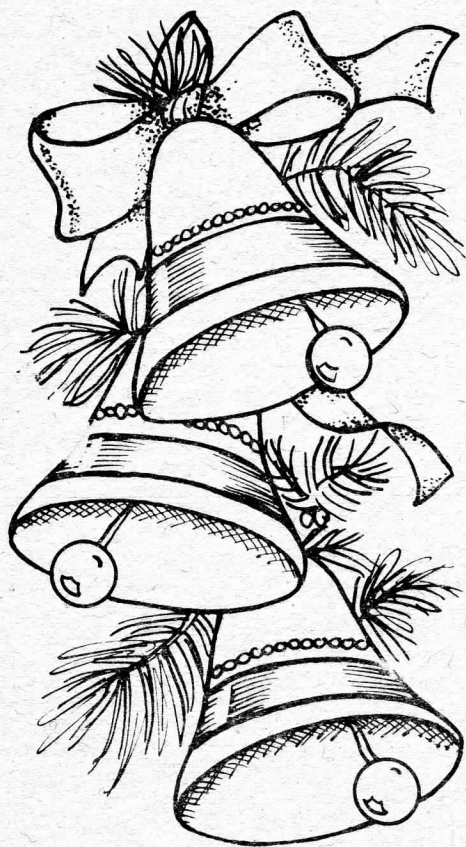


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May the
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peace
and
Happiness

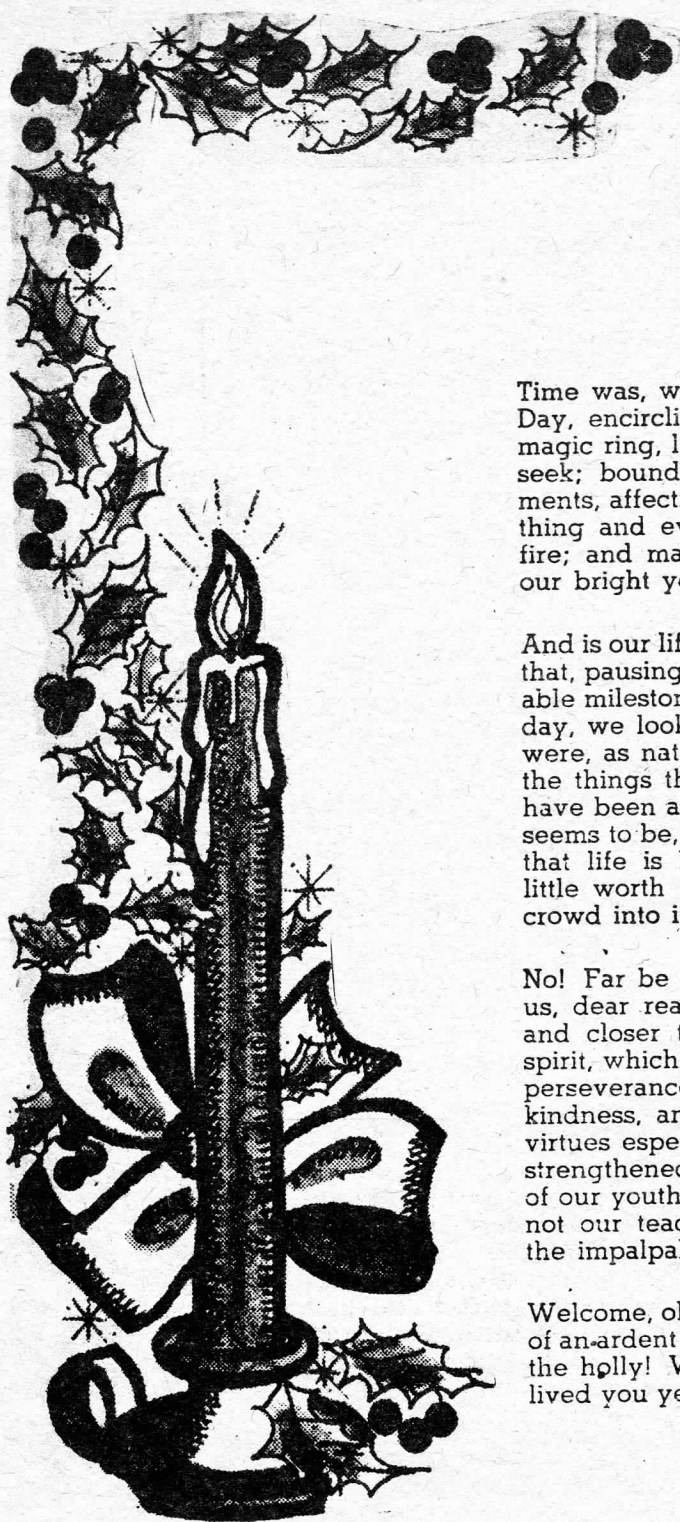
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Time was, with most of us, when Day, encircling all our limited world in a magic ring, left nothing out for us to seek; bound together all our hopes, our joys, our sorrows, affections, and hopes; grouping all things and every one around the hearth fire; and made the little picture of our bright young eyes complete.

And is our life here, at the best, so different now, that, pausing as we advance at such a momentary milestone in the track as this day, we look back on the things that were, as naturally and full as grapes on the vine, the things that have been and are no more, have been and still are? If it be so, as it seems to be, must we come to the conclusion that life is little better than a crowd of little worth the loves and striving to crowd into it?

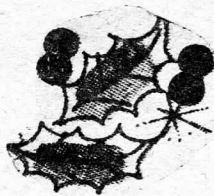
No! Far be such miscalled philosophy from us, dear reader, on Christmas Day. And closer to our hearts be the Christmas spirit, which is the spirit of active cheerfulness, perseverance, cheerful discharge of duty, kindness, and forbearance! It is the spirit of virtues especially that we are, or should be, strengthened by the unaccomplished of our youth; for, who shall say that we are not our teachers, to deal gently with the impalpable nothings of the earth?

Welcome, old aspirations, glittering in the folds of an ardent fancy, to your shelter under the holly! We know you, and have lived you yet. Welcome, old projects,



Christmas Is to Grow Older

Charles Dickens
(1812 — 1870)



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loves, however fleeting, to your nooks among the steadier lights that burn around us. Welcome, all that was ever real to our hearts; and for the earnestness that made you real, thanks to heaven!

Welcome everything! Welcome alike what has been, and what never was, and what we hope may be, to your shelter underneath the holly, to your places round the Christmas fire, where what is, sits open-hearted!

Of all days in the year, we will turn our faces toward that City upon Christmas Day, and from its silent hosts bring those we loved among us. In the Blessed Name wherein we are gathered together at this time, and in the Presence that is here among us according to the promise, we will receive, and not dismiss, the people who were dear to us!

The winter sun goes down over town and village; on the sea it makes a rosy path, as if the Sacred Tread were fresh upon the water. A few more moments, and it sinks, and night comes on, and lights begin to sparkle in the prospect. In town and village, there are doors and windows closed against the weather; there are flaming logs heaped high; there are joyful faces; there is healthy music of voices. Be all ungentleness and harm excluded from the temples of the household gods, but be those memories admitted with tender encouragement! They are of Time and all its comforting and peaceful reassurances; and of the broad beneficence and goodness that too many men have tried to tear to narrow shreds.



Sunday: Catholic: 6:00 a.m., 8:00 a.m.
10:30 a.m. (Patients' Mass), 4:00 p.m.

Weekday Mass: Monday -- 10:30 a.m., 7:00 p.m.
Tues., Thur. -- 10:30 a.m.
Wednesday, Fri. -- 10:30 a.m., 4:00 p.m.
Saturday -- 6:30 a.m., 4:00 p.m.

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PUSHING THE SELECTOR KNOB UNTIL YOU HAVE
REACHED THE CHAPEL CHANNEL.

New Year's Day Masses: 8:00 a.m., 10:30 a.m., 4:00 p.m.

Channel 6

CCTV Masses: Sunday thru Friday -- 10:30 a.m.
CCTV Protestant Monday thru Friday -- 11:15 a.m.
Services: and 3:30 p.m.

Confessions: Monday -- 7:30 p.m.
Patient confession by request.

CHAPLAIN'S CORNER

Fr. Arlie Sowada

Isaiah 51:4-5

Consoling words from God through
the Prophet Isaiah.

Be attentive to me, my people;
My folk, give ear to me.
For law shall go forth from my presence,
And my judgment, as the light of the
peoples.
I will make my justice come speedily;
My salvation shall go forth
(and my arm shall judge the nations);
In me shall the coastlands hope,
And my arm the shall await.

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