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To the Pilgrims in Christ, A most merry Epiphany

As you observe, we've commemorated the Lord Jesus' conception last 25 March by the all pure, all holy, and immaculate Virgin Mary, his Mother, of the Holy Spirit as Announced by Archangel Gabriel. His humble Birth we celebrated at the Christmas Crib on 25 December, with the visitation of Magi from the East led by a "Star." They bearing three gifts for one little child both King, and Priest, and atoning Victim upon the altar of the Cross. For most of us the best realisation of Jesus happens by way of the icons, the Hymns and songs, the Sacraments, and Prayer to Him as to God. *Kyrie eleison.*

So, not to worry, the Lord Jesus has pulled together from fishermen, shepherds, and regular folk, the collection of men and women and children who make up His Church through forty or so generations from Bethlehem, Jerusalem, and Denver, Colorado. St. Mark's is a continuously worshiping community that has persisted from the prayerful labours of two English women Religious in the 1870's to our present humble circumstances on South Vine Street one hundred and forty-five Years of Grace, 1875 to 2020.

Your Vestry ask for your Pledge to the life and witness of this assembly of human and Divine co-operation, a history of three church buildings and a few episodes of litigation, and a number of saints and an abundance of sinners, to forge ahead, to soldier on through the Year of Grace, 2020. Please add your pledge amount, which you can always exceed given circumstances, and sign and return this page by way of the Alms basin or the U.S. Mail, or email attachment, or text, carrier Pigeon, hot air balloon, arrow stuck in the door, or... carved in a moose hide, or... baked in a loaf of bread, plate of cookies, hidden with tickets to Ravenna, on BOAC...? *"And God saw that it was very good."* Yours in the same, Our Lord Jesus Christ,

Fr. John+

In thanks for His mercy, I, _____ pledge to His Church, and this parish of St. Mark, Denver for the Year of Grace 2020:

\$ _____ per Week, *or*

\$ _____ per Month, *or*

\$ _____ per Year

Signed in Faith, by Hope, and trusting in the Divine Charity,

the repentant sinner, _____