



Reflection from Deacon Ross Beaudoin

Have you had enough of 2023 yet?

That question usually would not be on my radar for the first week of a new year! Not at all. No way. I am too much of an idealist to let a thing or two get me down in one week. However, this past week has thrown me a curve.

The US House of Representatives: not able to function: no Speaker of the House
Damar Hamlin, 24 year old safety of Buffalo Bills: cardiac arrest on the field
Title 42 of Covid restrictions extended while tens of thousands of asylum seekers wait
California, my home State, hit by devastating storms and flooding after years of draught
Funeral of Pope Benedict XVI presided by Pope Francis
Whatever's been happening in your and my life

And we have 51 more weeks in this year....

How to handle the crazy ups and downs of life? At Jesus' birth and thereafter Mary and Joseph had to trust in God's Providence to carry them through. What else to do? Their own resources weren't up to dealing with the powerful King Herod and other unknowns. Mary and Joseph were living the life given to them by God and they trusted that God would carry them through. And God did – with the help of the Magi and others.

Some (*many* ?) times our lives also seem out of control. What to do? Is anyone "on our side" to help us?

A long time ago I found a card with a sentence that has stuck with me ever since. I have found it to be really true.

"All I know about tomorrow is that Providence will rise before the sun."

On to the rest of the year....

*Blessings,
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