

My brothers and sisters you will receive a piece of blessed golden ribbon in the mail. We ask that you tie it to your Christmas tree and remember that, although separated physically, we are together in faith during this Holy season and always.

Pray with it, pray for each other and for our community. We will be praying for you.

*This ribbon was blessed at Mass on December 12<sup>th</sup> and 13<sup>th</sup>*



## Golden Ribbon Blessing

As we prepare for the birth of Christ  
here in our church, and in our homes  
but most of all in our hearts, we rejoice!

We rejoice as our savior draws near.  
We rejoice in our shared faith as a community.  
We rejoice in the knowledge that our physical separation is temporary.  
We rejoice knowing that our spiritual connection  
in Christ is constant and forever.

We rejoice as we ask for God's blessing on this golden ribbon.

Lord God,  
Let your blessing come upon us  
and upon this golden ribbon.

May this ribbon be a symbol of our connectedness.  
one long golden thread of faith that ties us together  
as a people filled with the light of Christ.

May it stir up within us a sense of hope and joy,  
as we prepare to welcome your light once again into our hearts.

May we always be open to accept your love  
and be active to reflect it brilliantly and boundlessly in our world.

We ask this through Christ our Lord.

Amen