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"Merry Christmas!"

It sounds a bit empty at first. A Merry Christmas this year when for millions of men thousands of miles separate them from their loved ones?—A Merry Christmas? Tarawa, Arawe, the hills near Rome!

Yet, if we can't hear the joy in it, we have missed its meaning. Perhaps this year above other years we shall come a little nearer to the real meaning of Christmas. We shall not have the gayety, the tinselled frothiness that may have surrounded our other Christmases, but its message of joy is ours to be had. For it is the bringing of joy to the human heart that constitutes its essential message. It is a "Merry Christmas," a happy, blessed Christmas no matter what the circumstances that surround us. Christmas is the bringing of the news of a Savior, a reconciliation, a peace between God and man. All the woes in the world cannot stop the joy that comes from those good tidings.

We can manage a Christmas that is minus many little things. But this message "Unto you is born a Savior" is essential to real Christmas joy, and nothing can keep that from us.

Take the time in the next few days to take that message into your heart and yours will be a "Merry Christmas."

Sunday Divine Services

Protestant	1000	Memorial Hall
Roman Catholic	0615	Gerrard Hall
Jewish	1000	Hill Music Hall
	1000	Graham Memorial

Chaplain's Office Hours: Daily, 0830-1700; Monday and Wednesday, 0830-1800.
Father Sullivan will be in Chaplain's Office on Tuesdays, 1845-1930.
Confessions: Saturdays in Gerrard Hall, 1900-2015.

On the Lighter Side . . .

Thought War Was Over

A sergeant and a private were court-martialed for kicking a colonel in the backside as he was entering an auto. The sergeant, asked for an explanation, said the colonel had stepped

ped on his very sensitive corn and that he had lost control over his reflexes kicking the colonel unintentionally. The board was impressed by the story. The private who had run from a nearby building to boot the colonel, was then called on to explain: "I've got no excuse," he admitted, "When I saw what the sergeant had done, I thought the war was over!"



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