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Fr. Danny Murphy – Funeral Homily – 012/29/17

There is no good time to have someone whom we love, die – no good time for that. The wife, the children, the grandchildren, the family, the friends of the person who died will miss that person, will mourn that person no matter when that person dies. Having said that, if Ben were to die, perhaps dying during Christmas time could be a blessing. Christmas tell us that Jesus came to take away the sins of the world. So, Ben's sins are forgiven because of Christmas. Christmas says that Jesus came to restore to us our inheritance as God's beloved children – an inheritance that is no less than eternal life, because of Christmas. The Christmas scriptures tell us "And you shall call him 'Emmanuel,' a name that means 'God is with us.' " Because of Christmas, God is with us in all of the ups and the downs of our lives,

God is with us during all the good times, during all the tough times of our lives. Because of Christmas, God is always with us until God takes us home to heaven to be with him, to be with Ben, to be with all our dear ones – all because of Christmas. So, in the days and the weeks and the months and the years that follow, if you can, as you're thinking of Ben and your praying for Ben try to remember that he died during Christmas and all that Christmas means!