



*Merry  
Christmas*

## ***The 12 Days of Christmas***

- 1 Partridge in a Pear Tree = Jesus Christ, Son of God
  - 2 Turtle Doves = The Old and New Testaments
  - 3 French Hens = Faith, Hope and Charity, the Theological Virtues
  - 4 Calling Birds = the Four Gospels and/or the Four Evangelists
  - 5 Golden Rings = The first Five Books of the Old Testament, the "Pentateuch", which gives the history of man's fall from grace.
  - 6 Geese A-laying = the six days of creation
  - 7 Swans A-swimming = the seven gifts of the Holy Spirit, the seven sacraments
  - 8 Maids A-milking = the eight beatitudes
  - 9 Ladies Dancing = the nine Fruits of the Holy Spirit
  - 10 Lords A-leaping = the ten commandments
  - 11 Pipers Piping = the eleven faithful apostles
  - 12 Drummers Drumming = the twelve points of doctrine in the Apostle's Creed
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***Wishing you and your family a safe and  
peaceful Christmas and New Year.***

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