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Prayer Intentions

If you would like us to remember a special intention for you at Mass, please contact one of our priests.

If you or someone you know is in need of spiritual assistance (prayers, Sacrament of the Sick, etc.), please contact one of our priests.

Inquiries regarding the administration of Sacraments or services (Baptisms, First Communion, Marriages, and Funerals) are welcomed.

CLERGY MASS SCHEDULE

ALL MASS TIMES ARE 4:00 PM UNLESS OTHERWISE NOTED

December 2, 2018: First Sunday of Advent	+Fr. Bob
December 9, 2018: Second Sunday of Advent	+Fr. Carl
December 16, 2018: Third Sunday of Advent	Fr. Tom
December 23, 2018: Fourth Sunday of Advent	Fr. Bill
December 25, 2018: The Nativity of our Lord Mass Time: 2:00 PM	+Fr. Carl
December 30, 2018: Feast of the Holy Family	Fr. Bill

Sunday Gospel Reflections Fr. Bill LaGrand, M.A.

December 2, 2018 – 1st Sunday of Advent: Advent should help us to be more aware and to develop a clearer sense of where our lives are going- or whether we are allowing them to drift. (Luke 21:25-28, 34-36)

December 9, 2018 – 2nd Sunday of Advent: Hope and faith in God are the keys to salvation. John the Baptist heralds the coming of Jesus; a new age; a new and wonderful time is about to begin. (Luke 3: 1-6)

December 16, 2018 – 3rd Sunday of Advent (Gaudete Sunday): Christian joy is born out of a divine encounter with God's unconditional love, mercy, and liberation. This should encourage us to seek and share the Good News with zeal. (Luke 3: 10-18)

December 23, 2018 – 4th Sunday of Advent: In the readings, Jesus shows the qualities needed to do God's will. Let us follow the lead of Jesus and Mary in always doing the will of God. (Luke 1: 39-45)

December 25, 2018 – The Nativity of the Lord (Mass at Midnight Readings): God sent the Son to become a human being in the womb of the Virgin Mary and to be born as one of us. The astounding mystery of the Word-made-flesh changes the world and transforms our lives. How do we respond? (Luke 2:1-24)

December 30, 2018 – Feast of the Holy Family: Just like us, Mary and Joseph struggled in dealing with the parent/child relationship. We can draw strength in their example as we face our own challenges. (Luke 2: 41-52)

From the Pastor's Desk
+Fr. Bob Catlett, M.Div.

Congratulations and Best Wishes to members of our congregation who celebrate special days this month:

Birthdays:

December 4: Rosann Swaringim
December 17: Dr. Nathaniel Murdock

Anniversaries:

None this month

SYMPATHIES: The parish extends its deepest sympathies to the family and friends of Fr. Jack Fleming, former Rector of St. Timothy's Episcopal Church, who passed away in early November after a long battle with cancer. Fr. Jack was Rector of St. Timothy's when our parish began renting worship space back in 2003. All who knew Fr. Jack were blessed by his compassion, wisdom and friendship. He was a true friend to me and our parish. +Fathers Bob and Carl will have the honor of concelebrating his Memorial Mass on Saturday, December 8, 2018. He will be deeply missed! Requiescat in pace!

CHRISTMAS MASS: Our Christmas Celebration will be on Tuesday, December 25, at 2:00 pm. All are welcome! Bring a friend, a relative, or a few!

SHARING THE BLESSINGS: Our priests, Fathers Bob, Carl, Bill, and Tom, extend to you and your families the blessings of this sacred time of God's grace to each one of you and to humankind. Our Christmas Mass on Tuesday, December 25, would be an especially good time to invite a relative or friend to attend Mass with you.