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#### **CLERGY MASS SCHEDULE**

**ALL IN-PERSON WORSHIP SERVICES ARE CANCELLED DUE TO COVID-19**

December 6, 2020:	Second Sunday of Advent
December 13, 2020:	Third Sunday of Advent
December 20, 2020:	Fourth Sunday of Advent
December 25, 2020:	The Nativity of our Lord
December 27, 2020:	Feast of the Holy Family

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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.

## **Sunday Scripture Reflections** **+Fr. Bob Catlett, M.Div.**

**December 6, 2020 – 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Advent:** “John the Baptist appeared,” says St. Mark, “proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins.” And Peter reinforces the theme that the Lord desires everyone to come to repentance. Advent is a good time to see how this affects us. What mountains do we need to level and what valleys do we need to fill? (Isaiah 40:1-5, 9-11, 2 Peter 3:8-14, Mark 1:1-8)

**December 13, 2020 – 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Advent (Gaudete Sunday):** “Do not quench the Spirit,” St. Paul tells the Thessalonians. “Test everything; retain what is good.” Like the bearer of glad tidings in the Book of Isaiah, let us bring what is uplifting to those around us. Taking our cues from John the Baptist, we want to do this with humility, remembering whose messenger we are. (Isaiah 61:1-2a, 10-11, 1 Thessalonians 5:16-24, John 1:6-8, 19-28)

**December 20, 2020 – 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Advent:** The Son’s generosity in coming into the world is foreshadowed by the events in today’s readings: David’s generous offer to build a temple for the Lord, God’s generous response regarding David’s dynasty, and Mary’s wholehearted acceptance of her role as the Savior’s mother. Do we pray to be generous? St. Paul reminds us that the Lord can give us strength. (2 Samuel 7:1-5, 8b-12, 14a, 16, Romans 15:25-27, Luke 1:26-38)

**December 25, 2020 – The Nativity of the Lord:** (Mass During the Day) “The Lord comforts his people.” He speaks through his Son, “the very imprint of his being,” who *makes his dwelling among us*. Because *we have received from Jesus’ fullness*, we are called to also be an image of the Father. Do we always live as an image of God? (Isaiah 52:7-10, Hebrews 1:1-6, John 1:1-18)

**December 27, 2020 – Feast of the Holy Family:** God promises Abraham countless descendants – like the stars in the sky. And Abraham *puts his faith in the Lord*. Marveling, Mary and Joseph place *their* faith in Simeon’s prophecy about Jesus. Is there something in *our lives* that we need to accept with faith? (Genesis 15:1-6; 21:1-3, Hebrews 11:8, 11-12, 17-19, Luke 2:22-40)

*along The Way*

reflections selected by +fr carl



~ Let us ponder this month ~

**The Father, showed his tenderness for us by sending his beloved Son as the living Word of that tenderness.**

**What does Jesus preach to us?**

**Tenderness everywhere:**

**in his becoming human like us; in his childhood; in his words, in his looks, in his passion and death; in every inch of his person.**

**What, then, must be the core value of our spiritual life?  
Christian tenderness toward ourselves and others.**

*Paraphrased from the writings of St. Michael Garioits (†1863)*

**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

**In-Person Services Continue to be Postponed:** We continue to deal with effects of the Covid-19 pandemic. We eagerly await the day when we are able to join together once again in worship of our Savior.

**Mass Intentions:** +Fr. Carl, Fr. Bill and I are available to say mass for your particular intentions while we celebrate mass from home. Please feel free to contact us with your intentions.

**Prayers Needed:**

**Jan Williamson:** Suffered a broken kneecap for the third time in as many years. She would appreciate your prayers for a full and quick recovery.

**Mary Ann Howard:** Underwent biopsy surgery for cancer and is awaiting results from the procedure. She would appreciate your prayers.

**Requiescat in Pace:** Please remember David Mason in your prayers. David was a friend and employee of mine who passed away suddenly on November 3, 2020. He was 54 and leaves behind his wife, Dr. Sheila Mason, and two four-legged children (dogs). I played and cantored his funeral liturgy at St. Mark Roman Catholic Church on Saturday, November 20, 2020.

**Let us continue to pray for peace and civility in our nation and for an end to the Covid-19 pandemic!**