CHRISTMAS Eve, DECEMBER 24th, 2023 - FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

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SUNDAY MASS TIMES

Saturday Evening 5PM
Sunday Morning

8:30AM + 10:30AM Weekday Mass 8:30AM

Confessions Saturday 4PM

HOLY HOUR ADORATION

1ST FRIDAYS 9AM-10AM

Christmas Eve: Sunday, 9 PM Christmas Morning: Monday, 9 AM

Solemnity of Mary, The Holy Mother of God New Years Day: Monday, 9 AM



THIS WEEK'S PRAYER

O God, who wonderfully created the dignity of human nature and still more wonderfully restored it, grant, we pray, that we may share in the divinity of Christ, who humbled himself to share in our humanity. Who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God, for ever and ever.



Gospel Reading Luke 1:26-38

The angel Gabriel visits Mary to announce the birth of Jesus.

Family Connection

One of the challenges of faith is to recognize God's plan for us and to remain open to God's will and God's actions in our world. Filled with God's grace, Mary models for us the kind of faith that is needed to cooperate in God's plan of salvation. Like Mary, we are given the awesome opportunity to cooperate in God's saving plan. On this final Sunday of Advent, our Gospel invites us to consider how our preparations for Christmas have made us more aware of God's grace working in our lives.

Gather together your family and talk about what you have been doing as a family to prepare for Christmas. How have these preparations helped you to better celebrate the central mystery of Christmas, the Incarnation? Our Gospel today talks about how Mary was prepared for her role in Christ's birth. Read today's Gospel, Luke 1:26–38. Consider the question: What enabled Mary to say yes to God? Which of your Advent activities have made you more aware of God's grace in your life? Conclude in prayer together that God's grace will enable your family to be more faithful and obedient to God. Pray together the Magnificat.

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Christmas Eve, December 24th, 2023 - The Fourth Sunday of Advent



CHRIST-MASS BLESSINGS

With Sunday and Christmas back to back this year many of us may feel stretched thin these days. But regardless it is always the time to give joyous thanksgiving to God for all his gifts.

The Miracle of Christmas sees us contemplating how the Son of God allowed himself to be born in our world as a historical fact 2000 years ago to share in our joys, struggles, hopes and challenges. The Miracle of Sunday Mass allows the Son of God who lived, died and rose from the dead to be present to us here on earth as he is present in all his glory in heaven. In short, heaven on earth is the Christmas and Sunday Good News we rejoice in. Every Sunday brings us the Mass of Christ - Christ-Mass, not once a year but every week.

May this season, made holy by the birth of Jesus Christ, radiate his presence out to you, to your family and indeed to the whole world from the Altar of his sacrificial love.

With every blessing, Father Cávana Wallace Pastor

---- This Week's Mass Intentions ----
~ December 23rd – December 30th ~

The Risen Lord continually offers Himself to His Heavenly Father for each and every one of us. A "Mass Intention" assures us that our names are "written" in His Sacred Heart.

Saturday- Kaye Carey (RIP), Sunday 8:30 & 10:30 People of the Parish, Monday- The Nienhaus Family and Vern Almeter (RIP) Tuesday- Joseph Swanson,
Wednesday- George Lewis (RIP), Thursday- Rudy Klopfer, Friday- Mary Wallace (RIP)
Saturday- Allyson Smith



From this sacred place, we wish you every blessing during the Season of Christmas and every grace for the New Year ahead.

If you have been away from the church and still have that longing for the sacred in your soul, there is a safe and sacred place for you here.

New to Catholic Christianity, wish to be baptized, receive Holy Communion, or coming home?

See the pastor after the service and he'll give you good instruction!



A SPECIAL VISIT



Santa Claus & Mrs. Claus made a surprise visit to the Sunday School Christmas Party. Each of the children present received gifts, blessings and good cheer for the holy days.

To be included in our parish family prayer chain, email prayer@sttimothychurch.com