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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 2:00 PM unless otherwise noted

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| January 5, 2020: The Epiphany of the Lord* | +Fr. Carl |
| January 12, 2020: Baptism of the Lord | Fr. Bill |
| January 19, 2020: Second Sunday in Ordinary Time | +Fr. Bob |
| January 26, 2020: Third Sunday in Ordinary Time | Fr. Bill |

***Quarterly Healing Service at this Mass**

Scripture Reflections

Fr. Bill LaGrand, M.A.

January 5, 2020 – Epiphany of the Lord: The words of Isaiah are full of light and hope for the Hebrew people. The Gospel tells the story of the three wise men visiting the Christ Child with gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh. Jesus became one of us to redeem all of humanity. (Matthew 2: 1-12)

January 12, 2020 – Baptism of the Lord: When we came up from the waters of Baptism, the church makes clear that we are Christian now and Christ has welcomed us into his holy people. Are we living up to the awesome identity? (Matthew 3: 13-17)

January 19, 2020 – 2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time: In today's Gospel, John clarifies what he meant when he told the priests and Levites, "There is one among you whom you do not recognize." (John 1: 20-34)

January 26, 2020 – 3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time: Does God initiate and sustain our relationship, or do we do that"? Does God expect to encounter us in some sacred space, or does God find us? Today's scriptures present God as a seeker. (Matthew 4: 12-23)



**+ *What Matters In the Final Analysis* +
*Words to Ponder from Mother Teresa of Calcutta***

People are often unreasonable, irrational, and self-centered.

Forgive them anyway.

If you are kind, people may accuse you of selfish, ulterior motives.

Be kind anyway.

If you are successful, you will win some unfaithful friends
and some genuine enemies.

Succeed anyway.

If you are honest and sincere, people may deceive you.

Be honest and sincere anyway.

What you spend years creating, others could destroy overnight.

Create anyway.

If you find serenity and happiness, some may be jealous.

Be happy anyway.

The good you do today, will often be forgotten.

Do good anyway.

Give the best you have, and it will never be enough.

Give your best anyway.

**In the final analysis, it is between you and God.
It was never between you and them --- anyway.**

Pastor's Corner

+Fr. Bob Catlett, M. Div., Pastor

It's "Tax Time" Again...BUT...My apologies, but due to a computer glitch with my external hard drive that I keep all our parish records on, the spreadsheet containing everyone's monthly donations and totals for 2019 somehow got corrupted and, after hours of trying, I was unable to restore it. Parishioners will need to rely on their personal check registers to obtain their total church donations for 2019. Mea Maxima Culpa!