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Mass Schedule

All In-Person Worship Services are at 2:00 PM unless otherwise noted

January 2, 2022: The Epiphany of the Lord

January 9, 2022: Baptism of the Lord

January 16, 2022: Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

January 23, 2022: Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

January 30, 2022: Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Pastoral Staff:

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Prayer Intentions

If you would like us to remember a special intention for you at Mass or, if you or someone you know is in need of spiritual assistance (prayers, Sacrament of the Sick, etc.), please contact the pastor.

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

Scripture Reflections

+Fr. Bob Catlett, M.Div.

January 3, 2022 – Epiphany of the Lord: Here comes everyone – just as Jesus came for everyone! Today’s passages from Isaiah and Matthew foreshadow the reality proclaimed in the selection from St. Paul to the Ephesians: The Church, firmly rooted in the history of ancient Israel, is for all people. We want to remember this in our daily lives and try to let Christ shine through us. (Isaiah 60:1-6, Ephesians 3:2-3a, 5-6, Matthew 2:1-12)

January 9, 2022 – Baptism of the Lord: The first and second readings glance back over the Advent-Christmas cycle, which concludes today. Both passages stress the mercy of God. Lord Jesus, in accepting baptism you expressed your solidarity with sinners. Help us to recognize our sins, level the valleys in our lives, and live in ongoing conversion, “eager to do what is good.” (Isaiah 40:1-5, 9-11, Titus 1:11-14; 3:4-7, Luke 3:15-16, 21-22)

January 16, 2022 – 2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time: This Sunday’s first and third readings focus on a common biblical theme: God’s marriage to his people. Jubilation fills the air, for the Lord is good. Reflecting on the second reading, we ask the Holy Spirit to pour out his gifts on all of us, God’s people. (Isaiah 62:1-5, 1 Corinthians 12:4-11, John 2:1-11)

January 23, 2022 – 3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time: These readings remind us that the Lord is present in the Mass. The book of Nehemiah presents the people revering God’s presence in his word. In First Corinthians, St. Paul explains that each of us, with our unique gifts, is a member of Christ’s body. In the Gospel of St. Luke, Jesus proclaims himself God’s envoy, bodily present among his people. At the Eucharist, we want to be more aware of God’s presence. (Nehemiah 8:2-4a, 5-6, 8-10, 1 Corinthians 12:12-30, Luke 1:1-4, 4:14-21)

January 30, 2022 – 4th Sunday in Ordinary Time: This Sunday’s first and third readings remind us that what *people think about us* should not matter – only what *God knows about us* matters. The Lord knew us before he brought us into being. In today’s second reading, St. Paul completes the thought: I should concentrate on loving God and others. (Jeremiah 1:4-5, 17-19, 1 Corinthians 12:31-13:13, Luke 4:21-30)

Along the way

reflections
selected by +Fr Carl

Another New Year. Another chance to fortify ourselves with new insights, goals and resolutions as we walk through life trying our best to serve the Lord. Our Bishop Tom Coover emails a "thought for the day" to our clergy. A couple of these "thoughts" are presented below as insights to encourage us to good things *along the way*.

IT'S THE
FRIENDS
WE MEET
along THE WAY
THAT
HELP US
APPRECIATE
THE *journey*

As the world fights to figure everything out, I'll be holding doors for strangers, letting people cut in front of me in traffic, saying good morning, keeping babies entertained in grocery lines, stopping to talk to someone who is lonely, tipping generously, waving at police, sharing food, giving children a thumbs-up, being patient with sales clerks, smiling at passersby, and buying a stranger a cup of coffee.

WHY? Because I will not stand to live in a world where love is invisible.

Join me in showing kindness, understanding, and judging less.

Be kind to a stranger, give grace to friends who are having a bad day, be forgiving with yourself.

If you can't find kindness, BE kindness.



God gave you a fingerprint that no one else has, so you can leave an imprint that no one else can.

Remember, you don't need to worry about changing the whole world. If you can just make things better for someone in your world, you will experience the reality, joy, and satisfaction of making a difference.

Blessings and best wishes for a new year filled with happiness, love, peace, and joy.

Let us continue our journey following as closely as possible to the true meaning of being a Christian as described by Jesus: "Love God with your whole being, and love your neighbor as you love yourself."

Father Carl

Pastor's Corner

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

It's "Tax Time" Again... Parishioner donation statements will be mailed shortly after the first of the year. Thank you to all who continued to contribute to the church even during the pandemic while we were unable to meet in person. We are grateful for your generosity.

Prayers Needed:

Rosann Swaringim: Recovering from hip surgery. She would appreciate your prayers for a full and quick recovery. The parish sent flowers and a snack basket to Rosann to brighten her day. She was very grateful and sends her best wishes to all. She is recovering and getting around with a walker.

Bishop David: Dealing with several health issues. He would appreciate your prayers for a full and quick recovery.

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