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December 19, 2021

SAINT TIMOTHY CATHOLIC CHURCH

Iglesia Católica de San Timoteo




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Mission Statement
We are called to serve as one family, through corporal and spiritual works of mercy.

Estado de la misión
Estamos llamados a servir como una sola familia, a través de obras de misericordia corporales y espirituales.



Join Scouting!

St. Timothy Charters the Boy Scout Troop #304.

Do you have a son or daughter between the ages of 6 and 17? Now is the perfect time to sign them up for Scouts. The Scouting program helps youth develop academic skills, self-confidence, ethics, leadership skills, and citizenship skills that influence their adult lives.

For more information contact:
 Scout Master Chris Fisher
 804-366-8326
 Rivers District



St Timothy Lumen Christi Society Chapter

Our parish Lumen Christi Society Chapter is being created to honor those who have named the parish as a beneficiary with a legacy gift. Take this into mind: Your generosity during your lifetime has enabled your parish to serve the people of God in this community. Continue to be a part of this community by making a bequest in your will.

St Timothy Church is formulating an endowment fund from legacy gifts to perpetuate financial security for our beloved church.

Fourth Sunday of Advent

12/19/2021
 Micah 5:1-4a; Hebrews 10:5-10
 Luke 1:39-45



The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph

12/26/2021
 1 Samuel 1:20-22, 24-28; 1 John 3:1-2, 21-24
 Luke 2:41-52



“And how does this happen to me, that the mother of my Lord should come to me? For at the moment the sound of your greeting reached my ears, the infant in my womb leaped for joy.
 Luke 1:39-45

We have reopened
our Church at 100% for Mass

MASS SCHEDULE

- Saturday 5:00pm (English)
- Sunday 9:30am (English)
- Sunday 12:00pm (Spanish)

CONFESSIONS

45 minutes before Mass or
 by appointment.

ANNOINTING OF THE SICK

Please contact the Parish Office or Rectory to schedule an appointment

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*From the Pastor's Desk***SYNOD ON SYNODALITY**

You will be hearing of these terms “Synod on Synodality” a lot this year.

Just to give you a little background, whenever there seems an importance of evangelization that requires the input of various parts of the Church, the Holy Father may convene a synod, which is a meeting or assembly of church leaders, bishops and laypeople to reach consensus on important issues. A ‘Synod’ therefore is a Greek word that literally means ‘on the same path’. In this synod of Bishops that will take place in 2023, the Holy Father has asked the whole Church to reflect on the ‘journey together’ on the same path in communion with one another. The theme of this synod will be Synod on Synodality focusing on Communion, Participation, and Mission of the Church. Through our participation in this synod as St. Timothy Parish, we will seek to answer the fundamental question: “A synodal Church, in announcing the Gospel, ‘journeys together’: How is this ‘journeying together’ happening today in your particular Church? What steps does the Spirit invite us to take in order to grow in our journeying together (in solidarity which relates to Synodality)?” The Leader going to guide us in this process is John Cali. We have already made up groups and leaders in these groups as John will inform us, to lead us into the dialogue. Consultation with parishioners at deferent levels will begin in January 2022 and conclude the end of February. In March 2022, we will compile our thoughts and submit them to the Diocese, then summarized to gather with the rest of the parishes in the Diocese, they will be sent to Rome so that they may form a document that will guide the Bishops while they convene for this synod. As Our Bishop Barry Knestout has warned us in his letter, that “before local communities and individuals enter into the synodal process it is important to identify what synodality is not. While it is a time for one’s voice to be heard, it is not an opportunity to push one’s personal agenda. It is not a democratic process where the majority rules or a corporate strategic process. Synodality leads us to listening, speaking, accepting co-responsibility for participation in the process, discerning and deciding.” The results of the conversation are not what matter most, but rather that the faithful of the Parish have been able to enter into these unitive moments of discussion with each other. More will follow on this. Therefore, brothers and sisters, in communion, let us with one another to listen to the inspiration of the Holy Spirit and prayerfully discern God’s will for us. Our mission, as a faith community, is to act upon what we’ve heard.

Parish Ministries

Elizabeth Fowler, Rel. Ed. Director: (540) 903-2100

Ed Sullivan, Finance Council Chair: (804) 925-6223

Lois Ann Bonhaus, Pastoral Council Chair (804)445-1006

Mary Gibson, Human Needs Chair: (352) 286-6583

Kathy Hayden, Safe Environment Chair: (804) 450-4207

Gonzalo Ramirez, Hispanic Ministry, (804) 313-5119

Hospital Visits: Call Parish Office or Rectorry

Homebound: Call Parish Office to Schedule Communion

**Offertory Collection
December 11-12**

Mass Count: 5:00pm-47 9:30am- 74 12N-50

**1st Collection-\$3,473.93
candles-\$37**

E-giving-\$1,260

Memorial Garden-\$400

Mass Intentions-\$50

**Our next second collections are December
26 for Catholic Charities and our Christmas
Collection**

SÍNODO DE SINODALIDAD

Escuchará mucho sobre estos términos “Sínodo sobre sinodalidad” este año. Solo para darles un poco de antecedentes, siempre que parezca una importancia de la evangelización que requiera el aporte de varias partes de la Iglesia, el Santo Padre puede convocar un sínodo, que es una reunión o asamblea de líderes eclesiásticos, obispos y laicos para llegar a un consenso. sobre temas importantes. Por tanto, un "Sínodo" es una palabra griega que literalmente significa "en el mismo camino". En este sínodo de obispos que tendrá lugar en 2023, el Santo Padre ha pedido a toda la Iglesia que reflexione sobre el 'camino juntos' por el mismo camino en comunión unos con otros. El tema de este sínodo será el Sínodo sobre sinodalidad centrado en la Comunión, Participación y Misión de la Iglesia. A través de nuestra participación en este sínodo como Parroquia de San Timoteo, buscaremos responder a la pregunta fundamental: “Una Iglesia sinodal, al anunciar el Evangelio, 'camina juntos': ¿Cómo está sucediendo este 'caminar juntos' hoy en su Iglesia particular? ¿Qué pasos nos invita a dar el Espíritu para crecer en nuestro caminar juntos (en la solidaridad que se relaciona con la sinodalidad)?” El Líder que nos guiará en este proceso es John Cali. Ya hemos formado grupos y líderes en estos grupos como nos informará John, para llevarnos al diálogo. La consulta con los feligreses de diferentes niveles comenzará en enero de 2022 y concluirá a fines de febrero. En marzo de 2022, recopilaremos nuestros pensamientos y los enviaremos a la Diócesis, luego resumidos para reunirlos con el resto de las parroquias de la Diócesis, serán enviados a Roma para que formen un documento que guiará a los Obispos mientras ellos convocar para este sínodo. Como nos advierte nuestro obispo Barry Knestout en su carta, “antes de que las comunidades locales y los individuos entren en el proceso sinodal, es importante identificar qué no es la sinodalidad. Si bien es un momento para que se escuche la voz de uno, no es una oportunidad para impulsar la agenda personal de uno. No es un proceso democrático donde gobierna la mayoría ni un proceso estratégico empresarial. La sinodalidad nos lleva a escuchar, hablar, aceptar la corresponsabilidad de participación en el proceso, discernir y decidir”. Los resultados de la conversación no son lo que más importa, sino que los fieles de la Parroquia han podido entrar en estos momentos unitivos de discusión entre ellos. Más seguirán sobre esto. Por tanto, hermanos y hermanas, en comunión, escuchemos los unos con los otros para escuchar la inspiración del Espíritu Santo y discernir con oración la voluntad de Dios para nosotros. Nuestra misión, como comunidad de fe, es actuar de acuerdo con lo que hemos escuchado.

Formación de las Quinceañeras

Se necesita algunas meses de preparación de las jóvenes que esperan celebrar un quinceañera aquí. Por favor de hablar con Padre Gerald mucho antes de su fecha querida para empezar la preparación. Usted debe ver al Padre Gerald por lo menos 3 meses antes

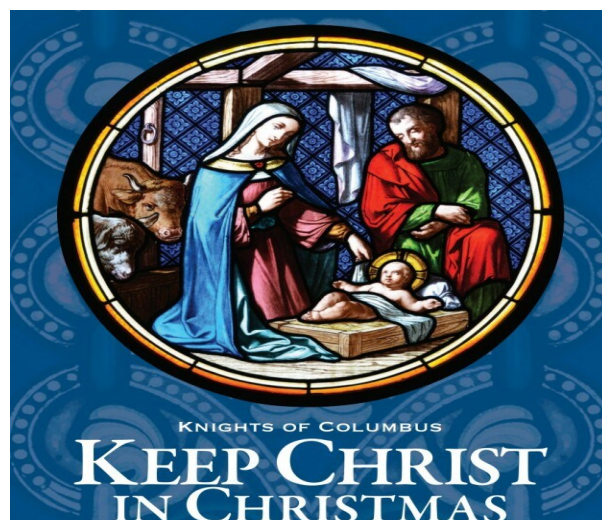
Joke of the Week

Will you take Christ home with you this Christmas?

When a little boy named Davis came to Christmas morning Mass with his parents, he was surprised to find that baby Jesus was not in the Nativity Set. His parents immediately went into the sacristy and asked the pastor who had removed the Baby Jesus. The pastor rushed to the crib only to realize that some miscreants had stolen the Baby from the manger after the Midnight Mass. Later, during the morning Mass, the pastor informed the congregation of the theft and told them that he couldn't understand the motive behind such a callous act. Then, he asked them to see that the Baby Jesus was returned. The manger, however, remained empty.

Later that afternoon, depressed and sad, the pastor was walking through the wintry streets when he saw his neighbor, little Tommy. Shabbily dressed against the cold, Tommy was proudly walking with a new, bright red wagon. The pastor knew how much his parents must have scrimped and saved to buy him the wagon. With a surge of Christmas spirit, the pastor wished Tommy a Merry Christmas and congratulated him on his beautiful Christmas gift. It was then that he noticed that Tommy's new red wagon wasn't empty. The Baby Jesus stolen from the church lay on a pillow in the wagon. The pastor was disappointed. He told Tommy that stealing was wrong, and that the entire parish had been hurt by his action. Wiping from his cheeks the flowing penitential tears, Tommy said, "But, Father, I didn't steal Jesus! It wasn't like that at all. I've been asking Jesus for a red wagon for Christmas for a long time, and, you see, I promised Him when I got it, He'd be the first one I took out for a ride. I kept my promise and now I am on my way to the church to bring Baby Jesus home!" — Each Christmas invites us to take Jesus to our home, because the only inn where He cares to find shelter is the inn of our hearts. If, like the pastor in our story, we have misjudged others, we can take Jesus home with us by asking their forgiveness. If someone has hurt us, we can forgive him or her. Let's make this a Christmas of reconciliation, love, peace and joy.

Knights of Columbus Advent Campaign



The Knights of Columbus' annual campaign reminding millions of Americans to "Keep Christ in Christmas" is in full swing with radio ads, signs, billboards, Nativity scenes and Christmas cards.

In a society where Christmas has often become shorthand for shopping, many who celebrate Christmas can lose sight of its true meaning. Those who celebrate Christmas give gifts to each other because it is the day on which we celebrate the greatest gift: God's gift of his son to the world.

"Christmas is about 'peace on earth toward people of good will' and we think that's a message worth remembering."

The campaign's list of initiatives this year include English and Spanish-language radio spots encouraging people to remember Christmas in various ways, such as helping those less fortunate. The Knights of Columbus have also sent a public service announcement to television networks and hundreds of local broadcast stations and cable systems.

Again, please keep Christ in Christmas.

Please Pray For The Sick

For healing and good health:



Lois Nelms, Phillip Nuar, Anne Glancy, Liliyanna Kotzeva, Ken Pollack, Dorothy Sponder, Joseph F. Mercurio, Beth Schools, Hal Severin, Peggy Shaughnessy, Luke Heller, Theresa Berens, Kelly Liddington, Margaret Bell, Connie and Ed Malloy, Beatrice Howard, Kathie Mendez, Michelle and Anthony Macaluso, Patricia Mahon, Brian Boyd, Frances and Kenneth Strife, Joe Patton, Chloe Fordham, Patricia Brenzovich, Daniel Murchison Lytjen, Claire Wintersaler, Amber Davis, Lorraine Jester, Maryjane Fuller, Anna Dalton, Charlie Allen, Jerry Simpson, Jr., Robert Davenport, Valarie Roberts, Carolyn White, Mike Wirt, David Rousseau, Becca Croxton, Becky Blackwell, Rosie Hart, Patrick White, Patrick Finn, Rebeca Moreno, Ed Sullivan, Dan Dean, and Barbara Chandler, Catherine Mallory, Mary Gibson, Gregory Woodsin.

Mass Intentions

If you would like to have a family member or friend, living or deceased, remembered in a Mass, please call the parish office and schedule a Mass. We will send the family or person (if living) a card with all the details of the date, time and celebrant, and who scheduled the Mass.



Remember In Your Prayers

All those who serve our country, particularly . . .

LT Patrick Howlett, USAF; Ensign Jordan Gates, USN; LTC Rod Dwyer, USA; Lesley Clarke, USN; FSO Mary O'Brien; SGT John Streat III, USA; 2nd LT Christopher Selig, USA; Morgan Martin, USN.

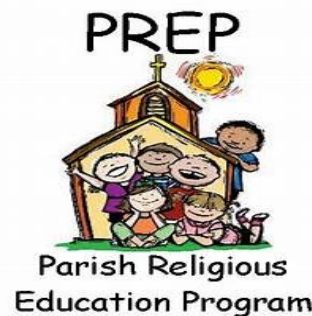
December 21 - December 26 Mass Intentions/Mass Times				
Date	Mass	For	Liturgical Days	Requested By
12/21	12:00pm	Mary Gibson	St. Peter	Bill Carreras
12/22	12:00pm	†Francis J. Daly	Advent Weekday	Delores
12/23	9:00am	†Gregory Serafin	Advent Weekday	Delores
12/24	9:00am 6:00pm 8:00pm	†Alice & Arthur Wallmark † Joseph & Rae Mercurio <i>Pro Populo</i>	Advent Weekday Christmas Vigil (English) Vigilia de Navidad (Español)	Joanie Copen Chris Iovino
12/25	10:00am	†Diane Sullivan	Solemnity of the Nativity of the Lord	Rod & Shari Dwyer
12/26	9:30am	† Diane Sullivan	Feast of the Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph	Linda & Jerry Korinsky
	12 Noon	<i>Pro Populo</i>	Fiesta de la Sagrada Familia	San Timoteo



Saturday, December 25, 5:00pm
Sunday, December 26, 9:30am
Domingo, 26 de Diciembre, 12 Noon
Christmas/Feast of the Holy Family

The Church is now open at 100% capacity. Bishop Knestout has lifted the dispensation of the Sunday and Holy Days Mass obligation and reinstating our obligation that we attend Mass unless you were recently exposed to the coronavirus, another serious or contagious illness, or those who are confined to their home, a hospital or nursing facility; or anyone with serious underlying health conditions.

***please leave missalette in the pews, do not take them home, thank you!**



New Religious Education Schedule
Elementary and Middle School classes will
 be held on December 19.

Holiday Breaks - There will be **NO** classes on December 26 or January 2.

Knights of Columbus Christmas Sale

This is the last weekend the Knights of Columbus will be selling religious Christmas cards, jewelry and other items before and after the weekend Masses. Thank you for your support and please remember KCIC, Keep Christ in Christmas.

Give Central Online Giving

Remember that you now have the option at St. Timothy to sign up and go online to make your weekly donations to the Church. . The website is updated on a weekly basis in house. You can get more information by calling the parish office, or go to

<https://www.givecentral.org/location/1137/event/25198>, and follow the steps.

Calling All Musicians!

Do you play piano, organ, or guitar? St. Timothy is in need of someone who can play for two Masses a week, the Saturday Vigil at 5:00pm, and the Sunday morning Mass at 9:30am. If interested please call the parish offic @ 804-443-2760

Angel Tree a Success

The members of the Human Needs Committee would like to thank all our parishioners for participating in our angel tree this year. We had fifty-two angels on the tree and all of them were taken by parishioners. The many gifts you provided were distributed on Monday to the Christmas Mother, Spirit Rising, our own Hispanic Community and a family. The families have expressed their appreciation for all the gifts they received. You have given many children a wonderful Christmas.



Wreaths

Please take a moment to look around the parish campus at all the beautiful wreaths that a few of our ladies made on Thursday. Thank you to Diane Kean and Sue Byrne, Eileen Buchanan, and Elizabeth Cali who did a wonderful job on the wreaths! Thank you ladies!

For Your Information...

Parish Columbarium

Our Father Richard Dollard Memorial Garden remains a beautiful, tranquil spot for prayer and meditation. Have you considered making it your final resting place? Niches are available, which can each hold two urns, for prices well below what most other cemetery plots or comparable sites would cost. For more information, contact the parish office.



Divine Mercy Cenacle

Please join us in the Commons at **12:45pm**, after the noon Mass on **Tuesday, January 4**, to pray the *Divine Mercy Chaplet*, and learn about the revelations of Saint Faustina. This will be Week Number 43.

Day	Date	Feast	Time for Mass
Saturday	12/18/2021	Advent Parish Recollection	10:00am -2:00pm
Friday	12/24/2021	Christmas vigil Mass	6:00pm English 8:00pm Spanish
Saturday	12/25/2021	Christmas Mass	10:00 am English
Saturday	12/25/2021	Vigil for The Holy family Sunday	No Mass at 5pm
Sunday	12/26/2021	The Holy family, Sunday	9:30am English 12:00pm Spanish
		No weekday Masses	
Saturday	01/01/2022	Saturday Vigil Mass- Epiphany	5:00pm
Sunday	01/02 2022	Sunday- Epiphany	9:30am English 12:00pm Spanish

Mass Schedule and upcoming Events

Above you will find the Mass schedule and upcoming events for the holiday's. Please take note of the Mass times as some are different from regular Mass times, ie. Christmas Vigil/Christmas Day. There will also be a copy posted on the front doors of the Church.

Jesus We Watch and Wait For You

Mark your calendars for **Saturday, December 18**, between the hours of **10:00am and 2:00pm**, for the Advent Recollection and Penance Service. Cleanse your Soul in preparation for the birth of Our Lord, Jesus Christ