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January 7, 2024

413 St. Timothy Lane, Tappahannock, VA 22560



St. Timothy Lumen Christi Society Chapter

Our parish Lumen Christi Society Chapter was 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.

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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.

The Epiphany of the Lord
 1/7/2024
 Isaiah 60:1-6; Ephesians 3:2-3a, 5-6
 Matthew 2:1-12

Second Sunday in Ordinary Time
 1/14/2024
 1 Samuel 3:3b-10, 19; 1 Corinthians 6:13c-15a, 17-20
 John 1:35-42

MASS SCHEDULE

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

CONFESSIONS

45 minutes before Mass or by appointment.

ANOINTING OF THE SICK

Please contact the Parish Office or Rectory to schedule an appointment.



"They were overjoyed at seeing the star, and on entering the house they saw the child with Mary his mother. They prostrated themselves and did him homage. Then they opened their treasures and offered him gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh. And having been warned in a dream not to return to Herod, they departed for their country by another way."

Matthew 2:10-12

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A warm welcome is extended to new parishioners and guests.



The Feast of the Epiphany

This First Sunday of the year is Epiphany Sunday. The Greek word Epiphany (*επιφάνεια*) means *appearance* or *manifestation*. In the Western Church, the Feast of the Epiphany celebrates Jesus' first manifestation to the Gentiles, represented by the Magi; while in the Eastern Church, the Feast commemorates the baptism of Christ, at which the Father and the Holy Spirit gave combined testimony to Jesus' identity as Son of God.

The Magi went in search for a new-born King to bring him gifts. The gifts: gold, frankincense and myrrh, may be thought of as prophesying Jesus' future. Gold was a gift for Kings; frankincense (an ancient air purifier and perfume), was offered to God in Temple worship (Exodus 30:37); and myrrh (an oriental remedy for intestinal worms in infants), was used by the High Priest as an anointing oil (Exodus 30:23), and to prepare bodies for burial. These gifts were not only expensive but also portable. Perhaps Joseph sold the gifts to finance the Holy Family's trip to Egypt. The gifts might have been God's way of providing for the journey that lay ahead.

The feast of the Epiphany can be looked on as a symbol for our pilgrimage through life to Christ. The feast invites us to see ourselves in the Magi – a people on a journey to Christ. This Sunday's Gospel also tells us the story of the encounter of the Magi with the evil King Herod. This encounter demonstrates three reactions to Jesus' birth, a) Hatred: a group of people headed by Herod planned to destroy Jesus; b) Indifference: another group, composed of priests and scribes, ignored Jesus; c) Adoration: the members of a third group – shepherds and the magi – adored Jesus and offered themselves to Him.

The magi-astrologers described in today's Gospel had to be a little crazy leaving the security of their homeland to venture forth into a strange country presided over by a mad king like Herod, in search of a Divine Child. However, their great faith, curiosity, and adventurous spirit enabled them to discover the secret of the whole universe – the secret of God's incredible love for His people – because the Child they found was no ordinary child, but the very Son of God become man. Today's readings invite us to have the curiosity of faith and adventurous spirit of the magi so that we may experience the "epiphany" of our God in everyone and every event, everywhere.

Parish Ministries

Diana Campbell, Rel. Ed. Director: (804) 238-1279

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

Hospital Visits: Call Parish Office or Rectory

Homebound: Call Parish Office to schedule Communion

Offertory Collection

December 30 - December 31, 2023

Offertory - \$5,966
Give Central - \$630
Holy Land Appeal - \$1,135
Rocking Chair Prophet - \$100
Catholic Charities - \$85
Capital Projects - \$460

Mass Counts: Saturday 5:00PM - 60

Sunday 9:30AM - 106, 12:00N - 86

The next second collection will be January 14th for Capital Improvements

DEL PASTOR

La Fiesta de la Epifanía

Este Primer Domingo del año es el Domingo de Epifanía. La palabra griega Epifanía (*επιφάνεια*) significa aparición o manifestación. En la Iglesia occidental, la Fiesta de la Epifanía celebra la primera manifestación de Jesús a los gentiles, representados por los Magos; mientras que en la Iglesia Oriental, la Fiesta conmemora el bautismo de Cristo, en el cual el Padre y el Espíritu Santo dieron testimonio combinado de la identidad de Jesús como Hijo de Dios.

Los Reyes Magos fueron en busca de un Rey recién nacido para llevarle regalos. Se puede considerar que los regalos: oro, incienso y mirra, profetizan el futuro de Jesús. El oro era regalo de Reyes; el incienso (un antiguo purificador de aire y perfume) se ofrecía a Dios en el culto del templo (Éxodo 30:37); y la mirra (un remedio oriental para las lombrices intestinales en los bebés), era utilizada por el Sumo Sacerdote como aceite de unción (Éxodo 30:23) y para preparar los cuerpos para el entierro. Estos obsequios no sólo eran caros sino también portátiles. Quizás José vendió los regalos para financiar el viaje de la Sagrada Familia a Egipto. Los regalos podrían haber sido la manera en que Dios proveyó para el viaje que tenía por delante.

La fiesta de la Epifanía puede considerarse como un símbolo de nuestra peregrinación por la vida hacia Cristo. La fiesta nos invita a vernos en los Magos, un pueblo en camino hacia Cristo. El evangelio de este domingo también nos cuenta la historia del encuentro de los Magos con el malvado rey Herodes. Este encuentro demuestra tres reacciones ante el nacimiento de Jesús: a) Odio: un grupo de personas encabezado por Herodes planearon destruir a Jesús; b) Indiferencia: otro grupo, compuesto por sacerdotes y escribas, ignoró a Jesús; c) Adoración: los miembros de un tercer grupo – los pastores y los magos – adoraron a Jesús y se ofrecieron a Él.

Los magos-astrólogos descritos en el Evangelio de hoy debían estar un poco locos al dejar la seguridad de su patria para aventurarse en un país extraño presidido por un rey loco como Herodes, en busca de un Divino Niño. Sin embargo, su gran fe, curiosidad y espíritu aventurero les permitieron descubrir el secreto de todo el universo – el secreto del increíble amor de Dios por su pueblo – porque el Niño que encontraron no era un niño cualquiera, sino el mismo Hijo de Dios hecho hombre. Las lecturas de hoy nos invitan a tener la curiosidad de la fe y el espíritu aventurero de los magos para que podamos experimentar la "epifanía" de nuestro Dios en todos y en cada acontecimiento, en todas partes.

La próxima segunda colecta será el 14 de Enero para Mejoras Capitales.

JOKE OF THE WEEK

Three Wise Women

While they were talking about the story of the three wise men, a woman asked her parish priest this question, "Do you know why God gave the star to the wise men?" When he professed his ignorance, she told him: "God knows men are too proud to ask directions. If there had been three wise women instead of three wise men, they would have asked for directions, arrived on time, helped deliver the baby, cleaned the stable, made a casserole, and given some practical gifts!"

Gifts for Baby Jesus

An 8-year-old asked, "How come the kings brought perfume to Jesus? What kind of gift is that for a baby?" His 9-year-old sister answered, "Haven't you ever smelled a barn? With dirty animals around, Mary needed something to freshen the air."



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Joining is so simple: if you are a Catholic male over 18 years of age you may either approach any Knight, or there are forms in the Commons that have a scan code on them -- just scan the code and fill in your information online. Best yet, once done your first-year membership is free. We would love to have you join our council. If you have any questions, please contact Ed Sullivan at desulliva@aol.com.

Please Pray For The Sick

For healing and good health:

Lois Nelms, Anne Glancy, Ken Pollack, Dorothy Sponder, Joseph F. Mercurio, Beth Schools, Peggy Shaughnessy, Luke Heller, Theresa Berens, Kelly Liddington, Margaret Bell, Connie and Ed Malloy, Beatrice Howard, Kathie Mendez, Michelle and Anthony Macaluso, Joe Patton, Chloe Fordham, Patricia Brenzovich, Daniel Murchison Lytjen, Amber Davis, Lorraine Jester, Anna Dalton, Charlie Allen, Jerry Simpson, Jr., Robert Davenport, Valarie Roberts, Carolyn White, David Rousseau, Patrick Finn, Rebeca Moreno, Maria Foster, Thomas Hampton, Ed Sullivan, Dan Dean, Catherine Mallory, Linda and David Taylor, Tom Schroeder, James Morris, Susan Lewis, Andrew Mallory, Owen Liddic, Barbara Taylor, John Ciffo, Kevin Sullivan, Lloyd Samuels, Michelle Sadloch, Jocelyn Boily, Carol Smith, Christopher Carcamo, Janie Kwedar, Charles Palmeri, Lucille Palmeri, Chris Honenberger, Michelle Ward, Michael Herlan, Kristen Kellett, Linda MacDonald, and Pat Doane.



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; Ty Brown, USCG

Pray God keeps them in His care.

January 9 - January 14 / Mass Intentions / Mass Times				
Date	Mass	For	Liturgical Days	Requested By
1/9	12:00N	Jacob Monday	Weekday	Delores Flessner
1/10	12:00N	†James M. Nannery	Weekday	Barbary Nannery
1/11	9:00AM	†Mr. and †Mrs. Joseph P. O'Hara	Weekday	Dolores Flessner
1/12	9:00AM	Katelyn Mazzochette	Weekday	Jordan Tippett
1/13	5:00PM	†Lois Ann Bonhaus	Vigil -Second Sunday in Ordinary Time	Roy Fontane
1/14	9:30AM	†Anita Pricher	Second Sunday in Ordinary Time	St. Timothy Family
	12:00N	Para el Pueblo	Fiesta de la Sagrada Familia	Familia de San Timoteo



Need a Ride to Mass?

If you need a ride to ANY Mass, please call the office.

Upcoming Mass Times

January 5th, 9:00AM First Friday
January 6th, 9:00AM First Saturday



Pantry Sunday

Pantry Sunday will be January 13th - 14th. Donations of canned fruit, vegetables, and soup are *always* needed. Please place your donations in the designated area to the left of the door as you enter the Commons. Thank you for your continued support of this valuable ministry for people in our community.



Divine Mercy Cenacle

Please join us in the Commons at **12:45PM**, after the noon Mass on **Tuesday, February 6th**, to pray the *Divine Mercy Chaplet*, and learn about the revelations of Saint Faustina. This will be Week Number 62.

Give Central Online Giving

Remember that you have the option at St. Timothy's to sign up and go online to make your weekly donations to the Church. 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. Or you can scan the QR code.



CCD Classes will resume January 7, 2024.

Confirmation has been set for May 19, 2024, at the Cathedral of the Sacred Heart in Richmond City at 2:00PM.

First Holy Communion will be June 2, 2024.

Vacation Bible School will be for Saturday, June 22, 2024, from 9:00AM – 2:00PM. The theme for this coming year is *Dive Into Your Faith*. We will be exploring water imagery and symbolism in the Bible and Christianity; this will involve playing with water, so be prepared!

Memorial Bricks

Remember and memorialize a departed family member or friend in the Memorial Garden. The price is only \$100 and a duplicate for your home is available for an additional \$50. Pick up an order form from the Commons or contact the parish office.



March for Life

March for Life in Washington, D.C. is right around the corner on Friday, January 19, 2024. This is still very important to attend and support Life! St. Timothy's will again be sponsoring a bus to attend the March for Life and would love to have as many attend as possible! Please sign up on the sheet in the Commons if you are interested, or if you have questions, call the office. Thank you!

Caregiver Support Group is presented by the **Alzheimer's Association** on the **3rd Wednesday** of each month at 2:00PM at the Essex Public Library. For more information about caregiver support groups, call Jennifer at 1-800-577-0558.

Be RED CROSS Ready

On **Tuesday, January 9th**, the Essex County Triad will meet from **10:00 - 11:00AM** at the Essex County School Board Hearing Room, 109 Cross St. "**Be RED CROSS Ready**" is the topic that Tony Maida of the Virginia Red Cross will address. He will cover what to do before, during, and after a disaster, with a special focus on home fire safety. You'll be able to sign up for a free smoke detector installation by the Red Cross. Triad is a partnership between local law enforcement, seniors, and senior service providers.

Catholic Women's Luncheon

Welcome all women to the next social luncheon at Prince Street Café on the golf course in Tappahannock on January 16, 2024, at 1:00PM after the noon Mass. The Christmas social was held on December 19th at Pauline's house and all had a great time. We look forward to having fun and seeing you on the 16th! Any questions, please contact the office or Elsie at ecm08@live.com.



Married Couples! Is winter starting to get you down and you find yourself getting a little edgy with your spouse? Perhaps you deserve to get away to renew your relationship. Sign up today for a Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend and get rid of the blahs. For more information or to register, go to WWME.org, click "Apply" and search for "Virginia" or your desired location. Feel free to contact Mark and Cathy Stangler at 703-378-4150 or mstang1987@aol.com with any questions. Here are a few upcoming experiences:

January 26-28, 2024 - Myrtle Beach, SC
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Considering a Vocation?

"For out of you shall come forth a ruler who will shepherd My people." Is Christ calling you forth out of your comfort zone to serve Him in others as a sister, brother, or priest? Talk to your priest or reach out to the Office of Vocations at (804) 359-5661 or via email: vocations@richmonddiocese.org.

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