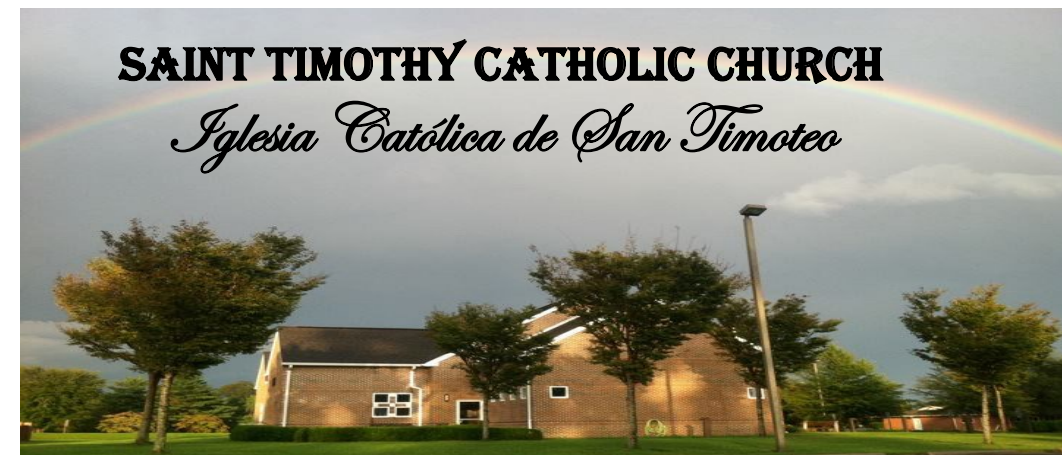


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December 29, 2024


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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. 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 Holy Family of Jesus, Mary, and Joseph

12/29/24
 1 Samuel 1:20-22, 24-28; 1 John 3:1-2, 21-24
 Luke 2:41-52

The Epiphany of the Lord

1/5/25
 Isaiah 60:1-6
 Ephesians 3:2-3a, 5-6
 Matthew 2:1-12



"After three days they found him in the temple, sitting in the midst of the teachers, listening to them and asking them questions..."

Luke 2:46

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.



A warm welcome is extended to new parishioners and guests.

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New Year's Message

As you, parishioners of St. Timothy, join the rest of the world in ringing in the New Year 2025, I want to congratulate you upon the completion of the year 2024. I want to take this opportunity to thank you for the support to our Parish, the people in need, and our Diocese. Thank you very much.

On the first day of the year we fittingly give honor to the Blessed Virgin Mary for her distinct role in God's plan of salvation, giving birth to Jesus, the promised Messiah. The Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God, is a holy day of obligation that recognizes the Church's teaching that Jesus Christ is both true God and true man. It means that his divine nature and his human nature are inseparably united in what our faith calls the hypostatic union.

In God's divine design, Jesus brought joy and peace to a sinful and broken world. He came as a light to illumine the path of humanity staggering in the darkness of violence, confusion, hatred and suffering. Today, Christ comes to a world that has lost its moral compass and fallen under the spell of a materialism and individualism that denies and pushes away the notion of God, of heaven, and of eternal destiny. So, amid all tribulations, confusion, and misery, we approach the new year with confident hope and joy. God never abandons us and never tires of reaching out to us. We can run away from him but not from his grace. He manifests his abiding presence and infinite love in Jesus, the Prince of Peace, the Light of the world, and our Good Shepherd who laid down his life for us.

In God's providence, let us celebrate the New Year as "Pilgrims of Hope." Our Holy Father declared 2025 a Jubilee Year. It is a time of prayer and grace to encounter the Lord's boundless mercy and bring about renewal of faith and conversion of heart so we can live the Gospel fully. Pope Francis reminds us that our Church is a community of believers journeying toward God. He encourages us to pin our hope in God, a hope that does not fade nor disappoint. In our Diocese, Bishop Barry Knestout on Saturday, December 28th, 2024 at 5:00 PM celebrated the Opening Mass for the Jubilee Year at the Cathedral of the Sacred Heart which included additional rites promulgated by the Vatican for bishops, including the placing of the crucifix in a position of prominence in the sanctuary. The crucifix will be kept in the sanctuary at the Cathedral for the entire year, as a symbol of hope, for veneration by the Faithful.

Let us begin the new year with hope and gratitude that God will fill our hearts with the gifts of his love, joy, and peace.

Happy New Year!

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Hospital Visits: Call Parish Office or Rectory

Homebound: Call Parish Office to schedule Communion

Offertory Collection December 21 - December 22, 2024

Offertory - \$3788
Give Central - \$507
Catholic Charities -\$25
Poor Box—80

**Mass Counts: Saturday 5:00PM - 50
Sunday 9:30AM - 126, 12:00N - 104**

**Christmas Eve 6PM— 134
Christmas Day— 45**

The next second collection is January 12 for Capital Improvements

DEL PASTOR

Mensaje de año nuevo

Mientras ustedes, feligreses de St. Timothy, se unen al resto del mundo para recibir el Año Nuevo 2025, quiero felicitarlos por la finalización del año 2024. Quiero aprovechar esta oportunidad para agradecerles por el apoyo a nuestra Parroquia, las personas necesitadas y nuestra Diócesis. Muchas gracias.

El primer día del año honramos apropiadamente a la Santísima Virgen María por su papel distintivo en el plan de salvación de Dios, al dar a luz a Jesús, el Mesías prometido. La Solemnidad de María, Madre de Dios, es un día santo de obligación que reconoce la enseñanza de la Iglesia de que Jesucristo es a la vez verdadero Dios y verdadero hombre. Significa que su naturaleza divina y su naturaleza humana están inseparablemente unidas en lo que nuestra fe llama la unión hipostática.

En el diseño divino de Dios, Jesús trajo gozo y paz a un mundo pecador y quebrantado. Vino como una luz para iluminar el camino de la humanidad que tambalea en la oscuridad de la violencia, la confusión, el odio y el sufrimiento. Hoy, Cristo viene a un mundo que ha perdido su brújula moral y ha caído bajo el hechizo de un materialismo e individualismo que niega y rechaza la noción de Dios, del cielo y del destino eterno. Entonces, en medio de todas las tribulaciones, confusión y miseria, nos acercamos al nuevo año con confianza, esperanza y alegría. Dios nunca nos abandona y nunca se cansa de tendernos la mano. Podemos huir de él pero no de su gracia. Él manifiesta su presencia permanente y su amor infinito en Jesús, el Príncipe de la Paz, la Luz del mundo y nuestro Buen Pastor que dio su vida por nosotros.

En la providencia de Dios, celebremos el Año Nuevo como "Peregrinos de la Esperanza". Nuestro Santo Padre declaró el año 2025 Año Jubilar. Es un tiempo de oración y gracia para encontrar la misericordia ilimitada del Señor y lograr la renovación de la fe y la conversión del corazón para que podamos vivir el Evangelio plenamente. El Papa Francisco nos recuerda que nuestra Iglesia es una comunidad de creyentes en camino hacia Dios. Nos anima a poner nuestra esperanza en Dios, una esperanza que no se desvanece ni decepciona. En nuestra Diócesis, el Obispo Barry Knestout el sábado 28 de diciembre de 2024 a las 5:00 p.m. Celebró la Misa de Apertura del Año Jubilar en la Catedral del Sagrado Corazón, que incluyó ritos adicionales promulgados por el Vaticano para los obispos, incluida la colocación del crucifijo en una posición prominente en el santuario. El crucifijo se conservará en el santuario de la Catedral durante todo el año, como símbolo de esperanza, para la veneración de los fieles.

Comencemos el nuevo año con esperanza y gratitud de que Dios llene nuestros corazones con los regalos de su amor, alegría y paz.

¡Feliz año nuevo!

La próxima segunda colecta es el 12 de enero para Mejoras Capitales.

JOKE OF THE WEEK

Lecture Tour with a difference

On New Year's Eve, Daniel was in no shape to drive, so he sensibly left his van in the car park and walked home. As he was wobbling along, he was stopped by a policeman. 'What are you doing out here at four o'clock in the morning?' asked the police officer.

'I'm on my way to a lecture,' answered Roger.

'And who on earth, in their right mind, is going to give a lecture at this time on New Year's Eve?' enquired the constable sarcastically.

'My wife,' slurred Daniel grimly.



KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

Consecration to the Holy Family



O Lord Jesus, you lived in the home of Mary and Joseph in Nazareth.
There you grew in age, wisdom and grace
as you prepared to fulfill your mission as our Redeemer.
We entrust our family to you.

O Blessed Mary, you are the Mother of our Savior.
At Nazareth you cared for Jesus
and nurtured him in the peace and joy of your home.
We entrust our family to you.

O St. Joseph, you provided a secure and loving home for Jesus and Mary,
and gave us a model of fatherhood while showing us the dignity of work.
We entrust our family to you.

Holy Family, we consecrate ourselves and our family to you.
May we be completely united in a love that is lasting,
faithful and open to the gift of new life.

Help us to grow in virtue, to forgive one another from our hearts,
and to live in peace all our days.

Keep us strong in faith, persevering in prayer,
diligent in our work, and generous toward those in need.
May our home, O Holy Family, truly become a domestic church
where we reflect your example in our daily life. Amen.

Jesus, Mary and Joseph, pray for us!

Please Pray For The Sick

For healing and good health:



Lois Nelms, Susan Lewis,
Andrew Mallory, Lloyd Samuels,
Dick Byrne, Frank Castanon, Jim
Conway, Sue Byrne, Joan Copen,
Sally Henley, David Packett, and
Mary Green.

Names will be kept on the prayer list for one month from the time they are requested. If you need someone to be on the list longer, please reach out to the office prior to the end of the month.

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; COL Rod Dwyer, USA; FSO Mary O'Brien; SGT John Streat III, USA; 2nd LT Christopher Selig, USA; Morgan Martin, USN; and Ty Brown, USCG

Pray God keeps them in His care.

December 31 - January 5 / Mass Intentions / Mass Times				
Date	Mass	For	Liturgical Days	Requested By
12/31	12:00N	Salvation of All Souls	7th Day within the Octave of the Nativity of the Lord	St. Timothy Family
	7PM	William Gael Cordova Martinez	Vigil –Mary, the Holy Mother of God	St. Timothy Family
1/1	12:00 Noon	† Emory & †Gertrude Austin	Solemnity of Mary, The Holy Mother of God	Carol Deverell
1/2	9:00AM	All Souls in Purgatory	Memorial of Sts. Basil the Great and Gregory Nazianzen	St. Timothy Family
1/3	9:00AM	† Ed and †Diane Sullivan	Christmas Weekday	St. Timothy Family
1/4	5:00PM	† Diane Kean	Vigil, Solemnity of the Epiphany of the Lord	St. Timothy Family
1/5	9:30AM	† Joe Kennealy	Solemnity of the Epiphany of the Lord	Jean Kennealy
	12:00N	Para el Pueblo	Solemnidad de la Epifanía del Señor	Familia de San Timoteo



Church News

Calendar

December 31, 12:00 Noon	7th Day of the Octave of the Nativity (daily Mass)
December 31, 7:00 PM	Vigil - Mary, the Holy Mother of God (bilingual/bilingüe)
January 1, 12:00 Noon	Mary, the Holy Mother of God, Holy Day of Obligation
January 3, 8:00 AM	First Friday Adoration
January 4, 8:00 AM	First Saturday Adoration

Fr. Gerald will be out of town from January 6th -January 31st.

There will be no 9:00AM Mass on January 1.

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

If you are without family in the area and the office or Father can be of assistance, please let us know.

Please keep the office updated on your location should you move or go to the hospital or other facility.

The office will be closed the week of December 30. It will reopen January 7th. If you have an emergency, please call the Rectory.

Washer and Dryer Needed

If you have a washer and dryer you would like to donate, please call the office. We have a parishioner in need of one.

Parishioners in Healthcare

Richard Byrne is at Heritage Green, 7080 Brooks Farm Rd., Mechanicsville, VA 23111.

Lloyd Samuels is at Forest Hill Health and Rehabilitation, 4403 Forest Hill Ave., Richmond, VA 23225.

Cards and visits are welcome!

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.



Saint of the Week – St. Elizabeth Ann Seton



Mother Seton founded the first American religious community for women, the Sisters of Charity. She opened the first American parish school and established the first American Catholic orphanage. All this she did in the span of 46 years while raising her five children. Elizabeth Ann Bayley Seton was born August 28, 1774, just two years before the Declaration of Independence. Reared a staunch Episcopalian, she learned the value of prayer, Scripture and a nightly examination of conscience. The early deaths of her mother in 1777 and her baby sister in 1778 gave Elizabeth a feel for eternity and the temporariness of the pilgrim life on earth. Far from being brooding and sullen, she faced each new "holocaust," as she put it, with hopeful cheerfulness. At 19, Elizabeth was the belle of New York and married a handsome, wealthy businessman, William Magee Seton. They had five children before his business failed and he died of tuberculosis. At 30, Elizabeth was widowed and penniless, with five small children to support. Three basic points led her to become a Catholic: belief in the Real Presence, devotion to the Blessed Mother, and conviction that the Catholic Church led back to the apostles and to Christ. Many of her family and friends rejected her when she became a Catholic in March 1805. To support her children, she opened a school in Baltimore. From the beginning, her group followed the lines of a religious community, which was officially founded in 1809.



Memorial Bricks

Remember and memorialize a departed family member or friend in the Memorial Garden. The price of a brick 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.

HO, HO, HO! 'Tis the Season for Snow, Snow, Snow! Tips for Safe Snow Shoveling from the Mayo Clinic

- Be Heart Conscious
- Dress for the Weather
- Drink Plenty of Water
- Warm Up Muscles Prior to Shoveling
- Shovel Snow While It's Fresh
- Watch Out for Ice
- Take It Slow
- Protect Your Back
- Beware of Shoulder Strain
- LISTEN TO YOUR BODY!
- Be Careful Around Machinery
- Have Your Phone Handy

For more information on remaining safe while shoveling snow, visit <https://www.mayoclinichealthsystem.org/hometown-health/speaking-of-health/tips-for-safe-snow-shoveling>.

March for Life

It's time again for the Washington, D.C. Pro-Life March on January 24, 2025. St. Timothy's is sponsoring a bus and would love to have you join us! If interested, please contact the office or Elsie Mangano (804) 514-4181.

Need a Will?

Do you need a Will? The Catholic Community Foundation can help! They've partnered with FreeWill to offer an online solution for estate planning that helps you complete a legal Will completely free of charge. Get started at: FreeWill.com/RichmondCatholicFoundation.

WHEN ALL THE HUSTLE-BUSTLE OF THE HOLIDAYS ARE OVER..... Don't you and your spouse deserve a beautiful, romantic weekend away together? If you agree then you'll want to attend a Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend.

For more information or to register, go to [WWME.org](https://www.wmme.org), click "Apply" and search for your desired location. Feel free to contact Donald and Helen Dudley at 757-690-1369 donald.helen.dudley@wwme.org with any questions. Here are a few upcoming experiences:

January 31 - February 2 Myrtle Beach, SC

March 7 - 9 Rehoboth Beach, DE

March 14 -16 Jessup, MD and Ocean City, NJ

March 21-23 Emerald Isle, NC



This is the Season

This is the season we give thanks to God for all He has done for us this past year and throughout our lives. It is also a good time to begin considering how you can give back with a special year-end gift. Gifting is a great way to thank God for these blessings.

Take advantage of the charitable tax deduction for gifts made before December 31 (benefits of income tax deductions, capital gains savings, and other financial benefits), and consider the variety of gift options available to you. Your gift to our parish can make a great difference. There are a variety of ways you can contribute a gift. The easiest and most direct methods are donations of cash, stock, and an IRA Qualified Charitable Distribution.

For more information on how you can help make a difference by contributing a year-end gift to our parish, please contact the parish office.

Rosary in a Year

First they brought us *The Bible in a Year* with Father Mike Schmitz. Then, they brought us *The Catechism in a Year*, also with Father Mike. In 2025, Ascension Press brings us *The Rosary in a Year* with Father Mark-Mary Ames, CFR.

If you've ever struggled to build a habit of prayer, this podcast is for you. In Ascension's Rosary in a Year podcast, Father Mark-Mary Ames, CFR, guides listeners in a step-by-step journey that will change the way you pray – no matter where you are in your spiritual life. By starting small and adding on over time, listeners will find themselves falling more in love with this powerful Marian devotion, becoming a source of grace for the whole world.

To learn more, or to download the prayer plan, visit [Ascension Press Rosary in a Year](https://AscensionPressRosaryinAYear.com).