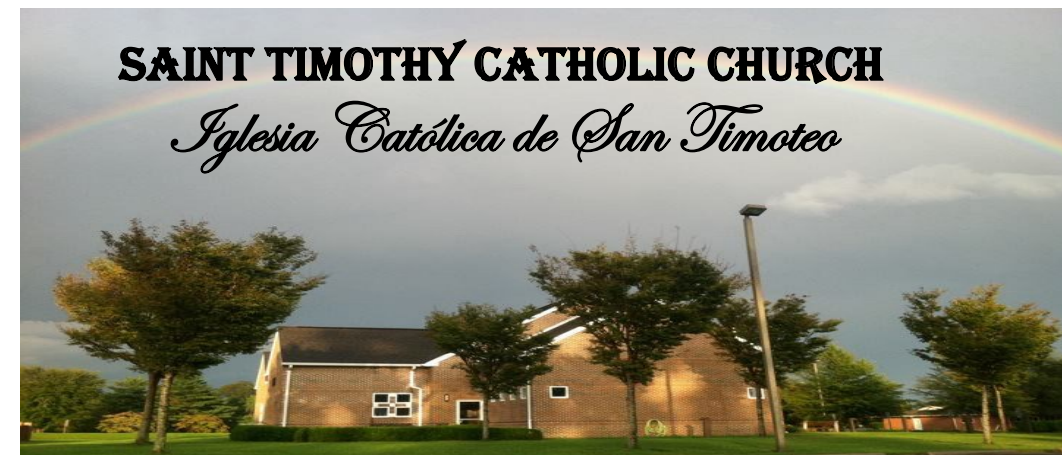


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December 8, 2024

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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.

Second Sunday of Advent

12/8/24
 Baruch 5:1-9; Philippians 1:4-6, 8-11
 Luke 3:1-6

Third Sunday of Advent

12/15/24
 Zephaniah 3:14-18a; Philippians 4:4-7
 Luke 3:10-18

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.



"[John] went throughout [the] whole region of the Jordan, proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins, as it is written in the book of the words of the prophet Isaiah: 'A voice of one crying out in the desert: Prepare the way of the Lord, make straight his paths.'" *— Luke 3:3-4*



A warm welcome is extended to
 new parishioners and guests.

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The Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception

The United States Conference of Catholic Bishops (USCCB) has stated that the Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception – transferred this year to Monday, December 9th – will be celebrated as a Holy Day of Obligation. Previously, when the date was transferred, the obligation was abrogated. That is no longer true. Earlier this year, Bishop Thomas J. Paprocki, Chairman of the USCCB’s Committee on Canonical Affairs and Church Governance, wrote to the Holy See seeking clarification about the obligation to attend Mass when a Holy Day of Obligation in Advent, Lent, or Easter falls on Sunday and the Solemnity is transferred to Monday. In a memo to the U.S. bishops dated Thursday, October 10, Bishop Paprocki communicated the Dicastery for Legislative Text’s response: “the feast must be observed as a day of obligation on the day to which it is transferred.” In light of this new directive, the Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception on Monday, December 9, 2024, is to be observed as a Holy Day of Obligation.”

The Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception honors the Blessed Mother’s purity, pointing to the fact that she was conceived without original sin. It was defined in 1854 by Pope Pius IX as a dogma of faith through Ineffabilis Deus. “From the first moment of her conception, Mary was preserved immune from original sin by the singular grace of God and by virtue of the merits of Jesus Christ, savior of human race” (CCC #491). This means that original sanctity, innocence, and justice were conferred upon her, and that she was exempted from all the evil effects of original sin, excluding sorrow, pain, disease, and death which are temporal penalties given to Adam.

The U.S. bishops unanimously named Mary, under her title of the Immaculate Conception, Patroness of the Nation in 1846, during the Sixth Provincial Council of Baltimore.

Therefore, the Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception (December 9, 2024) is not only a Holy Day of Obligation, but also our feast as a Nation. Mass on Monday, December 9th will be at noon.

Happy feast day.

Parish Ministries

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Becky Tobler, Human Needs Chair: (757) 897-4840

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

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Hospital Visits: Call Parish Office or Rectory

Homebound: Call Parish Office to schedule Communion

**This weekend’s second collection is for Capital Improvements
The next second collection is December 25 for Catholic Charities**

Offertory Collection

November 30 - December 1, 2024

Offertory - \$2,955

Give Central - \$308

Human Needs -\$50

Christmas Flowers -\$135

Retired Religious - \$847

Mass Counts: Saturday 5:00PM - 62

Sunday 9:30AM - 97, 12:00N - 82

DEL PASTOR

La Solemnidad de la Inmaculada Concepción

La Conferencia de Obispos Católicos de los Estados Unidos (USCCB) ha declarado que la Solemnidad de la Inmaculada Concepción, trasladada este año al Lunes 9 de Diciembre, se celebrará como un día de precepto. Anteriormente, cuando se trasladaba la fecha, se abrogaba la obligación. Esto ya no es así. A principios de este año, el obispo Thomas J. Paprocki, presidente del Comité de Asuntos Canónicos y Gobierno de la Iglesia de la USCCB, escribió a la Santa Sede pidiendo una aclaración sobre la obligación de asistir a Misa cuando un día de precepto de Adviento, Cuaresma o Pascua cae en domingo y la solemnidad se traslada al Lunes. En un memorando a los obispos estadounidenses fechado el Jueves 10 de Octubre, el obispo Paprocki comunicó la respuesta del Dicasterio para el Texto Legislativo: “la fiesta debe observarse como un día de precepto en el día al que se traslada”. A la luz de esta nueva directiva, la Solemnidad de la Inmaculada Concepción, el Lunes 9 de Diciembre de 2024, se observará como un Día Santo de Precepto”.

La Solemnidad de la Inmaculada Concepción honra la pureza de la Santísima Madre, señalando el hecho de que fue concebida sin pecado original. Fue definida en 1854 por el Papa Pío IX como un dogma de fe a través de Ineffabilis Deus. “Desde el primer momento de su concepción, María fue preservada inmune del pecado original por la gracia singular de Dios y en virtud de los méritos de Jesucristo, salvador del género humano” (CIC # 491). Esto significa que se le confirió la santidad, la inocencia, y la justicia originales, y que fue eximida de todos los efectos malignos del pecado original, excluyendo la tristeza, el dolor, la enfermedad y la muerte, que son penas temporales dadas a Adán.

Los obispos de Estados Unidos nombraron por unanimidad a María, bajo su advocación de la Inmaculada Concepción, patrona de la nación en 1846, durante el Sexto Concilio Provincial de Baltimore.

Por lo tanto, la Solemnidad de la Inmaculada Concepción (9 de Diciembre de 2024) no es solo un Día Santo de Obligation, sino también nuestra fiesta como Nación. La Misa del Lunes 9 de Diciembre será al mediodía.

Feliz día de fiesta.



Fiesta de Nuestra Señora de Guadalupe - 12 de Diciembre, 19:00H

Fiesta de Navidad de la Parroquia

Todos están invitados a la fiesta de Navidad en St. Jude Hall después de la misa de las 5:00 p. m. el Sábado 14 de Diciembre. Habrá juegos y premios para todas las edades, ¡y además Santa Claus vendrá de visita! La iglesia proporcionará sándwiches y pollo frito con bebidas. Inscríbese en el Commons, indicando cuántos pueden venir y qué guarnición o postre puede traer. ¡Esperamos pasar un buen rato!

**La segunda colecta de este fin de semana es para Mejoras de Capital
La próxima segunda colecta será el 25 de Diciembre para Catholic Charities**

JOKE OF THE WEEK

Soap Only Works When It is Applied

A soap manufacturer and a pastor were walking together down a street in a large city. The soap manufacturer casually said, "The Gospel you preach hasn't done much good, has it? Just observe. There is still a lot of wickedness in the world, and a lot of wicked people, too!" The pastor made no reply until they passed a dirty little child making mud pies in the gutter. Seizing the opportunity, the pastor said, "I see that soap hasn't done much good in the world either; for there is much dirt still here, and many dirty people are still around." The soap man said, "Oh, well, soap only works when it is applied." And the pastor said, "Exactly! So, it is with the Gospel."



KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS



Knights of Columbus Council 10578 will celebrate Advent & Christmas at our Annual Christmas Party this Saturday December 7, 2024, at Roma's Ristorante in Tappahannock, Virginia after the 5:00PM Mass (approximately 6:30PM). \$20 per person, \$40 per family. Spouses of deceased Knights are considered special guests.

We are conducting our annual *Keep Christ in Christmas* sale during Advent in the Commons; sales are very good; parishioners have been generous. We have a lot of great merchandise for sale!

Knights of Columbus Council 10578 will assist with a parish-wide Christmas Party on Saturday, December 14, 2024, in Saint Jude Hall after the 5:00PM Mass (approximately 6:00PM).

Congratulations are in order! Knights of Columbus Council 10578 won second place in the Keep Essex Beautiful roadside debris removal contest. This was made possible by our ongoing Adopt-A-Highway efforts cleaning Airport Road (Route 627) twice a year (along with some extra credits for other roadside debris removal elsewhere in the county). The award ceremony is this Saturday and our award will be presented during Winterfest in Tappahannock.

Lord God, we give You thanks for the many blessings You have provided the Saint Timothy parish community. Thank You, Jesus; thank You, Holy Spirit.

Please Pray For The Sick

For healing and good health:



Green.

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

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

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 9 - December 15 / Mass Intentions / Mass Times | | | | |
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| Date | Mass | For | Liturgical Days | Requested By |
| 12/9 | 12:00N | †Mary Gibson | Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin | St. Timothy Family |
| 12/10 | 12:00N | †James Nannery | Weekday | Barbara Nannery |
| 12/11 | 12:00N | †Taylor Stuart Hayden | Weekday (Adoration before Mass) | Carl and Kathy Hayden |
| 12/12 | 9:00AM | Ann and Greg Albertson | Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe | Elizabeth Albertson |
| | 7:00PM | †William Gael Cordova Martinez | Fiesta de Nuestra Señora de Guadalupe | Familia de San Timoteo |
| 12/13 | 9:00AM | †Lois Ann Bonhaus | Memorial of Saint Lucy | Kathy Hayden |
| 12/14 | 5:00PM | †Andronico Limbago | Vigil - Third Sunday of Advent | Dwight and JoJo Sorboen |
| 12/15 | 9:30AM | †Diane Kean | Third Sunday of Advent | Linda Korinsky |
| | 12:00N | †William Gael Cordova Martinez y Para el Pueblo | Tercer Domingo de Adviento | Familia de San Timoteo |



Church News

Calendar

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| December 9, 12:00N | Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary, Holy Day of Obligation |
| December 12, 9:00AM | Our Lady of Guadalupe |
| December 12, 7:00PM | Nuestra Señora de Guadalupe |
| December 14, 6:00PM | Parish Christmas Party |
| December 14-15 | Pantry Sunday |
| December 17, 6:00PM | Advent Penance Service |
| December 24, 6:00PM | Vigil - Nativity of the Lord (English) |
| December 24, 8:00PM | Vigilia - Natividad del Señor (Español) |
| December 25, 10:00AM | Nativity of the Lord, Holy Day of Obligation |
| December 31, 7:00PM | Vigil - Mary, the Holy Mother of God (bilingual/bilingüe) |
| January 1, 12:00Noon | Mary, the Holy Mother of God, Holy Day of Obligation |
| January 3, 8:00AM | First Friday Adoration |
| January 4, 8:00AM | First Saturday Adoration |

Please note that there will be a **Mass at noon, on Monday, December 9, for the Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary, a Holy Day of Obligation.**

In addition to the special Masses listed above, there will be daily Masses at the usual times on December 17, December 24, and December 31. **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.

Parishioner 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!

Pantry Sunday

Pantry Sunday is this weekend, December 7-8. 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.



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 – Saint Juan Diego

Saint Juan Diego Cuauhtlatoatzin lived from 1474-1548. Cuauhtlatoatzin, "The Talking Eagle," was the name he was given at birth. He was a gifted member of Chichimeca people, one of the groups living in the Anáhuac Valley. On December 9, 1531, Saint Juan Diego was on his way to morning Mass when the Blessed Mother appeared to him on Tepeyac Hill on the outskirts of present day Mexico City. Our Lady asked him to go to the Bishop and request that a shrine be built on Tepayac, where she promised to pour out her grace upon those who invoked her. The Bishop asked for a sign to prove that the apparition was true. On December 12, Saint Juan Diego returned to Tepayac. Here the Blessed Mother told him to climb the hill and pick the flowers blooming there. He obeyed, and although it was wintertime he found roses flowering. He gathered the flowers and took them to Our Lady, who carefully placed them in his tilma (cloak) and told him to take them to the Bishop as proof. When he opened his mantle to show the roses to the Bishop, they fell to the ground, and an image of the Blessed Mother was impressed in his tilma. Much deeper than the "exterior grace" of having been "chosen" as Our Lady's "messenger," Saint Juan Diego received the grace of interior enlightenment and from that moment, he began a life dedicated to prayer and the practice of virtue and boundless love of God and neighbor. He died in 1548 and was buried in the first chapel dedicated to the Virgin of Guadalupe. He was beatified on May 6, 1990, by Pope John Paul II in the Basilica of Santa Maria di Guadalupe, Mexico City.



It's Angel Tree Time!

Thank you for picking up all the angels! The unwrapped gifts are to be returned to the church no later than the week-end of **December 8**. Check off your name on the list when you return your angel. Thank you for participating in this wonderful ministry!

Parish Christmas Party

All are invited to the Christmas party in St. Jude Hall after the 5:00PM Mass on Saturday, December 14. There will be games and prizes for all ages along with Santa coming to visit! The church will provide sandwiches and fried chicken with beverages. Please sign up in the Commons, indicating how many can come and what side dish or dessert you can bring. Looking forward to having a great time!

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.

Catholic Women's Group

We had a great time at the Riverside Christmas Spectacular! The December luncheon will be held on December 17, the third Tuesday of the month, after Mass, at the home of Elsie Mangano in Warsaw. Welcome to all women!

Baby Shower for Mary

St. Francis de Sales Catholic Church warmly invites you to a Baby Shower for Mary on Saturday, December 14, 11:00AM – 3:00PM in the Parish Hall located at 217 East Church St., Kilmarnock, VA. Gifts will support The Mother's Heart Pregnancy Resource Center in Warsaw, VA, and every expecting mother who attends will receive a gift to help welcome their new bundle of joy. The most needed items for local mothers include: unscented/sensitive baby wipes, diapers (unscented/sensitive, sized preemie, newborn, 4, and 6), pull-ups (2T-3T and 3T-4T), baby clothes (winter, any size, boy and girl), sensitive/organic baby wash and lotion, baby powder, and diaper cream. The following new or gently-used items also make great gifts: diaper bags, swings, bouncers, strollers, pack 'n' plays, high chairs, and car seats (this item must be new in box). Monetary donations are always welcome! If you are unable to attend, but would like to support this ministry, donations can be made directly to The Mother's Heart or dropped off in the vestibule of St. Francis de Sales Church between 9:00AM – 4:00PM, December 9 – 13.

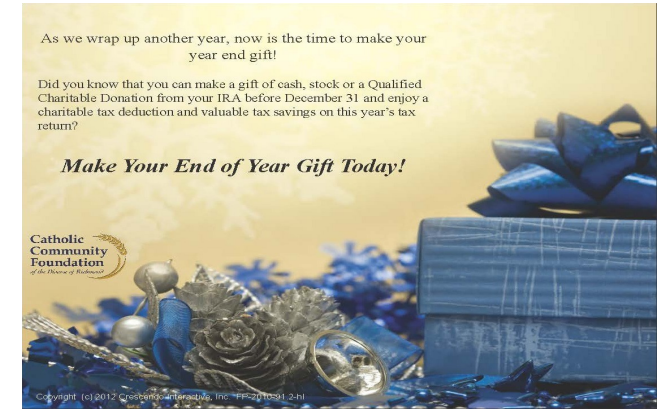
GIVE YOUR SPOUSE A SPECIAL GIFT THIS CHRISTMAS:

Sign up now for the next Worldwide Marriage Encounter weekend and receive the gift of a great marriage. Attending will help you put a little Christmas in your marriage every day! For more information or to register, go to WWME.org, click "Apply" and search for your desired location. Feel free to contact Donald and Helen Dudley at 757-690-1369 or donald.helen.dudley@wwme.org with any questions. Here are a few upcoming experiences:

January 7 - February 18, virtual (Tuesday evenings)
January 21 - 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

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.



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.

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