

# *Holy Family Traditional Roman Catholic Church*

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Father Gregory Safreed, OSF



## *Fourth Sunday of Advent*

December 20, 2020

Mass intentions will resume once Father Safreed has returned.



### **HOLY MASS SCHEDULE**

**Sundays: 9:00AM and 11:30AM**

**Weekdays: 9:00AM**

**Holy Days of Obligation: 9AM and 7PM**

**CONFESSIONS - Before Each Mass**

**ROSARY - Before All Masses**

**BAPTISMS, MATRIMONY, EXTREME UNCTION**

**CONSULTATIONS AND SICK CALLS**

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### **NOVENAS**

**Miraculous Medal - Saturdays after Mass**

**Sacred Heart - Fridays after Mass**

### **COMMUNION AND CONFIRMATION CLASSES**

**Sundays after 9AM Mass**

**BLESSING OF RELIGIOUS ARTICLES**

**At the communion rail after Mass**

**CHOIR PRACTICE - Sundays after 9AM Mass**

## Fourth Sunday of Advent

**GOSPEL Luke 3:1-6** Now in the fifteenth year of the reign of Tiberius Caesar, Pontius Pilate being governor of Judea, and Herod being tetrarch of Galilee, and Philip his brother tetrarch of Iturea and the country of Trachonitis, and Lysanias tetrarch of Abilina: Under the high priests Anna and Caiphas: the word of the Lord was made unto John, the son of Zachary, in the desert. And he came into all the country about the Jordan, preaching the baptism of penance for the remission of sins. As it was written in the book of the sayings of Isaias the prophet: "A voice of one crying in the wilderness: Prepare ye the way of the Lord, make straight His paths. Every valley shall be filled and every mountain and hill shall be brought low: and the crooked shall be made straight, and the rough ways plain. And all flesh shall see the salvation of God."



**THE NATIVITY OF OUR LORD** "I am the light of the world..." While people can shed the light of goodness and truth in the world, Christ is the source of that light. "I am the light of the world. Whoever follows Me will never walk in darkness but will have the light of life" (John 8:12). He also says, "You are the light of the world" (Matthew 5:14). This means more than catching a spark of Christ the Light: it means to have Christ's Light in the soul, enlightening the intellect and strengthening the will. This is the "state of grace" which describes any one of us who has worthily received a sacrament.

There is a Latin expression, "cupio dissolvi," which means that I wish to dissolve, or be annihilated, expressing what St. Paul meant when he wrote: "It is no longer I who live, but Christ who lives in me" (Gal. 2:20). Paradoxically, it is by this self-annihilation, that the personality becomes more vivid. This is the opposite of the "self-affirmation" conceit of our narcissistic culture, and it helps explain why the "Greatest Generation" has been followed by the "Smallest Generation."

Isaiah says that when you help the hungry, homeless and naked, "your light shall break forth like the dawn" (Isaiah 58: 7ff). Without these "corporal works of mercy," all spiritual aspirations are escapist sentimentality. But for the Light of Christ to shine fully, the corporal works of mercy work in tandem with the "spiritual works of mercy, which help the ignorant, doubtful and sinful while bearing wrongs patiently, forgiving offences willingly, comforting the afflicted, and praying for the living and the dead."

When the Light of Christ is hidden, life and death alike become puzzles. Our morally darkened age thinks it has autonomy over life, and at the same time it fears death. It is appallingly logical that a culture, which destroys innocent life, should avoid funerals, not even knowing how properly to bury the dead.

St. Bonaventure says: "Christ is the lamp that illuminates the whole of Scripture: He is its gateway and its foundation. For this faith is behind all the supernatural enlightenments that we receive while we are still separated from the Lord and on our pilgrimage. It makes our foundation firm, it directs the light of the lamp, it leads us in through the gateway." St. Paul communicated the Light of Christ in this way: "I did not come with sublimity of words or of wisdom. For I resolved to know nothing while I was with you except Jesus Christ, and Him crucified" (1 Cor. 2:1-2).



**THE HOLY INNOCENTS** The story of the slaughter of the Holy Innocents is part of the narrative of Jesus' birth. Herod governed the Jewish portion of the Roman Empire when Jesus was born. When he heard that people looked for the birth of a new "King of the Jews," and that scholars from the east had already come to worship Him, Herod felt threatened.

He learned that this Messiah was to be born in Bethlehem and sent for the visiting magi. He cross-examined them to learn what they knew, then told them to report back to him after they found the Child under the pretense that he, Herod, wanted to pay homage as well.

The magi were warned in a dream to avoid returning to Herod, so they went home a different way.

At the same time, an angel warned Joseph to flee with Mary and Jesus to Egypt because "Herod is going to search for the Child to destroy Him" (Mt 2:13).

When Herod learned that the magi had deceived him, he became furious and ordered the murder of all the boys in and near Bethlehem 2 years old or younger.

Herod was a barbaric ruler responsible for many crimes and slaughters.

Tradition has inferred the slaughter of the Bethlehem children to have killed numbers of children---- several thousands--but it is not likely that nearly this many were killed. Estimating by the size of Bethlehem, including its surroundings, there could not have been more than 25 baby boys 2 years old or younger at any given time.

St. Augustine called the Innocents, buds killed by the frost of persecution the moment they showed themselves.

The feast of the Holy Innocents has been remembered by the Church since the fifth century.

## ROSARY ROSTER

9:00 12/20 - Tony Verzi 12/27 - Pat Lankenau 1/3 - Sam Liburdi 1/10 - Martin Crain 1/17 - Mary Crain 1/24 - Ken Peldunas  
11:30 Volunteers Needed

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

- **There will be one Mass on Christmas Day at 8:00 AM.**
- **Merry Christmas.** Father Safreed, the Board of Directors extends to parishioners, friends and benefactors of Holy Family, sincere wishes for a happy, holy and safe Christmas Season.
- **The Altar & Rosary Society's annual CHRISTMAS BAKE SALE has been postponed.**
- **Volunteers are needed to help decorate the Church** at 10:00 am today, Sunday, December 20th. Your humble effort to help enhance the beauty of the Church for the Christmas season is greatly appreciated.
- **2021 Religious Calendars** are available at the rear of the church. The cost is \$7.
- **Parishioners, friends and visitors** are welcome to refreshments in the church hall following the 9:00 AM Mass.
- **Friday, January 1, 2021 is a Holy Day of Obligation,** Masses are at 9:00 AM & 7:00 PM.



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The last Sunday of our preparation for Christmas, the anniversary of Christ's birth. We can all feel unworthy of the honor of welcoming Him into our hearts and our homes. We are indeed unworthy, not because we have little of this world's goods, but because we have so little humility, so little charity, so little faith and trust in God's goodness. Let us try to imitate Joseph and Mary, the humblest of the humble, the kindest of the kindly, and the greatest-ever believers in God's goodness and mercy. We can never hope to equal them, but we can follow them humbly, from afar.



The feast of Christmas should draw the hearts of every child of God towards the divine love. In the manger, the infinite love of God for us miserable sinners is dramatically and forcefully portrayed before our eyes. In that helpless Baby we know that the person, and the power, of the omnipotent Creator and sustainer of the universe lie hidden. "He emptied himself, taking the form of a slave" for us. He became a creature, like ourselves so that He would make us sharers in His divine nature. He came on earth to bring us to heaven. He hid His divine nature so that He could cover us with it.

"Unsearchable indeed are the judgements of God, and inscrutable His ways." And though we are unworthy of His infinite love, let us emulate The Holy Family and accept the honor which God is giving us, as we trust that He will continue to make us daily less unworthy.

**COVID-19 Virus:** At this time, with regard to the Coronavirus event, we are not making any changes in the availability of sacraments or the schedule of mass. However, in an abundance of caution, we are asking all parishioners to make decisions that are prudent for their situation. Elderly parishioners are particularly at risk and are excused from their Sunday obligations. Any parishioners that feel uncomfortable are excused as well. As always, if you are exhibiting any signs of sickness or feel unwell, please be considerate of your fellow parishioners and do not attend mass or any chapel functions. Thank you for your understanding in these trying times. Please stay well and may God bless you.



*Remember, also, Lord, Your servants and handmaids below who are gone hence before us, marked with the sign of faith, and sleep the sleep of peace. To them, Lord and to all that rest in Christ, grant, we implore You a place of happiness, light and peace through the same Christ our Lord. Amen.*

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 Deceased Members of Mercier / Brubaker Families  
 Lynn Marie Reynolds R.I.P.  
 Deceased Members of the Hunter & Watkinson Families  
 Deceased Members of the Brown & Mallett Families R.I.P.  
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 John Griffin R.I.P.  
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 Deceased Family & Friends of the Voors & Harber Families  
 Deceased Members of the Rehm / Trager Families  
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 Deceased of Flynn, Galloway & Hague Families  
 Charles & Antoinette Sutly R.I.P.  
 Charles & Mary Sutly Requiescant in pace  
 For the Repose of the Soul of Katherine Basala R.I.P.  
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 Repose of the Souls of Gosta and Greta Jonsson R.I.P.  
 Deceased Members of the Lankenau & Cabble Families R.I.P.  
 Deceased Members of Schumaker & Kosack Families R.I.P.  
 Deceased Members of the Toth-Gurbach Families  
 Deceased Members of the Liburdi and Fleischer Families  
 Janelle & Joseph McKinney; Deceased Souls of McKinney & Legge Families  
 Deceased Family and Friends of Ray & Michelle DeFillips

Deceased of the Clark & Ziegler Families  
 Deceased Souls in Most Need of Prayers  
 Deceased of the Ruggiero and Faas Families  
 Deceased of the Lagemann, Kitchen & Lee Families  
 Deceased Family & Friends of Barbara Dick  
 Jane and Eugene McCallan  
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**SUGGESTED DONATIONS**

Mass Intentions - \$15      Requiem Mass - \$150  
 Baptism - \$50              Requiem Mass w/ Graveside Service - \$175  
 Nuptial Mass - \$150      Wedding Service - \$125  
 Organist Donation - \$50

**DRESS POLICY** ~ When attending any functions at the chapel, especially Holy Mass, you are in the presence of the Blessed Sacrament. Please dress accordingly, with due modesty and respect. **Everyone should refrain from jeans, shorts or T-shirts.** Ladies, please use a head covering, available in the rear of the church either for loan or for purchase.