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Baptism: Baptismal preparation is required of all parents prior to the celebration of baptism. Please call parish office for an appointment.

Sacrament of Reconciliation: Any time by appointment.

Anointing of the Sick: Please inform the parish office when someone needs a visit from a priest.

Marriage Preparation: Make arrangements with the parish office at least six months before the intended wedding.

Visitation of Sick and Homebound: If you or a member of your family is in the hospital, privacy acts prohibit ministers from obtaining names through the hospital; therefore, you must contact the parish if you would like a visit. Also, please contact the parish to request homebound visits if you become ill.

December 27, 2020: The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph

MANY THANKS...

to everyone who worked so tirelessly and with such devotion to pull off once again St. Clare's Christmas Basket program! You managed to adapt and overcome and serve our community in spite of Covid19. Well done. Over 80 families received food, and 40+ families received toys to make their Christmas bright.

OFFERING ENVELOPES

If you would like to use offering envelopes next year (in 2021), please call the church office so that we can prepare your envelopes for you. Unfortunately, Covid19 prevents us from just setting them out to be picked up.

2021 CALENDARS

What we've all been waiting for—another year and a fresh start—is upon us! 2021 calendars will be available at masses, but if you are still worshipping from home for safety, please notify the parish office and we will try to get one to your home.

Note from Father Simpson

We have once again come to a major liturgical season where we find ourselves limited by precautions to guard against the global pandemic. I know that all of you are as frustrated as I am by the forced isolation, fear and confusion which grips the world. It's a good time for us to keep on keeping on and beat this nasty virus. Just as we find hope in the Babe of Bethlehem who is Jesus the Savior of the world, we might also in this Holy Season find hope in the vaccines that are wending their way around the world. There is hope for a better future and the certainty that we will be all together again gathered around the altar.

We will be celebrating mass in the parish, but still under the constraints of the Bishop's pandemic protection plan.

Please be aware that we have limited seating...if you can, I encourage you to do those things which bring you comfort in your homes this Christmas Eve...gather around your tree or advent wreath and sing your favorite carols and read the second chapter of the Gospel of Luke. Find comfort in the promises of the Incarnation of the Christ as we remain as safe as possible. Surely this thing will soon be over!

Here is an article that you might use for inspiration in your isolated Christmas celebrations this year. A very Merry Christmas to each and every one!

https://www.ncregister.com/features/celebrating-jesus-birthday-liturgically-at-home?utm_campaign=NCR%202019&utm_medium=email&hsmi=103719300&hsenc=p2ANqtz-82Jd86j9nzx8hdMgZy7EthHE_uvCGh5zHPpz6UXU7Ck0Xe9BtR1bzRgbyU575hbvD3oa4CvkMoToitil7kSRR1qBSHw&utm_content=103719300&utm_source=hs_email

Holy Mass Schedule/Intentions

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| Thur. Dec. 24- | 5:00 p.m. (OLMV) Christmas Eve +Therese Reilly |
| Fri. Dec. 25- | 9:00 a.m. (St. Clare) Christmas Day. Int. Catholic Extension Donors 11:45 a.m. (St. Paul) Christmas Day. Int. Catholic Extension Donors |
| Sat. Dec. 26- | 5:00 p.m. (OLMV) Pro Populo |
| Sun. Dec. 27- | 9:00 a.m. (St. Clare) Paul Banderman 11:45 a.m. (St. Paul) Father Gary Simpson 4:00 p.m. (St. Clare) Bob Rucker <i>Misa en español</i> |
| Fri. Jan. 1: | 11:45 a.m. (St. Paul) Int. Catholic Extension Donors 3:00 p.m. (St. Clare) Int. Catholic Extension Donors <i>Misa bilingüe con bendición de los niños</i> 5:00 p.m. (Mt. Vernon) Int. Catholic Extension Donors |
| Sat. Jan. 2: | 5:00 p.m. (OLMV) Bob Rucker |
| Sun. Jan. 3: | 9:00 a.m. (St. Clare) Pro Populo 11:45 a.m. (St. Paul) Bob Rucker 4:00 p.m. (St. Clare) Bob Rucker <i>Misa en español</i> |

LECTOR SCHEDULE

Dec. 27: Lynn Feltner
Jan. 17: Mike Berheide

Jan. 3: Bruce Fraley
Jan. 24: Pat Calie

Jan. 10: Bob Rucker
Jan. 31: Lynn Feltner

PRAYER NEEDS

Parishioners: Rita Ballinger, Norma Coyle, Beatriz Del Rosario, Alice Duprey, Pat Eutsler, Marci Griffin, Bonnie Kehoe, Lois Lear, Mary Ann Marr, Carol Norman, Bob Rucker, Mari Rucker, Gary Scarlett, Gene Startzman

Family and Friends: Marlene Arcuri; Jami Curtis (sister of Fr. John Curtis); Fr. John Curtis; Dustin Davidson; Henry Estrada; Wauneth Forester (mother of Ed Forester); Daniel Kessler (brother of Kris Hammons); Guy Patrick; Nancy Scarlett; Patricia Simpson (Father Gary's mother). Names remain on the prayer list for the month in which they are inscribed, unless you would like the prayer request to remain longer—please enter your request into the Book of Prayer in the narthex or contact the office.

SCRIPTURE READINGS

Scripture readings for Dec. 25, 2020 (The Nativity of the Lord): Is 62:11-12; Ps 97:1, 6, 11-12; Ti 3:4-7; Lk 2:15-20

For Dec. 27, 2020 (the Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph): Sir 3:2-6, 12-14 or Gn 15:1-6; 21:1-3; Ps 128:1-5 or Ps 105:1-9; Col 3:12-21 or Col 3:12-17 or Heb 11:8, 11-12, 17-19; Lk 2:22-40 or Lk 2:22, 39-40.

For Jan. 1, 2021 (Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God): Nm 6:22-27; Ps 67:2-3, 5, 6, 8; Gal 4:4-7; Lk 2:16-21

For Jan. 3, 2021 (The Epiphany of the Lord): Is 60:1-6; Responsorial Psalm: Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 10-13; Eph 3:2-3a, 5-6; Mt 2:1-12