Behold, the virgin shall conceive and bear a son, and they shall name him Emmanuel, which means “God is with us.”

MATTHEW 1:23
This prayer is becoming a tradition to share on the last Sunday of Advent. May it bring peace, hope, and some refreshment to those suffering from the death of a loved one this year.

**My First Christmas In Heaven**

I see the countless Christmas trees around the world below, with tiny lights, like heaven’s stars, reflecting on the snow. The sight is so spectacular; please wipe away that tear, for I am spending Christmas with Jesus Christ this year.

I hear the many Christmas songs that people hold so dear, but the sounds of music can’t compare with the Christmas choir up here. I have no words to tell you, the joy their voices bring, for it is beyond description to hear the angels sing.

So be happy for me dear ones, you know I hold you dear, I know how much you miss me. I see the pain inside your heart, but I am not so far away, we really aren’t apart, and be glad that I am spending Christmas with Jesus Christ this year.

I send you each a special gift from my heavenly home above. I send you each a memory of my undying love. After all “Love” is the gift, more precious than pure gold. It was always most important in the stories Jesus told.

Please love and keep each other, as my Father said to do, For I can’t count the blessings or love He has for each of you. So, have a Merry Christmas and wipe away the tear. Remember, I am spending Christmas with Jesus Christ this year.
**Blessings in the Food Pantry**

Blessings abound in our Food Pantry. Last month over 850 people in our community benefitted from your donations and generosity.

**Youth Involvement**
In October Boy Scout Troop 734 toured the pantry and brought bags and bags of food they had collected for our clients. The Scouts interest and caring was impressive.

We also welcomed students from McDowell School who spent a morning volunteering with our clients as they learned more about ways to help our community. They are already asking when they can come back. We look forward to working more with these generous young people.

As part of a fundraiser for Dana Hills High baseball, the team donated 10 vouchers for fresh Christmas trees for pantry clients. Faith Formation Children designed and wrote heartfelt Thanksgiving messages on Greeting cards for all of our Thanksgiving recipients.

**Parish Involvement**
Through your generous support, St. Vincent de Paul Society of St. Timothy once again organized and put together 157 turkey dinners for our pantry clients.

SPAM and the Knights of Columbus spent many hours securing our food shelves to the walls for earthquake safety. It is a big relief to know those shelves will stay put during an earthquake.

**Parish Nurses** are at the pantry every Monday and Wednesday morning to take Blood Pressure readings and offer education, advice, resources and support to our clients.

**Farmer’s Market Teams** visit our local Farmer’s Market every Sunday where they pick up fresh fruits and vegetables that the vendors donate to us at the end of the market. On Mondays we are able to distribute fresh healthy produce to our many families.

**Donut Joe** and his wife have made it their mission to provide donuts every week to several parishes in our area. He gifts us with 4 dozen donuts each week; and once or twice a year he purchases gift cards to a fast food restaurant so the families can have a special treat.

**Pantry Volunteers**, our “PANTRY ANGELS”, are the 50 volunteers who contribute their time each week to running our food pantry.

And many thanks and blessings to you, our wonderful parishioners who donate food regularly so that others many have food on their table.

*(by Tina Haeussler and Nancy Doyle, Pantry Coordinators)*

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**The Giving Tree**
We invite you to join us this Christmas in reaching out to those in need. The Giving Tree, sponsored by St. Vincent de Paul is decorated with gift suggestions in the church. These donations help several organizations: Mary’s Path, Beyond, Hope for Kids, The School Sisters of St. Francis, The St. Timothy Conference of St. Vincent de Paul, St. Timothy Food Pantry, The San Felipe Homeless

*To participate, just visit the Giving Tree in the back of the church, take an ornament, and return the ornament with the designated gift card to the box by the tree or at the parish office.*
**A Reflection for the Feasts of Stephen and the Holy Innocents**

Our Father, who art in heaven... forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us....

On December 26, the day after Christmas, the day when “Good King Wenceslaus looked out,” when the carols of Yuletide joy are temporarily stilled, we celebrate the martyrdom of Saint Stephen, one of the first deacons of the Church and its first martyr. This reflection, however, is not really about Saint Stephen. It is about forgiving the people who threw the stones. Imagine that you were one of them. Why did you do it? How could you do it? Perhaps your anger was “righteous” – you truly believed you were doing God’s will, defending his honor and your holy faith by ridding the world of a dangerous heretic and blasphemer, the worst kind of sinner. Maybe you were infuriated by Stephen’s words of condemnation directed at you personally. Maybe you simply got caught up in the frenzy of the mob for vengeance. Or all of the above.

The next is harder. Imagine that you were one of the soldiers who carried out Herod’s order to kill every single male infant in the kingdom. Did you have a family and young children of your own? How could you bring yourself to use a sword or spear to murder even one of the innocents the Church memorializes on December 28? Were you afraid your own family would suffer if you disobeyed? Perhaps you were drunk or on drugs. Or maybe you convinced yourself that you were not accountable because you were only “carrying out orders.” Some of your descendants tried using that explanation two thousand years later at Nuremburg.

What does all this play-acting have to do with you and me? Surely we could never join a lynch mob like the crowd that stoned Saint Stephen. And we certainly aren’t capable of killing innocent babies. I wish I could be so sure, because I for one know that I am prone to make judgments, often angry ones, about “evildoers,” and to feel the impulse (I hope only temporary) to retaliate and punish. It is what most humans do. But Christ’s way is totally different. His words and his whole life affirm that healing comes from forgiveness, not vengeance. “Love your enemies,” he told his disciples, “and pray for those who persecute you.” The dying words of Stephen were, “Lord, do not hold this sin against them,” and from the cross Jesus prayed, “Father, forgive them, they know not what they do.” Our Father, help us to forgive, as you have so many times forgiven us. (by Bill Kramer, Life, Justice and Peace)

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**2019 Opportunities for Generosity**

Each year we try to put out some very practical needs in the parish, offering them as “Opportunities for Generosity” as we come to the end of the calendar year. You can be assured that your generous gift will be used only for the opportunity you choose. Thanks so much for your consideration:

**Faith Formation Scholarships** *(no one is turned away due to inability to pay)*
- Elementary Registrations: 10 @ $200.00 each
- Confirmation Registrations: 16 @ $160.00 each
- Confirmation retreat fees: 12 @ $225.00 each *(2 retreat fees have been donated)*

**Facility Needs**
- 18 round light-weight tables for the parish hall and upper room @ $300.00 each (we are replacing the older, heavier, and broken wooden tables)
- Plumbed in Coffee Maker for the hall kitchen: $1,200.00 for machine and installation

**Liturgical Supplies**
- New Sunday Lectionary (Book of Readings) @ $175.00
- New Sunday Roman Missal (Priest’s Altar Book) @ $195.00
- New Ordinary Time Green Banner set @ $2,500.00 *(remaining from $5,000 total)*

**Liturgical Music for the Holidays**
- Flute and String Trio for Christmas Eve Masses (6pm, 8pm, 10pm) @ $600.00 for each Mass
- Brass Quintet for Easter Morning Masses (9am, 11am) at $1,000.00 for each Mass

If any of these opportunities strike your fancy and you’d like to cover the cost for them, please contact Bev Fisher, Business Manager, at 949 249 4099 or bfisher@st-timsrc.org

*Items in red have been Donated*
ST TIMOTHY YOUTH
@sttimsworthyouthministry

THIS SUNDAY: NO LIFE NIGHT
There is no Life Night this week, enjoy your Christmas break! Know that we are praying for you and your families and we hope to see you at Mass over the next few weeks until we come back on January 5th! Merry Christmas!

LIFE NIGHTS
SUNDAYS 6-8PM / UPPER ROOM
Questions? Contact Vanessa Serna: vserna@st-timsrch.org.

12.22 - NO LIFE NIGHT
12.29 - NO LIFE NIGHT
01.05 - Life Night, 6-8PM
01.10-01.12 - Year 1 Retreat
01.15 - Year 2 Confirmation, 7-9PM
01.19 - Life Night, 6-8PM
01.22 - Year 1 Confirmation, 7-9PM

DROP-IN
Every Thursday from 3-5pm the Youth Room is open to teens in high school. Come get help with homework, play Smash on Nintendo Switch, play pool or ping pong, eat food & relax.

XLT: SALT & LIGHT
Join us on Friday, February 7th from 7-9pm for XLT (Free Dinner at 6pm in the Hall). XLT is short for EXALT, and all are welcome to come exalt our Lord at a powerful night of prayer, praise & worship, an inspiring message, Adoration and Reconciliation.

YEAR 1 RETREAT
Our Year 1 Confirmation retreat is coming up on January 10-12, 2020. Please pray for all of the teens and leaders who will be attending, that they all have a transformational experience!

YOUNG ADULT MINISTRY @thrive_yam
THURSDAYS 7:30 - 9PM / YOUTH ROOM / 18+

Are you looking for a consistent young adult community where you can meet new people and grow in your relationship with Jesus? Thrive is a weekly young adult ministry that seeks to build community through fellowship, prayer, lectio divina, and discussion about our lives, current events and our faith. All are welcome and invited to join us as we seek to live out our Catholic faith in the world.
Christmas is Almost Here!

Now it's only three days until Jesus' birthday! Are you all ready for it? If you have an Advent wreath then this is the week that all the candles will be lit. Jesus is coming soon, so the light should be getting very bright!

Do you have a Christmas tree? Do you know what it represents? A long time ago people used to have plays at Christmas time about how Adam and Eve sinned when they ate the fruit from the tree, and how Jesus was born to save us from that sin. So a Christmas tree is there to remind us of why Jesus came.

Does your family have a nativity scene? It should be all ready for Christmas, but the Baby Jesus doesn't get put in the manger until Christmas Eve.

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The Kids' Bulletin
Fourth Sunday of Advent
December 22, 2019

Elizabeth knew that Mary was the mother of the Messiah. What did she say to Mary when she came to visit her? Use the code to find out!

ABDEGLMNORSUWY
A Prayer to St. Stephen

We give you thanks, O Lord of Glory, for the example of the first Martyr who looked up to heaven and prayed for his persecutors to Your Son Jesus Christ, who stands at Your right hand. Where He lives and reigns with You and Holy Spirit, One God. In Glory everlasting.

Amen.

4th Week of Advent

The fourth and last purple candle, often called the "Angels Candle," represents peace and is lit on the fourth Sunday of Advent.

Christmas Eve Liturgy
December 24 at 4:00 p.m.

Please sign up to participate.

All children, ages five and older, are welcome to participate in a small choral performance during the 4:00 p.m. Liturgy on Christmas Eve.

There will be one required practice on Wednesday, December 18 from 6:15–7:15 p.m. in the Church.

For more information, kindly contact the Children’s Faith Formation Office at 949-495-4126.

Tiny Tims Tid Bits

For Christmas, I would like to give:

Colton: A shark in a pool to my friend
Noah: A Darth Vader picture to Jesus
Natalie: A ballerina to Jesus
Luke: A shark in a pool to Jesus
MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 21
5:00 p.m. Anne Marie Weingartner,† and Donna Lydon,†

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 22, 4th SUNDAY OF ADVENT
7:00 a.m. Robert Ebiner, Sr.,† and Darla Kosmal,†
9:00 a.m. Fr. Loc Tran, living and Toni Garcia,†
11:00 a.m. Calixto Sagra,† and Lyndell Hanna,†
5:00 p.m. FOR THE PEOPLE OF ST TIMOTHY PARISH

MONDAY, DECEMBER 23
8:30 a.m. Mariusz Sieradzki,† and Cuc Nguyen,†

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 24, CHRISTMAS EVE
8:30 a.m. Joan Cashin, and Ed Bresnen,†
4:00 p.m. Adam Skaare, living and Lagunas Family, living
6:00 p.m. John Braganza, living and Leon Family, living
8:00 p.m. Rodney Shaffer, living and Eloina Adame, living
10:00 p.m. FOR THE PEOPLE OF ST TIMOTHY PARISH

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 25, CHRISTMAS DAY
7:00 a.m. Mel Rezniecek and Family, living
and Dan Del Rosario, living
9:00 a.m. Roman Babula,† and Mary Lou Brahm, living
11:00 a.m. Art Kotchman,† and Bill Mangold, living

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 26
8:30 a.m. FOR THE FAMILIES IN OUR
FAITH FORMATION PROGRAM

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 27
8:30 a.m. John Nguyen,† and David Pak

PRESIDER SCHEDULE

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 28
5:00 p.m. Monsignor John Urell

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 29, HOLY FAMILY
7:00 a.m. Father Joseph Truong
9:00 a.m. Father Joseph Truong
11:00 a.m. Father Bernard Johnson
5:00 p.m. Monsignor John Urell

PRAYER FOR THE SICK

Liza Schuman Aber
Javier Acuña
Godofredo Armodozo
Pam Ayers
Jerry Baker
Ed Baon
Bob & Gina Berman
Urania Botiller
David Bowman
Bill Brooks
Shannon Castagno
Toni Castagno
Jerry Cara
Karen Caruso
Penelope Ceballos
Dave Celestin
Hunter Ciccarelli
Chavez Family
Roseann Coons
Jairol De Leon
Riley Dockerty
Ellen Doyle
Alicia Escobar
Don Flood
Robert Friajo
Lavelle Froboese
Wayne Froboese
Joe Garcia
Lydia Garcia
Geraldine Gaudivaud
Bodie Glasscock
Ken Glasscock
Helene Gorrithi
Dick Goudreau
John Grady, Sr.
Suzan Hazard
Lily Hazbun
Ginny Horaney
Sue House
Dianne Hurst
Lance & Amy Ishmael
Pamela Johnson
Kevin Keane
Duane Kinkade
Sorcoro Labit
Lorraine LaSala
Rochel Lavine
Henry Lawrence
Robert Leroux
Pat Lister
Reynaldo Lim
Zenaida Loyola
Al Lubrano
Rose Mary Malak
Helen Malke
Luis Mantilla
V. Marie
Cody Marschak
Kim Marschak
Jennifer Martin
Patty McCarthy
William Mitchell
Eddy Morales
Clara Moshenko
Ma. Victoria Narario
Sandra Nunez
Luke O’Heiden
Kathleen O’Regan
Richard Ornelas
Kyle Osborne
Martha Paez
Janet Panichi
Russell Patrick
Adela Perez
Edgar Perez
Barbara Perrella
Alan Pfister
John Pola
Dennis Preston
Maximo Punzalan
Jojo Ramirez
Thomas Reyes
Patrick Roux
Rolland Rubalcava
Jack Samuels
Anna Senkowski
Henry Shahinian
Rodney Shaffer
Carol Sheley
Barbara Smith
Howard Smith
Andrew Soto
Susan Thomas
David Troy
Elizabeth Villa
Ana Villegas
Carol Virgulak
Patty Walsh
Blair Wilkinson
Devin Greer Zachry

ST. TIMOTHY CASINO
DINNER & DANCING

Saturday, February 15, 2020
6:30 pm - 10:30 pm
El Niguel Country Club
23700 Clubhouse Drive
Laguna Niguel, CA 92677

Evening Includes:
Buffet Dinner/Dessert
Prizes
$100 chips to play –
Blackjack
Craps & Roulette

Cost:
$75.00 per person
(Not a fundraising event)
Tickets sold in advance.
Limited number available.
Cash Bar

Party Attire Recommended

All are invited to attend the
6th St. Timothy Casino Night Celebration!
For more information contact:
Clare Einsmann at: cmeinsmann@cox.net
Buy online tickets at: St-TimsRC.org
PARISH MISSION STATEMENT
The mission of Saint Timothy Parish is to form loving disciples of Jesus Christ who make a difference.

CLERGY:
Pastor: Monsignor John Urell
Parochial Vicar: Rev. Joseph Truong
Deacon: Rev. Mr. Ken Hobbs
Sunday Visitor Priest: Rev. Bernard Johnson, O. Praem

LITURGICAL SCHEDULE:
Saturday: 5:00 p.m.
Sunday: 7:00 a.m., 9:00 a.m., 11:00 a.m., 5:00 p.m.
Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday & Friday: 8:30 a.m.

CONFESSIONS:
Tuesday: 5:00 p.m. - 6:00 p.m.
Saturday: 3:30 p.m. - 4:30 p.m.

EUCHARISTIC ADORATION:
Monday - Friday: 9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.
Saturday: 9:00 a.m. - 4:45 p.m.

PARISH OFFICE HOURS: 249-4091
Monday, Tuesday & Friday: 8:30 a.m. - 5:30 p.m.
Wednesday & Thursday: 8:30 a.m. - 8:00 p.m.
Saturday & Sunday: 7:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.

FAITH FORMATION HOURS: 495-4126
Tuesday - Friday: 9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.
Sunday: 8:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.

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Stewardship Reflection, December 22, 2019
“When Joseph awoke, he did as the angel of the Lord had commanded him and took his wife into his home.” Matthew 1:24
Putting our complete trust in the Lord without expecting anything in return. Striving to put God first in all things and follow Him wherever He may led us. As we prepare for the birth of our Lord, pray for the strength and courage to be a model of discipleship, just as Joseph was.