

Prayers of Intercession (Prayers of the Faithful)

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Sunday, December 3, First Sunday of Advent

Jer 33:14-16/1 Thes 3:12—4:2/Lk 21:25-28, 34-36

For family caregivers: May they realize that in answering God's call to help a loved one, they truly are conducting themselves in a way that is pleasing to the Lord, we pray to the Lord.

Friday, December 8, Immaculate Conception of Mary

Gn 3:9-15, 20/ Eph 1:3-6, 11-12/ Lk 1:26-38

For those caring for a child with special needs: Though at times greatly troubled and afraid, may they always find assurance in the words of the angel Gabriel that nothing is impossible for God, we pray to the Lord.

Sunday, December 10, Second Sunday of Advent

Bar 5:1-9/Phil 1:4-6, 8-11/Lk 3:1-6

For members of our parish: That this Advent we will make the effort to become better at recognizing, thanking, and helping the family caregivers in our faith community, we pray to the Lord.

Sunday, December 17, Third Sunday of Advent

Zep 3:14-18a/Phil 4:4-7/Lk 3:10-18

For spousal caregivers whose loved ones have dementia: That husband and wife, though at times experiencing anxiety, may always share the peace of God that surpasses all understanding, we pray to the Lord.

Sunday, December 24, Fourth Sunday of Advent

Mi 5:1-4a/Heb 10:5-10/Lk 1:39-45

For caregivers whose loved one has recently died: May they find consolation and comfort knowing that this Christmas their loved one celebrates in a new and wondrous way with Jesus, Mary, Joseph and the angels, we pray to the Lord.

Monday, December 25, Christmas

Vigil: Is 62:1-5/ Acts 13:16-17, 22-25/ Mt 1:1-25 or 1:18-25; Midnight: Is 9:1-6/ Ti 2:11-14/ Lk 2:1-14

Dawn: Is 62:11-12/ Ti 3:4-7/ Lk 2:15-20; Day: Is 52:7-10/ Heb 1:1-6/ Jn 1:1-18 or 1:1-5, 9-14

In thanksgiving for all those who care for a loved one: May their example inspire us to make room in our hearts and our lives for those in need, we prayer to the Lord.

Sunday, December 31, The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph

Sir 3:2-7, 12-14 or 1 Sm 1:20-22, 24-28/Col 3:12-21 or 3:12-17 or 1 Jn 3:1-2, 21-24/

Lk 2:41-52

For those taking care of a loved one who is not a family member: May God richly bless them for helping their brother or sister in Christ, we pray to the Lord.