

Christmas, 2007

*This will be a sign for you: you will find an infant wrapped in swaddling clothes and lying in a manger.” Luke 2:12*

Dear Members of St. Mary and St. Frances Cabrini Parishes,

The above passage from Christmas, Mass at Midnight, captures for me the many children, women and men throughout the world who live on a very limited income, if any at all. The reality of their condition makes me very aware of the affluence in which we live and how much for which we have to give thanks, even if we ourselves have limited income.

The passage also captures for me Jesus’ “self-emptying” of his divinity in entering our human condition. To find Jesus in our midst is to find him in the self-emptying conditions of the poor but also in our own actions of “self-emptying”. In this fashion may we reach out to those around us and make choices to live life more simply. May your choices and the celebration of the Christmas Feast place you in touch with Jesus Christ in our midst.

Please remember that you can make your Christmas gift to your parish with the enclosed Christmas envelope or the envelope that is in your monthly packet. Please be sure to add your envelope number to the enclosed envelope if you choose to use it. The times for the Sacrament of Penance as well as the Mass schedule for December 22 to January 1 are enclosed for your convenience.

With every best wish that the Christmas Season and the New Year be blessed and joyous for you and your loved ones, I remain

Sincerely yours in Christ,

Reverend Raymond J. Thomas  
Pastor

**Mass Schedule December 22 – January 1:**

**Please note the Fourth Sunday of Advent Masses are in the Halls:**

**Mass Schedule for Dec. 22/23 – Fourth Sunday of Advent**

Dec. 22 – Saturday Vigil: 5:00 pm in St. Mary Hall

Dec. 23 – Sunday: 8:00 am in St. Mary Hall

11:00 am in St. Frances Cabrini Hall

**Mass Schedule for Dec. 24/25 – Christmas Eve and Christmas Day**

Dec. 24 – Christmas Vigil: 4:00 pm at St. Mary Church

4:00 pm at St. Frances Cabrini Church

Christmas **Midnight Mass**: 12:00 am at St. Mary Church

Dec. 25 – Christmas Day: 10:00 am at St. Frances Cabrini Church

There is an **obligation to attend Mass** for the Solemnity of Mary.

6:00 pm Vigil Mass for the Solemnity of Mary,

Monday, December 31 at St. Mary Church

10:00 am Mass on the Solemnity of Mary,

Tuesday, January 1 at St. Frances Cabrini Church

**Sacrament of Penance** will be available:

Monday, December 17 – 7:00 p.m.

Tuesday, December 18 – 9:00 a.m.

Wednesday, December 19 – 9:00 a.m.

Saturday, December 22 – 11:00 a.m.