

Prayers of Intercession (Prayers of the Faithful)

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>>Please add “and for their caregivers”:

- when praying during Mass for members of your parish who are ill
- when listing sick members' names in your parish bulletin

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Sunday, December 2, First Sunday of Advent

Is 2:1-5/Rom 13:11-14/Mt 24:37-44

For the family caregivers in our parish, who by accepting this vocation of service and love, are walking on the path the Lord has asked them to travel, we pray to the Lord.

Sunday, December 9, Second Sunday of Advent

Is 11:1-10/Rom 15:4-9/Mt 3:1-12

For all those taking care of a spouse, that the Holy Spirit will bless them with wisdom, understanding and strength, we pray to the Lord.

Sunday, December 16, Third Sunday of Advent

Is 35:1-6a, 10/Jas 5:7-10/Mt 11:2-11

For those in our parish taking care of a son, daughter or sibling who has special needs, that when their patience is stretched to the breaking point, they can find comfort remembering that they and their loved ones are in our prayers, we pray to the Lord.

Sunday, December 23, Fourth Sunday of Advent

Is 7:10-14/Rom 1:1-7/Mt 1:18-24

For long-distance caregivers who are unable to be with their care-receivers this Christmas, we pray to the Lord.

Tuesday, December 25, The Nativity of Our Lord

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

For all family caregivers, that on this day and on every day of the year, they may remember “Emmanuel” – God is with them, we pray to the Lord.

Sunday, December 30, Feast of the Holy Family

Sir 3:2-7, 12-14/Col 3:12-21 or 3:12-17/Mt 2:13-15, 19-23

In thanksgiving for families worldwide who have both caregivers and care-receivers, in gratitude for the example of compassionate care – and the acceptance of that care -- they offer all of us, we pray to the Lord.