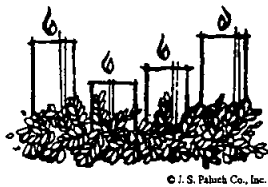


Fourth Sunday of Advent December 23, 2018



Blessed are you among women,
and blessed is the fruit of your womb.
-- Luke 1:42

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TODAY'S READINGS:

First Reading – Micah 5:1-4a

Psalm – Psalm 80

Second Reading – Hebrews 10:5-10

Gospel – Luke 1:39-45



Joann Jackson, Sharon Alcorn, Betsy Carraway, Flynn/Liz Clark, Anna Moore, Joseph Perlick, Lillian Stachura, Vince/Sissy Warren Family **12/23**; Tommy/Traci Avalon, Guillermo Benitez, James Brown, M/M Donald Burch, Bullie-Claxton Family, Theresa Cannon, Frank/Linda Develle,

Daniel Dillon, Mike/Cathy/Michael Eaves, Bob/Janis Hamblin, John Horton, Grace Jeadron, Sean Johnson, Walter Johnson, Jones Family, Leroy/Geraldine Kelly, Kurt Leary, Lorraine Lorio, John McDonnell, Ursin Oubre Jr, Preston/Shannon Pace Family, Jon/Christin Quinn Family, Theresa Ray, Rita Reed, Diana Sanders, Mike Skellie, Kenny Skellie, Barbe Trudeau, Olivia/Austin White, Veronica Womack **12/16**; Jodie Lencoski, Pam Smith **12/16**; John/Teresa/Mark Bradshaw, Benny Dykes, Luis Garcia, Dinky/Jean Gartman, Lucrecia Gibson, Russell Jordan, Barry Kelly, John Laughlin, Luke/Davis Families, Helen Machost, Gladys Rod, Bill Rush, Doug Simmons, Alicia Singleton, Brenda Williams, **12/3**; **Homebound/Nursing Homes**: Sandra Elliott, Abron Haymond, Peggy Huffman, Anna Starr, Tom/Brenda Steen, Mary Stubbs, Sue Trebotich **Priests/Religious**: Brian Carroll, Sam Messina, Robert Olivier, Lenin Vargas, Retired Bishop Joseph Latino. **Persons wanting to be added to the Prayer List need to contact the parish office – Names will appear for one month.**



Prayers for Safety for all service men and women at home and abroad, who give of their lives daily in order that we may enjoy our freedom: Preston Blocker, David Brooks, William Aaron Burks, Michael P. Collins, Nathan Darnell, Lee Greco, Erling Gresham, Tanner Hutchins, Steven J. Jackson, Michael Jessie, Kimberly Johnson, Derek Lieding, Anna/Malcolm Lowe, Michael Machost Jr., Steven P. Meadows, Blake Nations, Nick Pendleton, Brooks Stevens, and Nathan Waltman, Austin White. You may place a picture of the individual on our military bulletin board located in the parish hall.

Sacrificial Giving this past week:

Budget Needed Weekly	\$6,000.00
Regular Tithe	\$5,485.10
"New Life" Capital Campaign	\$16,153.00
Coffee and doughnuts	\$27.00
Youth	\$8.00
Food Pantry	\$50.00
Lector Books	\$39.00
Altar Flowers	\$205.00
Habitat for Humanity	\$222.00
Retired Religious National	\$78.00

Thank you for your generosity!

December Month of: The Divine Infancy



WEEKLY SCHEDULE & MASS INTENTIONS:

*** Changes or Additions

STT – St. Therese CTK – Christ the King
OLOG – Our Lady of Guadalupe SVDP – St. Vincent de Paul
MFCC – Christian Catholic Family Movement
MSJLOG – MARIAN SERVANTS® of Jesus, the Lamb of God

Saturday, Dec. 22 – Vigil of the Fourth Sunday of Advent

3:00pm Confession
4:00pm Mass – doreit Harris

Sunday, Dec. 23 – Fourth Sunday of Advent

***No RCIA – parish hall
9:30am Mass – Billy Hutchins; People of the Parish
***No PSR/Confirmation/Youth Group
12:30pm Spanish Mass
3:00pm Vietnamese Mass

7:30am Mass Monday – Friday at the Carmelite Monastery

Chancery, Charities and Parish Offices Closed all week!

Monday, Dec. 24 – Vigil of Christmas

4pm – Bilingual Children's Mass
– Kemp/Warren Family Intention

Tuesday, Dec. 25 – The Nativity of the Lord (Christmas)

10 am – Bilingual Mass - People of the Parish

Wednesday, Dec. 26 -- St. Stephen; First Day of Kwanzaa

NO Mass/ NO Adoration

Thursday, Dec. 27 -- St. John

NO Mass

Friday, Dec. 28 – The Holy Innocents

NO Mass

Saturday, Dec. 29 – Vigil Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph

3:00pm Confession
4:00pm Mass – Marie Urso and Stanley Kruseski;
People of the Parish

Sunday, Dec. 30 – Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph

***No RCIA – parish hall
9:30am Mass – Rusty and Teresa Kemp Special Intention
***No PSR/Confirmation/Youth Group
12:30pm Spanish Mass

O COME, LONG FORETOLD

O come, Desired of nations,
Whom priest and prophet long foretold
Will break the captive fetters,
Redeem the long-lost fold.
Dear Savior, haste; come, come to earth,
Dispel the night and show your face,
And bid us hail the dawn of grace.
--Simon J. Pellegrin (1663-1745),
Tr. by Mary of St. Philip (1825-1904)



Remember loved ones during this Christmas Season with an honorary or memorial of Poinsettias. **Envelopes are located in the gathering space.** Please include your name and the loved one you would like to honor or remember on the envelope. *Thank you.*

Register your Kroger Card and choose St. Therese Catholic Church as your non-profit Community Rewards to receive a % each month.

Go to Kroger.com and choose **Savings & Rewards** dropdown, from there choose **Kroger Community Rewards, I'm a Customer, View Details, Create an Account, Find and Select a store, Create Account, Find an Organization, St. Therese Catholic Church** **SEARCH, Enroll and Sign Out.**

Thank you for your consideration.

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: 2 Sm 7:1-5, 8b-12, 14a, 16; Ps 89:2-5, 27, 29; Lk 1:67-79
Tuesday: Vigil: Is 62:1-5; Ps 89:4-5, 16-17, 27, 29; Acts 13:16-17, 22-25; Mt 1:1-25 [18-25] **Night:** Is 9:1-6; Ps 96:1-3, 11-13; Ti 2:11-14; Lk 2:1-14 **Dawn:** Is 62:11-12; Ps 97:1, 6, 11-12; Ti 3:4-7; Lk 2:15-20 **Day:** Is 52:7-10; Ps 98:1-6; Heb 1:1-6; Jn 1:1-18 [1-5,9-14]
Wednesday: Acts 6:8-10; 7:54-59; Ps 31:3cd-4, 6, 8ab, 16bc, 17; Mt 10:17-22
Thursday: 1 Jn 1:1-4; Ps 97:1-2, 5-6, 11-12; Jn 20:1a, 2-8
Friday: 1 Jn 1:5 -- 2:2; Ps 124:2-5, 7b-8; Mt 2:13-18
Saturday: 1 Jn 2:3-11; Ps 96:1-3, 5b-6; Lk 2:22-35
Sunday: Sir 3:2-6, 12-14 or 1 Sm 1:20-22, 24-28; Ps 128:1-5 or Ps 84:2-3, 5-6, 9-10; Col 3:12-21 [12-17] or 1 Jn 3:1-2, 21-24; Lk 2:41-52



December Prayer Intentions of our Holy Father, Pope Francis

Evangelization: Service of the Transmission of Faith
 That people, who are involved in the service and transmission of faith, may find, in their dialogue with culture, a language suited to the conditions of the present time.

St. Therese Parishioners Rosary Intention:
Put an END to All Violence and Peace in the World!



WELCOME NEW MEMBERS!

St. Therese Community extends a warm welcome to all new members. **Please complete a purple registration form located on the table as you enter church (on the right).** It is important for us to know you and know how many registered parishioners we have. If you have any questions, please contact the parish office at 601-372-4481 or email: sttherese@jacksondiocese.org and again, *Welcome to St. Therese Parish!*

Question of the Week

Do I, like Elizabeth and her baby, realize that I am in the presence of the Lord here today? Do I react with joy?

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World Marriage Day 2019

The Catholic Diocese of Jackson and the Office of Family Ministry is pleased to announce that **World Marriage Day 2019 will be held Sunday, February 24, 2019 at 3:00 pm at the Cathedral of St. Peter the Apostle, Jackson, Mississippi.** There will be a Mass celebrated by Bishop Joseph R. Kopacz, with a reception immediately following. The Mass honors all married couples, but invites those celebrating their 25th, 50th, and 60th anniversaries, or any significant anniversary. **Please submit your name, address and wedding date prior to January 3, 2019, to Teresa at the parish office for your formal invitation.**

LECTORS AND COMMENTATORS:

- ▶ Each month the sign-up sheet is placed in the work sacristy. Please review your calendars, then sign-up for the weekends you can commit.
- ▶ The **2019 Workbook for Lectors, Gospel Readers, and Proclaimers of the Word** has been placed in the work sacristy. Donation \$12. If you are a new Lector and do not see your name, contact the parish office for a Workbook.

PROTECTION OF CHILDREN

The Diocese of Jackson is committed to ensuring that no one being served by the church be (is) at risk of sexual abuse or exploitation by clergy, religious or lay church personnel. The spiritual well-being of all the victims, their families and others in the community is of particular concern to the church. In accordance with our policy, all victims are offered counseling and pastoral care.

Anyone who has been a victim of abuse or exploitation by clergy, religious or lay church personnel and has not yet reported it is encouraged to do so. Our victim assistance coordinator, Valerie McClellan, a licensed social worker, is available to assist in making a report. Please contact her at 601-326-3728.

For more information about diocesan policies and procedures and to learn what the diocese is doing to create a safe environment for everyone, please visit the diocesan website at www.jacksondiocese.org and click on "Protection of Children".

Bishop Joseph R. Kopacz, D.D., Ph.D.
 December 2018



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