



# Saint Therese

Catholic Church - Iglesia Católica

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## Second Sunday of Advent December 6, 2020

“Every valley shall be filled in,  
every mountain and hill shall be made low.”

— Isaiah 40:4

### TODAY'S READINGS

**First Reading** — Isaiah 40:1-5, 9-11

**Psalms** — Psalm 85

**Second Reading** — 2 Peter 3:8-14

**Gospel** — Mark 1:1-8



### PASTORAL CARE

Tim Opiela, Margaret Williams, Kathy Payment, Crystal and Stephen Warren, Phil Thiac, Meg Maziarz, Glynn Long, John Bradshaw, Andrew Lavigne, Billy & Janna Avalon, Mary Maziarz, Vicki Hillman, Gwen Roberson,

Tommy/Traci Avalon, Tom/Angela/Seth Brittain, Theresa Cannon, Eva Jean Davis, Linda Develle, James Doddridge, Mike/Cathy/Jared/Michael Eaves, Janis Hamblin, Lindsay Harwood, Steve Kennedy, Jodie Lencock, Traci and Andrew Miller, Steve Musil, Jon/Christin Quinn Family, Kenny Skellie, Karen Winn, Chad Ermis, Corey/Bonnie Granier, Betsy Carraway, James Lee, Jr., Joseph Perlick, Irene Rangel, Rita Reed, Lillian Stachura, Epigenia Tartinez, Vince/Sissy/Codi Warren, James/Marva Brown, Beth Gaines, Lucrecia Gibson, Janie Keary, John Laughlin, Nettles/Pollard Families, Doug Simmons, Pam Smith.

### HOMEBOUND & NURSING HOME

Helen Machost, Brenda Williams, Eugene Humphery, Adelaida Dethloff, Sandra Elliott, Kenny Evans, Aurora Ramirez, Kate Rutherford, Anna Starr, Tom/Brenda Steen, Sue Trebotich.

**Eternal Rest to: Bill Rush, Peggy Lorraine Huffman**



**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, Ty Develle, 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, Nathan Waltman.

### Sacrificial Giving this past week:

<b>Budget Needed Weekly</b>	<b>\$ 6,000.00</b>
<b>Weekly Offertory</b>	\$ 2,377.00
<b>Online</b>	\$ 212.00
<b>New Life/Nueva Vida</b>	\$ 160.00
<b>Online</b>	\$ 0.00

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### READINGS FOR THE WEEK:

**Mon:** Is 35:1-10; Ps 85:9ab, 10-14; Lk 5:17-26  
**Tues:** Gn 3:9-15, 20; Ps 98:1-4; Eph 1:3-6, 11-12;  
Lk 1:26-38  
**Wed:** Is 40:25-31; Ps 103:1-4, 8, 10; Mt 11:28-30  
**Thurs:** Is 41:13-20; Ps 145:1, 9, 10-13ab;  
Mt 11:11-15  
**Fri:** Is 48:17-19; Ps 1:1-4; Mt 11:16-19  
**Sat:** Zec 2:14-17 or Rv 11:19a; 12:1-6a, 10ab;  
Jdt 13:18bcde, 19; Lk 1:26-38 or Lk 1:39-47  
**Sunday:** Is 61:1-2a, 10-11; Lk 1:46-50, 53-54;  
1 Thes 5:16-24; Jn 1:6-8, 19-28

### MASS INTENTIONS FOR THIS WEEK:

**Sunday, December 6**

**9:30am** – Paul Gospodarski +

**12:30pm** – Imelda Garcia +,

**3pm** – Ivan Rodriguez

**Mon, December 7** —

**Tues, December 8** —

**Wed, December 9** —

**Thurs, December 10** —

**Fri, December 11** —

**Sat December 12** — Mass of Our Lady of Guadalupe 6pm

**Please fill out a Mass Intention Envelope and place in the collection basket.**

**St. Therese Parishioners Rosary Intention:  
Vaccine and Cure for the Coronavirus-19**

## PURE HEARTS

Those whose hearts are pure are the temples of the Holy Spirit.

—St. Lucy



## December Month of The Immaculate Conception

“And coming to her, he said, ‘Hail favored one! The Lord is with you.’”

—Luke 1:28

Chosen by God to bear the Son of God, free from the stain of original sin from the moment of her conception, Mary was uniquely qualified

to carry Jesus in her womb. Because of Jesus’ Life, death, and resurrection, we are all able to carry Jesus in our hearts. Let Mary’s obedience inspire us to give God our assent to bring Christ to the world. —Pastoral Patterns The month of December is traditionally dedicated to the Immaculate Conception. The Blessed Virgin Mary, according to the teaching of the Catholic Church, **in the first moment of her conception, by a singular privilege of Almighty God, and by virtue of the foreseen merits of Jesus Christ, our Saviour and hers, was preserved from all stain of original sin.**

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## ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

It begins every Wednesday at 9am and concludes at 3p.m. Come to a quiet place and spend an hour with Jesus. Please call the office

to make an appointment with Jesus on Wednesday. We need volunteers!!!

**NOTE: No Adoration on the following Wednesdays**  
**\*December 23 and December 30**

**Adoration will resume on Wednesday January 6, 2021**

## December Office and Mass Schedule

**Office:** Closed December 24, 2020 - January 3, 2021

**\*\* Reopens January 4, 2021 as normal**

### Mass:

Tuesday 12/08/20- **6pm**

Saturday 12/12/20- **6pm**

Sunday 12/13/20- **(as normal)**

Sunday 12/20/20- **(as normal)**

Thursday 12/24/20- **4pm** (bilingual)

Friday 12/25/20- **10am** (bilingual)

Sunday 12/27/20- **9:30 am** English

**12:30 pm** Spanish

Friday 01/01/21- **10 am** (bilingual)

Sunday 01/03/21- **9:30 am** English

**12:30 pm** Spanish

**PRAYERS OF SAFETY AND HEALTH FOR ALL DOCTORS, NURSES, AIDS, PT'S AND ALL THOSE ON THE FRONT LINES CARING FOR ALL WITH COVID-19!**

## Introduction of the Liturgy of the Day:

Twice today we hear Isaiah’s directive: “prepare the way of the lord, make straight his paths.” How are we preparing for the Lord to make inroads into our lives, into our hearts? What obstacles has our self-centeredness placed in the way and how can we remove them? As we prepare to receive the Lord today in the Eucharist, let us also prepare to truly receive him in our hearts.

## Introduction to the Liturgy of the Word:

Advent is a season of preparation and today’s readings emphasize our need to prepare for the Lord’s coming. But Isaiah also gives us words of comfort and hope. The Lord’s coming is a sign of God’s generosity. The Second Letter of Peter tells us to conduct ourselves in holiness and devotion, echoing John the Baptist’s call for repentance. As we prepare the way of the Lord, let the word of God inspire us.

## Question of the Week:

What concrete action can I take this week to prepare myself for Jesus’ coming?

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## FEAST OF FAITH

### Watching for Christ’s Coming

In the season of Advent, we look to the coming of Christ at the end of time, and we prepare ourselves to celebrate his first coming among us at Christmas. Remembrance of the past is combined with preparation for the future. Memory meets action.

In a certain sense, the Mass is an Advent prayer. At the Last Supper, Jesus did not tell his disciples, “Never forget what I did for you.” Instead, he said, “Do this in remembrance of me.” He calls us to remember by *doing*, to combine memory with action. In the celebration of the Eucharist, remembering and doing become one. Jesus is as present in our midst as he was in that upper room, breaking the bread and sharing the cup; but it is a new kind of presence, seen only with the eyes of faith. In the heavenly liturgy, there will be no need of sacraments, for there, “celebration is wholly communion and feast” (*Catechism of the Catholic Church*, 1136). Here, things are different. We have only glimpses and flashes of the beauty that is yet to be. And yet, in the liturgy, we truly participate in the heavenly liturgy. The Mass is our foretaste of the joys of heaven.  
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