



# Saint Therese

Catholic Church - Iglesia Católica

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## Third Sunday of Advent December 13, 2020

“Rejoice always. Pray without ceasing.”  
— 1 Thessalonians 5:16

### TODAY'S READINGS

**First Reading** — Isaiah 61:1-2a, 10-11

**Psalm** — Luke 1:46-50, 53-54

**Second Reading** — 1 Thessalonians 5:16-24

**Gospel** — John 1:6-8, 19-28



### PASTORAL CARE

Lindsay Harwood, 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: Hazel Sanders**



**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.

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

### Sacrificial Giving this past week:

<b>Budget Needed Weekly</b>	<b>\$ 6,000.00</b>
<b>Weekly Offertory</b>	\$ 4,760.00
<b>Online</b>	\$ 637.00
<b>New Life/Nueva Vida</b>	\$ 416.00
<b>Online</b>	\$ 432.00

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### READINGS FOR THE WEEK:

**Mon:** Nm 24:2-7, 15-17a; Ps 25:4-5ab, 6, 7bc-9; Mt 21:23-27

**Tues:** Zep 3:1-2, 9-13; Ps 34:2-3, 6-7, 17-18, 19, 23; Mt 21:28-32

**Wed:** Is 45:6b-8, 18, 21c-25; Ps 85:9ab, 10-14; Lk 7:18b-23

**Thurs:** Gn 49:2, 8-10; Ps 72:1-4ab, 7-8, 17; Mt 1:1-17

**Fri:** Jer 23:5-8; Ps 72:1-2, 12-13, 18-19; Mt 1:18-25

**Sat:** Jgs 13:2-7, 24-25a;

Ps 71:3-4a, 5-6ab, 16-17; Lk 1:5-25

**Sunday:** 2 Sm 7:1-5, 8b-12, 14a, 16; Ps 89:2-5, 27, 29; Rom 16:25-27; Lk 1:26-38

### MASS INTENTIONS FOR THIS WEEK:

**Sunday, December 13**

**9:30am** – Teresa Bradshaw+

**12:30pm** – Juan Solano Solano+

**3pm** –

**Mon, December 14** —

**Tues, December 15** — Ben Hayes

**Wed, December 16** —

**Thurs, December 17** —

**Fri, December 18** —

**Sat December 19** — No Mass

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

## ANGELS OF PEACE

Let us not be justices of the peace, but angels of peace.

—St. Thérèse of Lisieux



## December Month of The Immaculate Conception

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

*-Luke 1:28*

**"Abortion is inherently different from other medical procedures because no other procedure involves the purposeful termination of a potential life."**

**-Potter Stewart**



## 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**

## Question of the Week:

When and where do I recognize the presence of the Lord in the world?

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## December Office and Mass Schedule

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

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

### Mass:

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:

The Third Sunday of Advent is called Gaudete Sunday because today's opening antiphon begins with the word Gaudete, which means rejoice. We rejoice today, for the coming of the Lord is so near that we cannot help but think about it. Perhaps we are starting to feel overwhelmed by all of what we need to do between now and Christmas. Let this be an opportunity to refocus our attention on the true reason we celebrate this time of year. Rejoice, the Lord is near!

## Introduction to the Liturgy of the Word:

We are visited by three messengers today. The first is Isaiah, with a message of hope and joy. "a year of favor... a day of vindication." Next comes Paul, with a message for the Thessalonians that we can take to heart as well, advising us how to live while we wait for Christ's return. Finally, we hear from Jesus' messenger, John the Baptist, who came to testify to the Messiah. Let us heed their message as we prepare for Christ's coming.



**As the Three Wise Kings we are in a journey. A journey that will lead us to the Savior Jesus Christ.**

**-Anonimus**

## FEAST OF FAITH The Shape of the Mass

In the renewal of the liturgy that followed the Second Vatican Council, the full, conscious, and active participation of the assembly was the primary consideration. By participation, the Council Fathers did not mean just joining in the singing and the spoken responses, but active engagement and prayerful understanding of the rites. They envisioned a transparent liturgy, a worship that spoke so directly to the hearts and minds of the faithful that it would require no explanation at all.

The liturgy itself is the best possible catechesis on the liturgy. What does the liturgy teach us? It shows us the ministry of Jesus continuing in the present. He gathers a community. He calls us to prayer and repentance and praise. He teaches us with the very word of God. He does not send us away empty, but sets before us a marvelous banquet, feeding us with his very body and blood. Then he sends us forth to do what he has done—to give ourselves for others, not just in words, but in deeds. The Mass is the pattern of our Christian lives.

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