



Saint Therese

Catholic Church - Iglesia Católica

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Fourth Sunday of Advent December 20, 2020

“The child to be born will be called holy,
the Son of God.”

—Luke 1:35

TODAY’S READINGS

First Reading — 2 Samuel 7:1-5, 8b-12, 14a, 16

Psalm — Psalm 89

Second Reading — Romans 16:25-27

Gospel — Luke 1:26-38



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, Epigmenia 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:



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.

<u>Sacrificial Giving this past week:</u>	
Budget Needed Weekly	\$ 6,000.00
Weekly Offertory	\$ 3,327.37
Online	\$ 1,537.00
New Life/Nueva Vida	\$ 920.00
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READINGS FOR THE WEEK:

Mon: Sg 2:8-14 or Zep 3:14-18a; Ps 33:2-3, 11-12, 20-21; Lk 1:39-45

Tues: 1 Sm 1:24-28; 1 Sm 2:1, 4-8abcd; Lk 1:46-56

Wed: Mal 3:1-4, 23-34; Ps 25:4-5ab, 8-10, 14; Lk 1:57-66

Thurs: Is 62:1-5; Ps 89:4-5, 16-17, 27, 29; Acts 13:16-17, 22-25; Mt 1:1-25 [18-25]

Fri: Is 52:7-10; Ps 98:1-6; Heb 1:1-6; Jn 1:1-18 [1-5, 9-14]

Sat: Acts 6:8-10; 7:54-59; Ps 31:3cd-4, 6, 8ab, 16bc, 17; Mt 10:17-22

Sunday: Sir 3:2-6, 12-14 or Gn 15:1-6; 21:1-3; Ps 128:1-5

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THIS WEEK:

Sunday, December 20

9:30am – Teresa Bradshaw+

12:30pm – Leila A. Castillo

3pm –

Mon, December 21 —

Tues, December 22 —

Wed, December 23 —

Thurs, December 24 — Family intentions

Fri, December 25 —

Sat December 26 — No Mass

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**

CONTINUAL CHRISTMAS

A good conscience is a continual Christmas.

—Benjamin Franklin

Merry Christmas

“How can there be too many children? That is like saying there are too many flowers.”

- Mother Teresa



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:

How do I bear witness to my faith? How can the world see that the Lord is with me?

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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:

Our season of fervent anticipation is nearly over. The promise of these four weeks, the coming of our Lord Savior, will soon be reaching its fulfillment. Have we prepared a place in our hearts for him even as we have made preparations for the holidays? Once more we hear Mary accept the invitation to bear the Son of God. Let her response be model for us to accept God's invitation to bear Christ to one another.

Introduction to the Liturgy of the Word:

As we begin our last week of preparation for the coming of our lord, we listen to the preparations three others took during earlier eras. King David intended to prepare a house for the ark of God, but God revealed a more important house to prepare. Saint Paul completed his letter to the Romans, a church he'd help prepare for the mystery of Christ. In the Gospel, Mary agreed to prepare a place in her womb for the Son of God. Let us prepare a place in our hearts now for the word of God.



The time has come. Rejoice in the welcoming of Jesus, the greatest of all gifts. -Anonimus

FEAST OF FAITH Gathering

When Pope Benedict XVI visited the United States in 2008, tens of thousands gathered in Yankee Stadium to celebrate the Eucharist with him. What made them different from all the other excited crowds who have assembled there through the years? When they began to sing together, to listen together, to pray together, they ceased to be a crowd, and became a liturgical assembly. It was not where they were but what they did that set them apart.

The Gospels speak of many instances when Jesus prayed alone to his Father. But Jesus also put a special value on communal prayer. “Where two or three are gathered together in my name,” he told his disciples, “there am I in the midst of them” (Matthew 18:20). Jesus gave his own mission to his followers, sending them forth to do everything he did: to heal, to teach, to proclaim the kingdom. Jesus wants us to meet God in and through each other. So the Christian community continues to gather, Sunday after Sunday. When we get up on Sunday morning and come to Mass, we respond to Jesus' invitation, and we express our trust in his promise that whenever we come together, he comes, too.

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