



# Saint Therese

Catholic Church - Iglesia Católica

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## The Epiphany of the Lord January 3, 2021

“All kings shall pay him homage,  
all nations shall serve him.”

— Psalm 72:11

### TODAY’S READINGS

**First Reading** — Isaiah 60:1-6

**Psalm** — Psalm 72

**Second Reading** — Ephesians 3:2-3a, 5-6

**Gospel** — Matthew 2:1-12



### PASTORAL CARE

Venerable Family, 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 Lencocki, 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: Adelicia Dominguez, Isaias Solano**



**THOSE IN THE MILITARY** 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**

<u>Sacrificial Giving this past week:</u>	
Budget Needed Weekly	\$ 6,000.00
Weekly Offertory	\$ 5,869.10
Online	\$ 162.00
New Life/Nueva Vida	\$ 440.00
Online	\$ 0.00

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### READINGS FOR THE WEEK:

**Mon:** 1 Jn 3:22 — 4:6; Ps 2:7bc-8, 10-12a; Mt 4:12-17, 23-25

**Tues:** 1 Jn 4:7-10; Ps 72:1-4, 7-8; Mk 6:34-44

**Wed:** 1 Jn 4:11-18; Ps 72:1-2, 10, 12-13; Mk 6:45-52

**Thurs:** 1 Jn 4:19 — 5:4; Ps 72: 1-2, 14, 15bc, 17; Lk 4:14-22a

**Fri:** 1 Jn 5:5-13; Ps 147:12-15, 19-20; Lk 5:12-16

**Sat:** 1 Jn 5:14-21; Ps 149:1-6a, 9b; Jn 3:22-30

**Sunday:** Is 42:1-4, 6-7

### MASS INTENTIONS FOR THIS WEEK:

**Sunday, January 3**

9:30am –

12:30pm –

Mon, January 4 —

Tues, January 5 —

Wed, January 6 —

Thurs, January 7 —

Fri, January 8 —

Sat, January 9 — no Mass

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

### GENTLENESS

Feelings are everywhere—be gentle.

—J. Masai



### 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!!!

#### Question of the Week:

The magi's encounter with Christ leads them to change the course of their journey. How is my journey changed by my encounter with the Lord?

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#### Life Begins At Conception

It is an error to claim, "It's not a human, it's a fetus."

That would be like saying, "It's not a human, it's an infant," or, "It's not a human, it's an adolescent." These are category fallacies.

The proper answer to these assertions would be, "Sure it's a fetus, sure it's an infant, and sure it's an adolescent. It's a human fetus, a human infant, and a human adolescent." These are simply stages of development in the human life cycle.

A human starts as an embryo, becomes a fetus, is born an infant, develops into a child, grows into an adolescent, matures into adulthood, and eventually dies.

Scientifically and philosophically, there is no good reason to believe a human being is created at birth, because nothing is created at birth. At birth, a fetus simply changes location and changes its mode of acquiring food and dispensing waste, but at no point does the child become something entirely new or different.

Life begins at conception and proceeds through its stages until death. From the moment of conception, the unborn are human beings.

By Pro-Life Articles Author

#### New Office hours:

9:00 am – 1:00pm  
Monday – Thursday

\*\* CLOSED ON FRIDAYS \*\*

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:

Living in an age well before the internet or social media, the magi from the East relied upon a single star as a sign that a king had been born. The heavens revealed to these learned foreigners that a matter of great import had occurred in Judea. Today we celebrate the revelation of the little town of Bethlehem has revealed the light of the world to the ends of earth.

#### Introduction to the Liturgy of the Word:

Every Epiphany we hear the endless extent of God's goodness. Isaiah tells of the light shining forth from Jerusalem attracting peoples from near and far, from land and sea. The psalmist sings of eternal justice and peace leading all nations to adore the lord. Paul teaches the Ephesians that they, and all Gentiles, are members of the same body of Christ. Matthew writes of the magi from after being drawn to the newborn king by the light from above. Let us look for that revelatory light that draws us more fully to the Lord.



#### FEAST OF FAITH The Liturgy of Emmanuel

The assembly has gathered from near and far, on foot, by bus, by car, by subway, singly and by twos and threes: single people, couples, families. Now that movement is ritualized and made visible in the liturgy's entrance procession.

We are not alone on this journey; Christ is with us. The procession is led by the cross, with the image of Christ upon it. Candles, signs of a living presence, are carried around the cross. Candles also accompany the Book of the Gospels, another sign of Emmanuel, God-with-us. The priest presider is likewise a sign of Christ's presence in our assembly; he will act *in persona Christi*, in the person of Christ, who presides at every Eucharist.

As the procession begins, we stand and sing together in our first act as a community. The joining of our voices begins to turn many into one. The songs we sing range from ancient chants to contemporary hymns, but they have the same purpose, to foster our unity and turn our thoughts to the mysteries we gather to celebrate. We may feel that we can't sing well, but "Christ always invites us to enter into song, to rise above our own preoccupations, and to give our entire selves to the hymn of his Paschal Sacrifice" (USCCB, *Sing to the Lord*, 14).

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