



# Saint Therese

Catholic Church - Iglesia Católica

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## Second Sunday of Advent December 5, 2021

*“God has commanded  
that every lofty mountain be made low.”  
— Baruch 5:7*

### TODAY’S READINGS

**First Reading** — Baruch 5:1-9

**Psalm** — Psalm 126

**Second Reading** — Philippians 1:4-6, 8-11

**Gospel** — Luke 3:1-6

### READINGS FOR THE WEEK:

**Mon:** Is 35:1-10; Ps 85:9-14; Lk 5:17-26

**Tues:** Is 40:1-11; Ps 96:1-3, 10ac, 11-13; Mt 18:12-14

**Wed:** Gn 3:9-15, 20; Ps 98:1-4; Eph 1:3-6, 11-12; Lk 1:26-38

**Thurs:** Is 41:13-20; Ps 145:1, 9-13ab; Mt 11:11-15

**Fri:** Is 48:17-19; Ps 1:1-4, 6; Mt 11:16-19

**Sat:** Sir 48:1-4, 9-11; Ps 80: 2ac, 3b, 15-16, 18-19; Mt 17:9a, 10-13

**Sunday:** Zep 3:14-18a; Is 12:2-3, 4, 5-6; Phil 4:4-7; Lk 3:10-18

### MASS INTENTIONS FOR THIS WEEK:

**Sunday, December 05**

9:30am – Mary & Stanley Shavel+

12:30pm – Franklyn Ariel Cerrato-Zuniga+

**Mon, December 06**—

**Tues, December 07**—

**Wed, December 08**—

**Thurs, December 09**—

**Fri, December 10**—

**Sat, December 11**— no Mass

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

**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!**

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

<b>Sacrificial Giving this past week:</b>	
Budget Needed Weekly	\$ 6,000.00
Weekly Offertory	\$ 3,590.00
Online	\$ 120.00
New Life/Nueva Vida	\$ 125.00
Online	\$ 30.00

*Thank you for your generosity!*

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### **ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT**

**Every Wednesday**

9 a.m. - 3p.m.

Come and spend an hour with Jesus. Please call the office to make an appointment with Jesus on Wednesday.

**We need volunteers!!!**



**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.

### **Question of the Week**

For what do I need to repent? Whom do I need to forgive?

- Pastoral Patterns Summer [2021wlpc@jspaluch.com](mailto:2021wlpc@jspaluch.com)

## Introduction to the Liturgy of the Day

Quite likely you have a long checklist of things that you need to do before Christmas, which is now only three weeks away. But is “repentance for the forgiveness of sins” on that list? It ought to be, for this is exactly what John the Baptist called for in preparation for the Lord’s coming. Gathered here today to receive Jesus in the Eucharist, let us repent of the wrongs we have done or failed to do and seek forgiveness for our sins so as to properly prepare a place for our Lord to be born into our lives.

## Introduction to the Liturgy of the Word

We hear from both Baruch and Isaiah today, the latter through Luke’s description of John the Baptist’s work, challenging and comforting the people of Israel. Baruch calls the people back to Jerusalem, where they will be “wrapped in the cloak of justice.” Isaiah promises that when the Lord comes, “all flesh shall see the salvation of God.” Let us prepare for the Lord’s coming, assured that justice and salvation are nigh.



### PASTORAL CARE

Christin Smith, Angela Kruseski, Jo Strengt, Ingrid Piernas, Vanessa Farrinton, Hugo Estrada Jr., Martha Hornkohl, James Joseph Lee Sr., Rhozia Hope Croziar, Lozano/Rodriguez family, Sam Greco, Janna and Avalon family, Gabriel Rigby, Lucy

Lovertich, Terese Kemp, Eva Jean Davis, Padre Juan, John Hudson, Jimmy Jones(Thiac Son-in-law), John Weston, Mary Maziarz, Sallie Riley, Sissie Warren, Gerry Trudeau, Amanda Roberts, Meg Maziarz, Margaret Hutchins, Emma Abbott, Sonny Womack, Tim Opiela, Margaret Williams, Kathy Payment, Crystal and Stephen Warren, Phil Thiac, Glynn Long, John Bradshaw, Vicki Hillman, Gwen Roberson, Tommy/Traci Avalon, Tom/Angela/Seth Brittain, Theresa Cannon, Mike/Cathy/Jared/Michael Eaves, Janis Hamblin, Steve Kennedy, Jodie Lencock, Jon/Christin Quinn Family, Kenny Skellie, Karen Winn, Corey/Bonnie Granier, Betsy Carraway, James Lee, Jr., Joseph Perlick, Irene Rangel, Rita Reed, Lillian Stachura, Epigmenia Tartinez, Vince/Codi Warren, James/Marva Brown, Lucrecia Gibson, Janie Keary, Nettles/Pollard Families, Doug Simmons, Pam Smith.

### HOMEBOUND & NURSING HOME

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

## PRAYER OF THE WEEK

### Second Sunday of Advent

Almighty and merciful God,  
may no earthly undertaking hinder those  
who set out in haste to meet your Son,  
but may our learning of heavenly wisdom  
gain us admittance to his company.

Who lives and reigns with you  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
God, for ever and ever.

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## MONTHLY DEVOTION FOR

December

## *The Immaculate Conception*



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.**

The Catholic Church teaches that Mary was conceived by normal biological means in the womb of her mother, Saint Anne, but God acted upon her soul, keeping it "immaculate". This age-old belief of the Church was defined by Pope Pius IX in 1854 as an article of revealed truth.

Although the belief that Mary was sinless, or conceived with an immaculate soul, has been widely held since Late Antiquity, the doctrine was not dogmatically defined until 1854, by Pope Pius IX in his papal bull *Ineffabilis Deus*. The Catholic Church celebrates the Feast of the Immaculate Conception on December 8; in many Catholic countries, it is a holy day of obligation or patronal feast.

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### **STRENGTH AND COURAGE**

**Prayer infuses the weak with strength and the fainthearted with courage.**

—Anonymous



## MASS INTENTIONS

*Honor a loved one with a Birthday, Anniversary or Healing Intention*

*Remember a loved one with a Memorial Mass Intention.*

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call the parish office 601-372-4481

Suggested Mass stipend is \$10.

### **December 5, 2021 Second Sunday of Advent**

*"Prepare the way of the Lord." - Luke 3:4-6*

Before the public appearance of Jesus, a hermit preached in the desert. John the Baptist began his mission in the wilderness, just as Jesus was to do. Each of us has a wilderness inside us, a place of testing. We should not be afraid of going into this wilderness since it is there that the word of God will come to us.

*Mattia Preti, c. 1665 (Public Domain)*



### **Stewardship in the Christmas Story**

Reflect on how the Christmas story can shed light on Stewardship as a Way of Life. Let's start by examining the different roles of the people in the Christmas Story, their incredible generosity, and how they responded to the **Call of Stewardship**.



*The Annunciation, Jan Janssens, 1650 circa, Public Domain*

• **Mary** said 'yes' to becoming the Mother of God. Regardless of the looks and whispers she may have received; Mary was filled with wonder and joy ... **and proclaimed the Magnificat**. This is the **Pillar of Prayer**.

### **Stewardship: Prayers of the Faithful**

*"Then you will call upon me and come and pray to me, and I will hear you." Jeremiah 29:12*

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That all of us may find new stewardship opportunities to serve those in need during Advent, Christmas and beyond, so that all may come to know the perfect gift of Jesus Christ, *we pray to the Lord ...*

*"Every generous act of giving, with every perfect gift, is from above, coming down from the Father of lights..." -James 1:17*



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