



Saint Therese

Catholic Church - Iglesia Católica

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Third Sunday of Advent December 12, 2021

*“With joy you will draw water
at the fountain of salvation.”
— Isaiah 12:3*

TODAY’S READINGS

First Reading — Zephaniah 3:14-18a

Psalm — Isaiah 12

Second Reading — Philippians 4:4-7

Gospel — Luke 3:10-18

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, 17-19, 23; Mt 21:28-32

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

Thurs: Is 54:1-10; Ps 30:2, 4-6, 11-12a, 13b; Lk 7:24-30

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

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

Sunday: Mi 5:1-4a; Ps 80:2-3, 15-16, 18-19; Heb 10:5-10; Lk 1:39-45

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THIS WEEK:

Sunday, December 12

9:30am –

12:30pm – Ivan Rodriguez Jr.

Mon, December 13—

Tues, December 14—

Wed, December 15—

Thurs, December 16—

Fri, December 17—

Sat, December 18— 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**

Sacrificial Giving this past week:

Budget Needed Weekly	\$ 6,000.00
Weekly Offertory	\$ 5,645.00
Online	\$ 945.00
New Life/Nueva Vida	\$ 362.00
Online	\$ 350.00

Thank you for your generosity!

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ST. THERESE CATHOLIC CHURCH

P. O. Box 8642

Jackson, MS 39284-8642

DO NOT MAIL TO THE STREET ADDRESS

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click on: **DONATE** Choose your fund.

Thank you for your assistance.



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

How can I spread the joy in my family, my neighborhood, my world?

- Pastoral Patterns Summer 2021wpc@jspaluch.com

Introduction to the Liturgy of the Day

We rejoice as we begin the second half of this season of preparation, for we realize that the Lord is already in our midst. While remembering our Lord's birth over two thousand years ago and looking forward to his coming again in glory at the end of time, we prepare our hearts for his presence here today, praying that every day we can express his good news in what we say and do. May our words and actions witness to the world the true meaning of Christ's birth.

Introduction to the Liturgy of the Word

Today we have the opportunity to hear John the Baptist's counsel to the crowds of people filled with expectation of the imminent coming of the long-awaited Messiah. Three times in today's Gospel they ask John, "What should we do?" Let us heed John's responses, for who better to prepare us for his coming into our world than the one who first prepared the world for his coming?



PASTORAL CARE

Dianne Sanders, Christin Smith, Angela Kruseski, Jo Strength, Ingrid Piernas, Vanessa Farrington, Hugo Estrada Jr., Martha Hornkohl, James Joseph Lee Sr., Rhoyia 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

Third Sunday of Advent

O God, who see how your people faithfully await the feast of the Lord's Nativity, enable us, we pray, to attain the joys of so great a salvation and to celebrate them always with solemn worship and glad rejoicing. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God, for ever and ever.

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Feast day of

Our Lady of Guadalupe



The story of Our Lady of Guadalupe

December 12th is the Feast Day of Our Lady of Guadalupe. We take a look at the story behind the indigenous peasant who came across the Patron of the Americas, and how he fought for her message to be heard.

By Francesca Merlo

The Virgin of Guadalupe, like the shroud of Turin, appears on a piece of fabric. Both are sacred objects, hundreds of years old, and both depict an image said to be miraculous. The Virgin of Guadalupe was declared Queen of Mexico and is Patron of the Americas.

First apparition

Our Lady of Guadalupe first introduced herself as the Mother of God and the mother of all humanity when she appeared on the hill of Tepeyac in Mexico in 1531. An indigenous peasant, Juan Diego, saw a glowing figure on the hill. After she had identified herself to him, Our Lady asked that Juan build her a shrine in that same spot, in order for her to show and share her love and compassion with all those who believe. Afterwards, Juan Diego visited Juan de Zumárraga, who was Archbishop of what is now Mexico City. Zumárraga dismissed him in disbelief and asked that the future Saint provide proof of his story and proof of the Lady's identity. Juan Diego returned to the hill and encountered Our Lady again. The Virgin told him to climb to the top of the hill and pick some flowers to present to the Archbishop.

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AN ADVENT PRAYER

May the God of peace make us completely holy.
May God keep us blameless in spirit, soul and body
for the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ.
Forever faithful is the One who calls us—God our
Father!

Expectant, let us live in joyful hope
for the revelation of the glory
of our God and Savior, Christ Jesus!
To him be glory forever!
Come, Lord Jesus! Your grace be with us all.

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MASS INTENTIONS

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

Remember a loved one with a Memorial Mass Intention.

Email: sttherese@jacksondiocese.org

call the parish office 601-372-4481

Suggested Mass stipend is \$10.

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"One mightier than I is coming." - Luke 3:16

John the Baptist recognized 'someone greater than he'
is a cause for rejoicing. He clearly understood his place
in the world. He gained many followers and a
reputation as a holy man. Yet, John claimed he was
not worthy enough to untie Jesus' sandals. John pointed
to Jesus and turned the eyes of his followers to the
Savior of the World.

Guido Reni, c. 1622-1623 (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 Dream of Saint Joseph, Anton Raphael Mengs, 1774 circa, Public Domain;

• **Joseph** was betrothed to Mary. He accepted a
pregnant fiancée because of an angelic dream and gave
up his reputation. He was probably thought of as a fool
by his neighbors, but he willingly followed God's way
... and became the stepfather of Jesus. This is the **Pillar
of Ministry**.

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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This Christmas season, may we be good stewards with
our words, actions and joyful spirit, inspiring in others
a desire to follow Jesus Christ, and so find the perfect
gift of salvation, ***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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