



Saint Therese

Catholic Church - Iglesia Católica
Tel 601-372-4481

Fourth Sunday of Advent December 19, 2021

"O LORD of hosts, look down from heaven and see; take care of this vine, and protect what your right hand has planted." — Psalm 80:15-16

TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading — Micah 5:1-4a

Psalm — Psalm 80

Second Reading — Hebrews 10:5-10

Gospel — Luke 1:39-45

READINGS FOR THE WEEK:

Mon: Is 7:10-14; Ps 24:1-6; Lk 1:26-38

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

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

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

Fri: 2 Sm 7:1-5, 8b-12, 14a, 16; Ps 89:2-5, 27, 29; Lk 1:67-79

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

Night: Is 9:1-6; Ps 96:1-3, 11-13; Ti 2:11-14; Lk 2:1-14 Dawn: Is 62:11-12; Ps 97:1, 6, 11-12; Ti 3:4-7; Lk 2:15-20 Day: Is 52:7-10; Ps 98:1-6; Heb 1:1-6; Jn 1:1-18 [1-5, 9-14]

Sunday: Sir 3:2-6, 12-14; Ps 128:1-5; Col 3:12-21 [12-17]

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THIS WEEK:

Sunday, December 19

9:30am – Thomas V. Najvar+

12:30pm – Jose Dolores Lomeli+

Mon, December 20—

Tues, December 21—

Wed, December 22—

Thurs, December 23—

Fri, December 24—

Sat, December 25— 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	\$ 3,178.06
Online	\$ 380.00
New Life/Nueva Vida	\$ 1,015.00
Online	\$ 275.00

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ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

Every Wednesday

9 a.m. - 3p.m.

6:30 p.m Spanish

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

Whom can I visit this Christmas season, bearing Christ and bringing joy, whom I hadn't planned to see?

- Pastoral Patterns Summer 2021wpc@jspaluch.com

Introduction to the Liturgy of the Day

We draw close to the end of this season of expectation, this season of preparation, this season of waiting. For three weeks we have been anticipating that glorious day that is now just over the horizon. Let us break from all the hustle and bustle that threaten to overwhelm the true meaning of this holy event and share in the pure joy of Mary and Elizabeth, two mothers expecting their first children, who in today's Gospel exult in each other's blessedness.

Introduction to the Liturgy of the Word

Our anticipation of the Lord's birth is mirrored in the words from scripture that we hear today. Micah, who lived eight centuries before Jesus was born, proclaims that a long-awaited ruler from the line of David will come from the little town of Bethlehem. The author of Hebrews asserts that Jesus was born into the world to be himself an offering according to the Father's will. Luke tells the story of Mary visiting her older cousin Elizabeth, who, filled with the Holy Spirit, becomes the first to call her blessed. Filled with the Holy Spirit, let us focus our anticipation on God's blessings.



PASTORAL CARE

Phil Thiac, 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 Lvertich, 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,

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 recognize the presence of Christ in others and embrace those around us with a spirit of stewardship hospitality, ***we pray to the Lord ...***

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.

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.

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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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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"Most Blessed are you among women." - Luke 1:42

Mary's cousin Elizabeth is inspired to recognize that Mary's baby is not just an ordinary baby, and she calls both Mary and her unborn Son "blessed." Elizabeth is the first to bear witness to the Lord's presence in our world. Elizabeth, filled with the Holy Spirit, defined the doctrine of Mary as the Mother of God.

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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**.



Adoration of the Shepherds, Bernardo Strozzi, 1615 circa, Public Domain

• **The Shepherds** knew exactly what was happening because of what the angelic visitors revealed to them. In haste, they rushed to the stable where they greeted Him ... and they worshiped Him. This is the **Pillar of Hospitality**.

"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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