



Saint Therese

Catholic Church - Iglesia Católica

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The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary, and Joseph December 26, 2021

*"Beloved, we are God's children now;
what we shall be has not yet been revealed."
— 1 John 3:2a*

TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading — 1 Samuel 1:20-22, 24-28

Psalm — Psalm 84

Second Reading — 1 Jn 3:1-2, 21-24

Gospel — Luke 2:41-52

READINGS FOR THE WEEK:

Mon: 1 Jn 1:1-4; Ps 97:1-2, 5-6, 11-12; Jn 20:1a, 2-8

Tues: 1 Jn 1:5 — 2:2; Ps 124:2-5, 7b-8; Mt 2:13-18

Wed: 1 Jn 2:3-11; Ps 96:1-3, 5b-6; Lk 2:22-35

Thurs: 1 Jn 2:12-17; Ps 96:7-10; Lk 2:36-40

Fri: 1 Jn 2:18-21; Ps 96:1-2, 11-13; Jn 1:1-18

Sat: Nm 6:22-27; Ps 67:2-3, 5, 6, 8; Gal 4:4-7; Lk 2:16-21

Sunday: Is 60:1-6; Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 10-13; Eph 3:2-3a, 5-6; Mt 2:1-12

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THIS WEEK:

Sunday, December 26

9:30am – Frances Polasek Mokry

12:30pm – Angel Espino Jr.

Mon, December 27—

Tues, December 28—

Wed, December 29—

Thurs, December 30—

Fri, December 31—

Sat, January 01— 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	\$ 4,203.00
Online	\$ 130.00
New Life/Nueva Vida	\$ 116.00
Online	\$ 0.00

Thank you for your generosity!

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ST. THERESE CATHOLIC CHURCH

P. O. Box 8642

Jackson, MS 39284-8642

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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.

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

How can I apply the lessons from scripture to the various families I belong to: my immediate family, my extended family, my parish family, my family at school or work, the entire human family?

- Pastoral Patterns Summer 2021wpc@jspaluch.com

Introduction to the Liturgy of the Day

Just yesterday we came to this holy place to celebrate our Lord's birth. Today we return to expand that celebration to his immediate family, the Holy Family. Mary and Joseph cared for their son, raising him in the religious traditions of their faith. In this loving environment, Luke says, "Jesus advanced in wisdom and age and favor before God and man." Let us pray today that our families may provide fertile ground for our children to grow similarly.

Introduction to the Liturgy of the Word

We are treated to some poignant words about families in today's readings. Sirach speaks to an adult child taking care of an aging parent whose mind may be failing. Paul asks us to "put on" kindness and patience so that we may bear with one another and forgive each other. No doubt the Blessed Mother was quite anxious when Jesus stayed behind in his "Father's house," but she treasured this memory in her heart. May the words we hear today help us appreciate our own family relationships.



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 Loovertich, 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 Lencocki, 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

December 26, 2021
Feast of the Holy Family
of Jesus, Mary and Joseph

That the family may become ever more the sanctuary of life, where all are welcomed as a gift rather than a burden, *we pray to the Lord ...*

December 25, 2021 **The Nativity of the Lord**

As God has shared the gift of His Son with us, may we generously share our God given gifts with others, *we pray to the Lord ...*



JOY TO THE WORLD, THE LORD IS COME!

Merry Christmas

PRAYER OF THE WEEK

The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary, and Joseph

O God, who were pleased to give us the shining example of the Holy Family, graciously grant that we may imitate them in practicing the virtues of family life and in the bonds of charity, and so, in the joy of your house, delight one day in eternal rewards.

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.

—From *Come, Lord Jesus* by Lucien Deiss, CSSp, copyright 1976, 1981, Lucien Deiss. Published by World Library Publications. p. 127

**December 26, 2021
Feast of the Holy Family
of Jesus, Mary and Joseph**

*“After three days they found Him.”
- Luke 2:46*

Luke, depicts the panic and emotion of Mary and Joseph when Jesus was rediscovered, and the irony, that the teachers are being taught by a child. But ultimately, Luke reveals, *‘His mother treasured all these things in her heart.’*

ALL these things! The fear ... The relief ... The revelation ... among the teachers of her Son’s future glory. Amen! Alleluia!

Claudio Coello, c. 1642-1693 (Public Domain)



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.

FRAUD PREVENTION HOTLINE

The Diocese of Jackson’s Department of Temporal Affairs has engaged Lighthouse Services to provide an anonymous financial fraud, compliance, ethics, and human resources hotline. This hotline allows for an appropriate method to report occurrences related to the temporal administration within parishes, schools and the chancery office.

www.lighthouse-services.com/jacksondiocese

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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 Magi by Bartolomé Esteban Murillo, 1655 circa, Public Domain.

• **The Magi** followed the star, bringing their treasures to the newborn King. They were foreigners with limited knowledge of the culture and the area. But they knew to give a King the best of what you have ... and they were very generous. This is **Pillar of Treasure**.

GOD THE FATHER shows us the highest form of generosity in the Christmas story. How difficult it is to give away what is most precious to you ... and yet, God gave us His own precious Son. What a beautiful gift!

Stewardship is a path to holiness. It makes us more like Christ who came not to be served, but to serve. When we offer our lives back to God in love, He blesses that generosity a hundredfold.

“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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