



St. Teresa of Avila Catholic Church and School

Fourth Sunday of Advent

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Saturday Vigil:.....5:00 p.m.

Sunday:.....7:30 a.m.,
9:30AM

& 11:30 am

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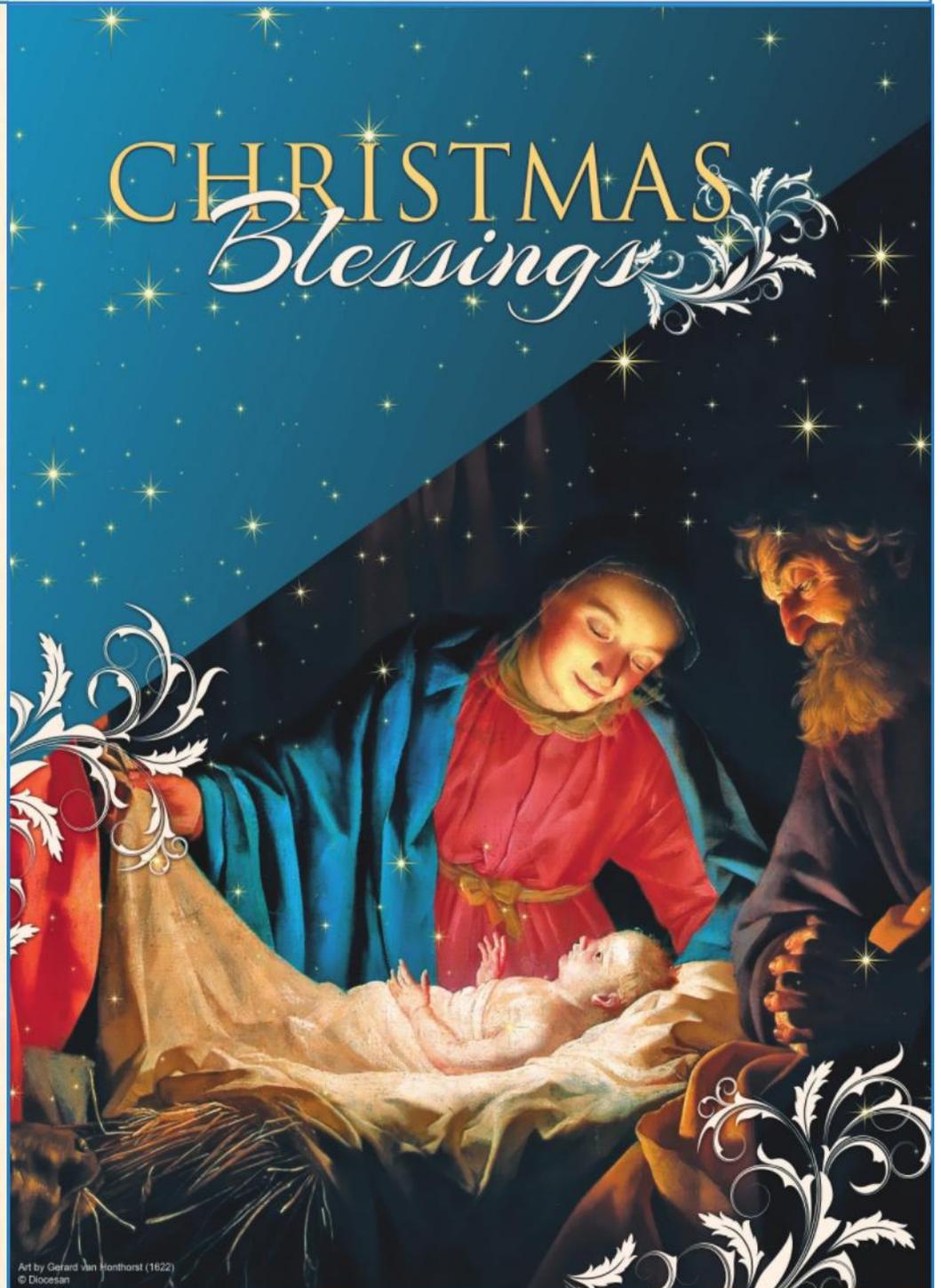
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December 22, 2019



Mass Intentions for the week of December 22nd to December 29th

Sunday	Monday	Christmas Eve	Christmas Day
7:30 AM For the People of the Parish	7:00 AM Special Intention for Eileen Connolly by Kathryn Antonelli	7:00 AM Robert Bielling, Sr. † by Irma Bagby	9:30AM C.P. & C.M. Durian † by the family
9:30 AM Edward H. DeBusman † by MaryAnn, Keith & David	8:30 AM Pedro Morales Garcia † by Kathryn Antonelli	8:30 AM Miguel Olivella † by the Olivella family	11:30AM Mickey Tutolo † by his wife, Edwina
11:30 AM Special Intention for Joseph Witol by his family	<i>Joseph, son of David, have no fear about taking Mary as your wife!</i>	4:00PM Special Intention for all the children of the Parish	DEVOTIONS Liturgy of the Hours (Morning Prayer) at 8:10am (before the 8:30 mass), Mon.-Thu. (unless no school on Fri.) Recitation of the Rosary: Mon. – Sat., 9am in the Chapel. Novena – Our Lady of Perpetual Help Tuesday, after the 8:30am Mass. Spanish Adoration & Prayer Group, Thursdays 6:00pm Holy Hour 9-10 – Thurs. (except holidays) after the 8:30 Mass, Divine Mercy, Rosary, Silent Prayer, Benediction. Holy Days – Same as Sundays (7:30am, 9:30am & 11:30am) Holy Day Vigil – 7:00pm

LITURGY OF THE WORD

**The Holy Family of Jesus Mary and Joseph
Thinking about the Readings**

1. How do I honor my father and mother or how did I do so?
2. What things can I identify as holy about my family?
3. How does my family experience affect my relationship with the holy families of my community?

**Readings for The Holy Family of
Jesus Mary and Joseph
December 29, 2019**

First Reading: Sirach 3:2-6, 12-14
Revere your father, comfort your mother.
Second Reading: Colossians 3:12-21
Clothe yourselves with heartfelt mercy.
Gospel: Matthew 2:13-15, 19-23
Out of Egypt I called my son.



For Reflection:

We realize that we can never make ourselves worthy of this infinite love, but let us imitate Joseph and accept the honor which God is giving us, as we trust that he will continue to make us daily less unworthy.



Today's good news

The first reading is taken from Isaiah 7:10-14. The Lord himself will give you this sign: the virgin shall conceive, and bear a son, and shall name him Emmanuel' (Is 7:14). This well-known affirmation by the prophet Isaiah announces the coming of the Messiah into human history. It already gives us a taste of the proximity of that marvelous, stupendous day which will be the 'dies natalis' of Jesus. It was foretold by the prophets and proclaimed throughout the whole of Sacred Scriptures that He would be the One who would fulfil and bring them to completion. Our God will be incarnated and born due to the generous willingness of the 'Virgin' who, from the very beginning of time, was chosen to be the Mother of the Savior.

The second reading is from the Letter of St. Paul to the Romans 1:1-7. St. Paul opens his letter to the Jewish and Gentile converts of Rome, the first generation of Christians in the capital city of the empire, by stating that he is an Apostle chosen by Christ to spread the good news of the Incarnation. He calls this news the Gospel of God," for it is an account of that almost incredible act of God's love for us. God sent his divine Son, as man among us in this work, in order that we might be with the three divine Persons for all eternity in the next world.

The Gospel is from Matthew 1:18-24. "How unsearchable are the judgements of God and how inscrutable his ways!" as St. Paul says to the Romans (11 :33). If God had preserved the kingdom of Judah (which he could so easily have done), and if the Messiah, the son of David, were to be born in the royal palace in Jerusalem, it would be natural and we would almost say, more fitting the dignity of the Messiah. Instead, God allowed the kingly line, and the throne of Judah, to disappear, and he chose a humble carpenter of Nazareth, a true descendant of David but a lowly one, to be the foster-father of his divine Son, when he took human nature and came on earth to "dwell among us." But God's ways are not our ways. It is not by their social standing, nor by their bank-accounts, that God values men. Virtue is the scale he uses when weighing men. In God's eyes, no king sat on the throne of Judah, not even David himself, who was more acceptable to God as foster-father for his Son, than the carpenter of Nazareth.

Fourth Sunday of Advent

Mass Intentions for the week of December 22nd to December 29th

Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
7:00 AM 62nd Wedding Anniversary of Stefano & Rosalie Bugno by Father Chris	7:00 AM Special Intention for Father Richard 57th birthday by his friends	8:30 AM Norbert Grubka † by his wife Lucille (27th anniversary)	7:30 AM For the People of the Parish
8:30 AM Special Intention for Eliana Hedgecock & family	8:30 AM Michael & Edmond Langan † by Joni Binns	5:00 PM Special Intention Shirley Glassnovich (happy 90th-b'day) by the family	9:30 AM Catherine Morin † by Charles & Kathleen Weldon
<i>The Sanctuary lamp is lit this week in memory of Norbert Grubka by his wife, Lucille</i>			11:30 AM Francis & Marie Das † by Bob & Jessie Kirk

STEWARDSHIP

Stewardship Thought: When he discovered that Mary was with child, Joseph resolved to end their engagement with as little disgrace as possible. But obedient to the voice of God, he changed those plans and became instead the protector of the child Jesus and His mother, Mary. God grant that I may be as open to the leading of the Holy Spirit!

Parish Sacrificial Giving (Regular Sunday Offering) In gratitude for the gifts we have received from God, the parishioners and visitors gave (will be noted next bulletin) for the ministries of St. Teresa. Thank you for your continued support and generosity. God bless.

QUESTION OF THE WEEK?

Are there definite signs that God is with the parish?
What are they?

Please Plan Ahead Church Office Closures

The Church Office will be closed from **December 24-27th** and then **December 31st at noon**, and on **January 1st** all day.

Happy Holidays to all!

Eucharistic Adoration
December 26, 2019

There will be **NO** Adoration scheduled for December 26th.

Adoration will resume on January 2nd.

SCHOOL NEWS



Scholarships 101 & Catholic Schools

Christmas Vacation

Have a Very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!

Classes will resume

Monday, January 6, 2020.

St. Teresa Catholic School
Tuesday, February 4, 2020

6:00pm
Parish Center
207 Ojibway Avenue
Titusville, FL 32780

Lauren May from StepUpForStudents will present information on the scholarships available to families interested in attending St. Teresa Catholic School.

Join us to discover how you and your family can give the gift of a high-quality, gospel-rich education to your children.



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Give, Go, Grow Annual Campaign

The St. Teresa School community would like to thank our previous donors to our annual Give, Go, Grow Campaign. Your never ending generosity does not go without notice nor appreciation. Our students benefited from your thoughtfulness through the purchase of iPads and Chromebooks. We plan to further our goal of becoming a STREAM (science, technology, religion, engineering, art and math) school through the further development of our engineering and technology programs. Your continued generosity will benefit every child in the school. Thanks, in advance, for your donations.

Catholic School is a PK3 to grade 8, fully accredited Catholic school. We are currently enrolling new families and accept the following state scholarships: Family Empowerment Scholarship, StepUpForStudents, AAA, Gardiner and McKay Scholarships. Visit our website www.stteresa-titusville.org for registration information (click Admissions and then, New Student Registration).

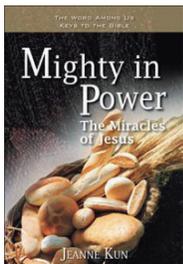
FAITH FORMATION



RCIA
NO Religious Education classes or RCIA meetings this Wednesday, Dec. 25th.
MERRY CHRISTMAS!

Bible Study

Monday Morning Bible Study will begin **January 6, 2020 after the 8:30am Mass**. This session will be "*Mighty in Power: The Miracles of Jesus*". Books will be available at the first class. Any question please contact the Faith Formation Office at (321) 268-0440 or email faithformation@stteresa-titusville.org



The St. Teresa Youth Group
The St. Teresa Youth Group will have its First Faith Night Meeting **January 12, 2020 at 6:30 pm** in the Church. This meeting is open to all Youth 7th thru 12th grade.

Knights of Columbus Clergy Night

The Knights of Columbus Clergy Night is **January 25th** with cocktails at 6 PM. Tickets are in the Gift Shop and Church Office for \$25.

**Knights of Columbus
Family of the Month Recommendations**

Please continue to submit your recommendations for Family of the Month for the upcoming year. The forms are in the church vestibule next to the red deposit box. Forms are also available on the church website and can be filled in on-line. For any questions, please call Tom Christiano @ 321-794-7749. Thank you!

Knight's Corner

We have begun to plan our efforts to raise charitable funds over the next 9 months. Our Bingo is every **Tuesday evening, doors open at 430pm. The early bird games start at 6pm** and our generous jackpots continue to be a big draw! Please come and join the fun and support to our fund raising efforts. We are smoke free and serve burgers and hot dogs and grilled items each night before bingo begins. Thank you to all our parishioners who regularly attend and we ask you bring some friends with you as we move forward.

Other events coming up are: St Patrick's Day dinner dance, Handicap Citizens Drive, and even a possible golf tournament! Our goals are to support our charitable agencies in their endeavors and needy families to meet their immediate challenges. If you have the call to join our brotherhood, please reach out to any Knight you see at church or give us a call at 321-289-8716!

Many new things to come, may we all find a way to make us a tighter and stronger Christian family

Mary Did You Know?

*Mary did you know that your baby boy will someday walk on water?
Mary did you know that your baby boy will save our sons and daughters?
Did you know that your baby boy has come to make you new?
This child that you've delivered, will soon deliver you.*



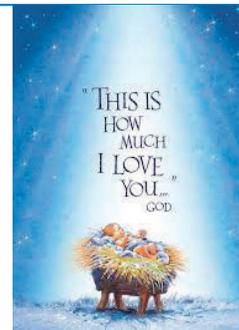
*Mary, did you know that your Baby Boy will give sight to a blind man?
Mary, did you know that your Baby Boy will calm the storm with His hand?
Did you know that your Baby Boy has walked where angels trod?
When you kiss your little Baby you kissed the face of God*

*Mary did you know..
The blind will see.
The deaf will hear.
The dead will live again.
The lame will leap.
The dumb will speak
The praises of The Lamb*

*Mary, did you know that your Baby Boy is Lord of all creation?
Mary, did you know that your Baby Boy would one day rule the nations?
Did you know that your Baby Boy is heaven's perfect Lamb?
The sleeping Child you're holding is the great "I am"*

Christmas Eve

*Moonless darkness stands between. Past, the Past, no more be seen!
But the Bethlehem-star may lead me.
To the sight of Him Who freed me.
From the self that I have been. Make me pure,
Lord: Thou art holy; Make me meek,
Lord: Thou wert lowly;
Now beginning, and always:
Now begin, on Christmas day.*



The Story of the Kneeling Santa

*The sleigh was all packed, the reindeer were fed,
But Santa still knelt by the side of his bed,
"Dear Father," he prayed, "Be with me tonight.*

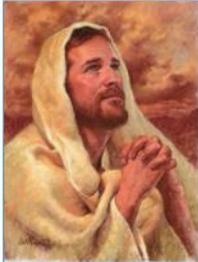
*There's much function to do and my schedule is tight.
My sack will hold toys to grant all kids' wishes.
The supply will be endless like the loaves and the fishes.
I can do all these things, Lord, only through You.
I just need your blessing, then it's easy to do.*



*I do this only to honor the birth of the one,
That was sent to redeem us, Your most Holy Son.
So to all of my friends, lest Your glory I rob,
Please, Lord, remind them who*



Fourth Sunday of Advent



ONE SOLITARY LIFE

Here is a man who was born in an obscure village, the child of a peasant woman. He grew up in another village. He worked in a carpenter shop until He was thirty. Then for three years He was an itinerant preacher.

He never owned a home. He never wrote a book. He never held an office. He never had a family. He never went to college. He never put His foot inside a big city. He never traveled two hundred miles from the place He was born. He never did one of the things that usually accompany greatness. He had no credentials but Himself...



While still a young man, the tide of popular opinion turned against him. His friends ran away. One of them denied Him. He was turned over to His enemies. He went through the mockery of a trial.

He was nailed upon a cross between two thieves. While He was dying His executioners gambled for the only piece of property He had on earth – His coat. When He was dead, He was laid in a borrowed grave through the pity of a friend.

Nineteen long centuries have come and gone, and today He is a centerpiece of the human race and leader of the column of progress.

Nineteen centuries have come and gone
And today Jesus is the central figure of the human race
And the leader of mankind's progress
All the armies that have ever marched
All the navies that have ever sailed
All the parliaments that have ever sat
All the kings that ever reigned put together
Have not affected the life of mankind on earth
As powerfully as that **one solitary life.**



Give Praise for our Beautiful Christmas Decorations

A blessed thank you to the all volunteers who helped to decorate the Church for Christmas. Led by Sister Yvonne, her group of volunteers included: Peggy & Paul Ermerons, Alicia Minor, Carole Cubine, Carolyn & Louis Achee, Marian Womack, Vicki Shoemaker, Isabel Warren, Matt Horner, Tessie Julia, Chris Hardesty, Kathy Myers, Jeannie O'Brien, Jessi-ca O'Brien and MaryLou Miller.

Many hands make light the work!
Thank you for the beautiful inspiration in the church.

Christmas Message from our Pastor, Father Chris

Dear Friends in Christ,

Merry Christmas! On behalf of our Priests, Sisters and Staff, I sincerely hope that the remembrance of Christ's birth brings you much peace and hope. As we celebrate Christmas,

I would like to thank you for your presence and prayers with our parish family of St. Teresa Catholic Church. I extend a special welcome if you are joining us for the first time, if you are visiting from any other places or faith traditions, or if you do not worship with us on a regular basis.

Just as the shepherds were led to a humble stable in Bethlehem to worship the infant Jesus, so have we been led to be together at this time and in this place to sing with the angels: Glory to God in the highest and peace to all people on earth! I hope that God's presence will be made known to you not only today but every day.

Know that we pray for you, your loved ones and your intentions. Thank you for lifting us in prayer as well. May you have the grace to find happiness and joy this Christmas and throughout the New Year... and may we meet each day in our prayers!

In joyful hope,

Father Chris, Father Greg, Sister Yvonne and Parish Staff

Christmas Masses

Tuesday **December 24**, Christmas Eve
4:00 PM Children's Christmas Mass
6:00 PM Mass (Cantor)
12:00 Midnight Mass (Traditional Choir)

Christmas Day Masses

Wednesday, **December 25** There is **NO** 07:30am Mass
9:30 AM (Cantor)
11:30 AM (Contemporary Choir)

New Year's Day Mass Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God
Tuesday, **December 31st**, 2019 at 7 PM
Wednesday, **January 1**, 2020 7:30 AM, 9:30 AM, 11:30 AM

Confessions:

Daily: Mon. – Fri.: 7:45 – 8:15 AM

Saturdays: 3:45 – 4:45 PM

First Fridays: 3:30 – 4:30 PM

No Confessions on December 24th or 25th

CHRISTMAS *Blessings*

Fourth Sunday of Advent

Romans 1:1-7

Exchanging Gifts

Christmas presents are gathering under trees. The opening of gifts opens hearts as well. Gifts are given in love, and they promote love in return. We love all year round, not just on Christmas Day. We may not give wrapped gifts every day of the year, but we love every day. We say it, show it, and feel it.

At Christmas we will celebrate the greatest gift of all, the birth of Jesus, the Savior of the human race. It is not Christmas every day, but God is good to us every day, showing love in many and marvelous ways.

A Christmas gift of love prompts a response—a hug, a kiss, a note of thanks, or a favor in return. The greatest Christmas gift also prompts a response—a desire to live in ways that please Christ.

St. Paul calls himself an apostle “set apart for the gospel of God,” the gospel promised through the prophets in the Scriptures, the gospel about God’s Son, “descended from David according to the flesh.” Throughout Advent, we have heard prophecies foretelling the birth of Jesus. They help us experience the full wonder of Christmas Day: that God took on flesh and was born into a human family descended from David. That is the gospel, the good news. So great was that gospel, that Paul became its apostle.

And so did we. In all we say and do, we tell others how much the Christian faith means to us. It is the natural response to the greatest gift of all.

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