



St. Teresa of Avila Catholic Church and School

Second Sunday of Advent

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Fr. Chris Bugno, SDS

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Saturday Vigil:.....5:00 p.m.
Sunday:.....7:30 a.m., 9:30AM
 & 11:30 am
Weekdays (Monday through
Friday): 7:00 am. & 8:30 a.m.
Saturday:.....8:30 am

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Mass Intentions for the week of December 7th to December 14th

Sunday	Immaculate Conception	Tuesday	Wednesday
7:30 AM George Thomas Duffy † by his wife	7:30 AM Special Intentions for Father Chris	7:00 AM Holy Souls of Purgatory	7:00 AM Special Intentions for the St Teresa Volunteers
9:30 AM David Graves † by Chris Hardesty	9:30 AM Special Intentions for Wesley Bridges & Edward Footer † by the family	8:30 AM Irvin Rodolfo † by Sandra & family	8:30 AM Florencio Tapia & Ce- celia Tapia Vidal † by Joe & Delisa Zippilli
11:30 AM David Graves † by Chris Hardesty	11:30 AM Special Intention for Steven Eckart by Ina & the Choir	Prepare the way of the Lord	

LITURGY OF THE WORD

Second Sunday of Advent Thinking about the Readings

1. What occasions have prompted me to doubt God's concerns for my needs?
2. Have I been brought to my knees by a realization of my sinfulness and God's saving love for me?
3. What might Jesus say to me if he were to tell me everything I've ever done?

Readings for Second Sunday of Advent December 14, 2025

First Reading: Isaiah 35:1-6a, 10
The desert will bloom.

Second Reading: James 5:7-10
Be patient like a farmer waiting for spring.

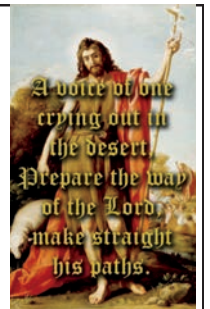
Gospel: Matthew 11:2-11
In prison, John received word of the coming of Christ.

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
Fatima Sundays—Every 3rd Sunday of the Month from May through October, 3-4:30pm.
Litanies—After the 8:30am Mass

For Reflection:

The Epistle points to these interior and social aspects of the "Christ" way: interiorly, by prayer, to "glorify" the Fatherhood of God; socially by our actions, to "receive one another" in the Brotherhood of Man, "even as Christ has received you."



Today's good news

"As the journey of Advent continues, as we prepare to celebrate the nativity of Christ, John the Baptist's call to conversion sounds out in our communities. It is a pressing invitation to open our hearts and to welcome the Son of God Who comes among us to make divine judgement manifest. The Father, writes St. John the Evangelist, does not judge anyone, but has entrusted the power of judgement to the Son, because He is the Son of man.

"And it is today, in the present, that we decide our future destiny. It is with our concrete everyday behavior in this life that we determine our eternal fate. At the end of our days on earth, at the moment of death, we will be evaluated on the basis of our likeness or otherwise to the Baby Who is about to be born in the poor grotto of Bethlehem, because He is the measure God has given humanity.

Jesus referred John as "My messenger" who prepared the "way". John now wanted his disciples to realize that they, too, must follow Christ in this "way". Only through the same Jesus Christ, the long expected Savior, will the "blind" of soul "see;" the "lame" of character "walk;" the "lepers" of sin become "cleansed;" the "poor" become rich with a new Gospel.

"Through the Gospel John the Baptist continues to speak down the centuries to each generation. His hard clear words bring health to us, the men and women of this day in which even the experience and perception of Christmas often, unfortunately, reflects materialist attitudes. The 'voice' of the great prophet asks us to prepare the way for the coming Lord in the deserts of today, internal and external deserts, thirsting for the water of life which is Christ".

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Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
7:00 AM Special Intention for Lynn Kay by a friend	7:00 AM Special Intentions for Kathleen & Charlie Weldon by a friend	8:30 AM Stefan Bugno † by the family	7:30 AM Tinh-Pham (Teresa) † by the family
8:30 AM John Pavick † by Gloria	8:30 AM Patsy Hothan † by her family	5:00 PM Special Intention of the Lindenthal & Koster families †	9:30 AM Vernon Jansen † by the family
Sanctuary Lamp is lit this week for the sick, ill or those in need of assistance in their daily life			11:30 AM Antonietta Cardiello † by Emilia Angione

STEWARDSHIP

Stewardship Thought: We must be good stewards of god's gifts to us, receiving them gratefully and cultivating them with care, lest we be the ones about whom John the Baptist speaks today, cautioning us, "Every tree that does not bear fruit will be cut down and thrown into the fire".

Parish Sacrificial Giving (Regular Sunday Offering) In gratitude for the gifts we have received from God, the parishioners and visitors gave \$13,707.00 (11/23) and \$13,983 (11/30) for the ministries of St. Teresa.

Thank you for your continued support and generosity. God bless.

QUESTION OF THE WEEK?

Who are the unfailingly kind people in this parish?
Does the parish appreciate them for their kindness?

Advent

The Gift Shop will have all the Advent wreaths, Advent calendars for children and Advent candles.

Please come in and shop. Your one-stop shop for those special items.



Eucharistic Adoration

We will have an all day Eucharistic Adoration **December 11th from 9am to 6:30pm** in the Chapel.

There will be the **Spanish Holy Hour and Exposition from 5:30-6:30pm.**

If anyone would like to sign up for an hour, please call Cheryl Kassack at: 321-383-1312 (H) 321-795-1456 (C)

SCHOOL NEWS



The First Trimester Honors Awards was held to recognize students for their academic excellence and dedication. **Congratulations to all our award recipients!**



Make the Annual School Christmas Pageant part of your Christmas preparation. The students and teachers work to make it a spiritual way to prepare for the **BIRTH of CHRIST.**
Thursday December 18th At 10AM and 6:30PM In the church



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FAITH FORMATION

Religious Education (CCD)
Religious Education Classes (CCD) this
Wednesday in the school at **6:15 pm**.



First Reconciliation Prep Classes
Prep Session for 2nd Grade Students (School and Religious Ed.)
will be held this **Wednesday, December 10th, from 6:15pm**
to 7:30pm in Avila Hall. If you have any questions contact Faith
Formation office.

OCIA
OCIA meeting this **Sunday, 1:30pm** in the Faith Formation
Room. If you would like further information please contact the
Faith Formation office at 321-349-5445 (voice or text) or by
email at faithformation@stteresa-titusville.org

"O"ur Catholic Nugget
A Quote from Pope Benedict XVI "Advent's intention is to awak-
en the most profound and basic emotional memory within us,
namely, the memory of the God who became a child. This is a
healing memory; it brings hope."

Adult Bible Study
Winter Bible study will begin **January 2026**.
Monday morning and Tuesday evening classes will be:
The Prophets: Messengers of God's Mercy. Join us as Thomas
Smith & Sarah Christmyer reveal how the words of the prophets
speak to us even today, as they draw us closer to our heavenly
Bridegroom, and show us how to share him with others. The
program includes a 10-session video study from Ascension
Press. **Classes will begin Monday, January 19th or Tues-
day, January 20th.**

Wednesday mornings class will be:
The Chosen Season 5. Join us as we continue our Chosen jour-
ney with The Chosen: Last Supper. This season focuses on Holy
Week, the Last Supper, and Jesus' final days.
If you have any questions or would like to register contact the
Faith Formation office at 321-349-5445 (voice or text) or by
email at faithformation@stteresa-titusville.org. Space is limited.

Breakfast Buffet
Save the Date for our next Breakfast Buffet **January 18, 2026**
after each Mass in the Parish Center. Omelets made to order,
pancakes, as well as Sausage, Bacon, Scrambled Eggs, Biscuits
and Gravy! Suggested donation: Adults: \$12, Children 5-12 \$6.
Proceeds will be used to reduce the cost of the Youth Travelers
on our Italy Youth Pilgrimage 2026.

Italy Pilgrimage 2026, Fund Raisers

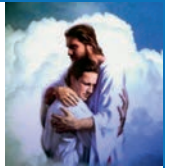
Fund Raiser	Dates
50/50 Raffles	Monthly, ticket sale after each Mass, Drawing at the end of each month.
Breakfast Buffet	Monthly, see announcements and Bulle- tin for dates.
Gift Wrapping	December 20 th & 21 st During/After Masses in Parish Center
Tamales and Ka- bobs	December 21 st following the 11:30 Mass in the Parish Center
Restaurant Spirit Nights	Culvers 5:00pm – 8:00pm ; January 5 th , February 2 nd , April 20 th , June 1 st
Tacos	January 10 th and 24 th Parish Center
Italian Dinner Night	TBD

Bereavement / Grief Support Group

A Grief, Prayer, Support Group has been orga-
nized for anyone that has lost a loved one or is
interested in participating.
You do not need to be a member of the Parish to
participate.

Meetings will be held on **Thursdays from 4:30-6:30PM**.

All are welcome. For additional information, please contact the
Parish Office @321-268-3441



Blue Army Rosary

Blue Army Rosary and Chaplets
The St. Teresa Chapter of the Blue Army is hosting,
in the Chapel, a **weekly**:
Rosary and Chaplet of Divine Mercy on **Monday**
nights at **6pm**



There will be a Pot Luck dinner

Choir Rehearsal

Contemporary choir rehearses every
Tuesday at 7pm in the church.

Traditional choir rehearses every
Wednesday at 7pm in the church



Food Pantry Cor Jesu

The Food Pantry is in need of canned fruit,
pasta & rice.

They are also need of **Gift cards** to use for
turkeys for Thanksgiving and the Christ-
mas holiday. They can be placed in the box outside the
gift shop. So good for meat or perishable items.

If you chose to send a check please make out to Cor Jesu.
Grocery store gift cards are always welcome for perish-
ables. They can be placed in the box outside the gift shop.

Thank you for your weekly generosity.



Baptism

To schedule a Baptism or a Preparation Class contact the
Faith Formation Office 321-349-5445 (voice or text) or by
email at faithformation@stteresa-titusville.org.

The Preparation class will be held on the date and time
you schedule in the Faith Formation Room in Avila Hall.

Knights of Columbus Christmas Tree Sales

All glory to Jesus! Christmas is soon upon
us and the Knights of Columbus will be
bringing in freshly cut Christmas trees and
wreaths for your holiday home decoration!



As always, the trees will be sold under the big tent on the
school and church lot, 7 days a week. **Weekdays from**
**10am to 7pm and weekends 9am to 7pm. begin-
ning on November 29th** until they are all sold out.

The trees are beautiful this year.

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Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe
December 12th

"Hear me and understand well, my son the least, that nothing should frighten or grieve you. Let not your heart be disturbed. Do not fear that sickness, nor any other sickness or anguish.



Am I not here, who is your Mother? Are you not under my protection? Am I not your health? Are you not happily within my fold? What else do you wish? Do not grieve nor be disturbed by anything."
— Our Lady to Juan Diego



Moms of Tiny Saints
A Catholic ministry where moms can find community in the messiness and joy of raising tiny saints. Join us at one of our upcoming events. Contact Kasey at



(321) 289-6399 for any questions.

Dec. 9 10AM Sand Point Park Playground Meet Up
Dec. 18 7PM Text Kasey for address Just-for-Moms night

Monday the 8th is the Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception,

"Do not be afraid, Mary, for you have found favor with God."



the solemn dogma defined by Blessed Pope Pius IX in 1854, was transferred from the 8th because of the Sunday Liturgy.

Through the centuries the Church has become ever more aware that Mary, "full of grace" through God, was redeemed from the moment of her conception.

That is what the dogma of the Immaculate Conception confesses, as Blessed Pope Pius IX proclaimed on December 8, 1854: "The most Blessed Virgin Mary was, from the first moment of her conception, by a singular grace and privilege of almighty God and by virtue of the merits of Jesus Christ, Saviour of the human race, preserved immune from all stain of original sin."

This is a **Holy Day of Obligation**.

Masses at 07:30am, 09:30am and 11:30am

St. Nicholas, Bishop and Confessor

Not much is known about this 4th century bishop, but that doesn't diminish his popularity around the world, both in the East and West. It is known that Nicholas was born in Lycia in Asia Minor (modern-day Turkey) and died in 352 A.D. as the Bishop of Myra. All other stories that surround Nicholas illustrate that he practiced both the spiritual and corporal works of mercy. He was generous, strove to help the poor and disadvantaged, and worked tirelessly to defend the faith. His legends of generosity and a slip of the tongue from other languages has made St. Nicholas or Sinterklaas into today's Santa Claus.



St Nicolas will be outside of the church this weekend to offer candy to the children.

Christmas Concert

This year's Christmas Concert will be held today, **December 7th from 4-5PM** in the church. The program includes the Children's Choir & and hand bell choir.



A Christmas Dinner **will follow**. All are invited to attend.

Christmas Concert Dinner

Ham, Turkey, Gravy, Roasted potatoes, Stuffing, Roasted vegetables -Desserts, coffee, water

Suggested Donation:
Adults \$17 Kids aged 12 & under \$7.

Advent Giving Project

On the evergreen trees on either side of the doors in the Narthex will be trees with tags with the sex and ages of children from 3 months to teen years.



Please take a tag or two and purchase a toy for the children that come to our Food Pantry.

Do NOT wrap the gifts, but attach the tag to it and put it in the wagon by the Chapel.

Thank you for your generosity in meeting the needs of our brothers and sisters who are less fortunate.

The Magi brought gifts of gold, frankincense and myrrh to the baby Jesus.

You too can bring gifts for babies.

As in the past, we can bring gifts to the creche at Christmas to assist BETA with items needed for new babies.

Items such as diapers, baby oil, baby shampoo and small items of clothing.



Thank you for your beautiful gifts from the heart!

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Romans 15:4-9

Good Memories

The memory of good times helps us through the bad times. Sometimes we wonder if we have enough strength to go on, enough charity to be kind again today, enough hope for tomorrow. The memory of good times in the past can give us strength to be virtuous. We know that adversity in the past has made us who we are today. We believe that the adversity of today will make us better for tomorrow.

God has promised good times. God made this promise through many generations of the chosen people. When they were beset by loss of property, exile, and the death of those they loved, they often wondered what their future would be. But God promised better days. They knew from the past that God delivered on promises like this, and they found hope for the present.

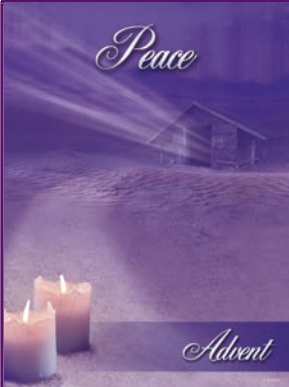
The promises of God were so sacred that they became our Scriptures. Saint Paul says, "Whatever was written previously was written for our instruction, that by endurance and by the encouragement of the Scriptures we might have hope." By examining God's past promises, we take comfort. We know that even in the midst of adversity, we are still held in God's hands.

Jesus came to confirm God's promises to the patriarchs. During Advent we hear these promises over and over again. They prepare us for the joy of Christmas. God had prepared the way for Christ, and God is still guiding the church that is Christ's body.

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On this second **Sunday of Advent** we are preparing for the coming of the Christ child: a child born on the road, in a town that had no room for him.

As Catholics, we have been taught that hospitality for the migrant is part of the fabric of our belief. Our scriptures tell us that nations are judged by how we treat our *anawim* – the widows, orphans and migrants in our midst. We are told, “care for the migrants, for you yourselves were once migrants.” (Deuteronomy 10:18-19) Elsewhere we hear, “pay attention to the strangers in your midst for you may have unknowingly entertained angels.” (Hebrews 13:2)

Yet some will ask, “do we have to care of those who are not following our rules?” In the midst of this lament, these readings invite us to pause and reflect. We have to look beyond the political landscape and dig deeply into our own actions to search our hearts and return to God.

Prayer, fervent prayer, is critical in the movement from despair to hope. We must be filled with prayer for one another, and pray always for love. We pray that our love may increase to help us discern what is of value.

We are being asked to remember to hope, to pray, to repent and to stand with the prophets crying out in the wilderness. We are reminded to love, to be a light in the darkness as a sign of God’s hope, to prepare a way for the Lord, not only during Advent, but vigilantly, fervently, every day.



St. Teresa is planning to perform a version of “*A Living Picture of The Last Supper*”. This is a short play which will explore what the Twelve Apostles might have expressed after hearing Jesus say, “*One of you will betray me.*”

This event is planned for **Palm Sunday**.

We are looking for volunteers to fill the stage roles as well as musicians and general stage help. We have a few volunteers already but more are needed. If you are interested or have questions please contact the Faith Formation Office or attend our first meeting December **9th at 5:30pm** in the Parish Center.

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