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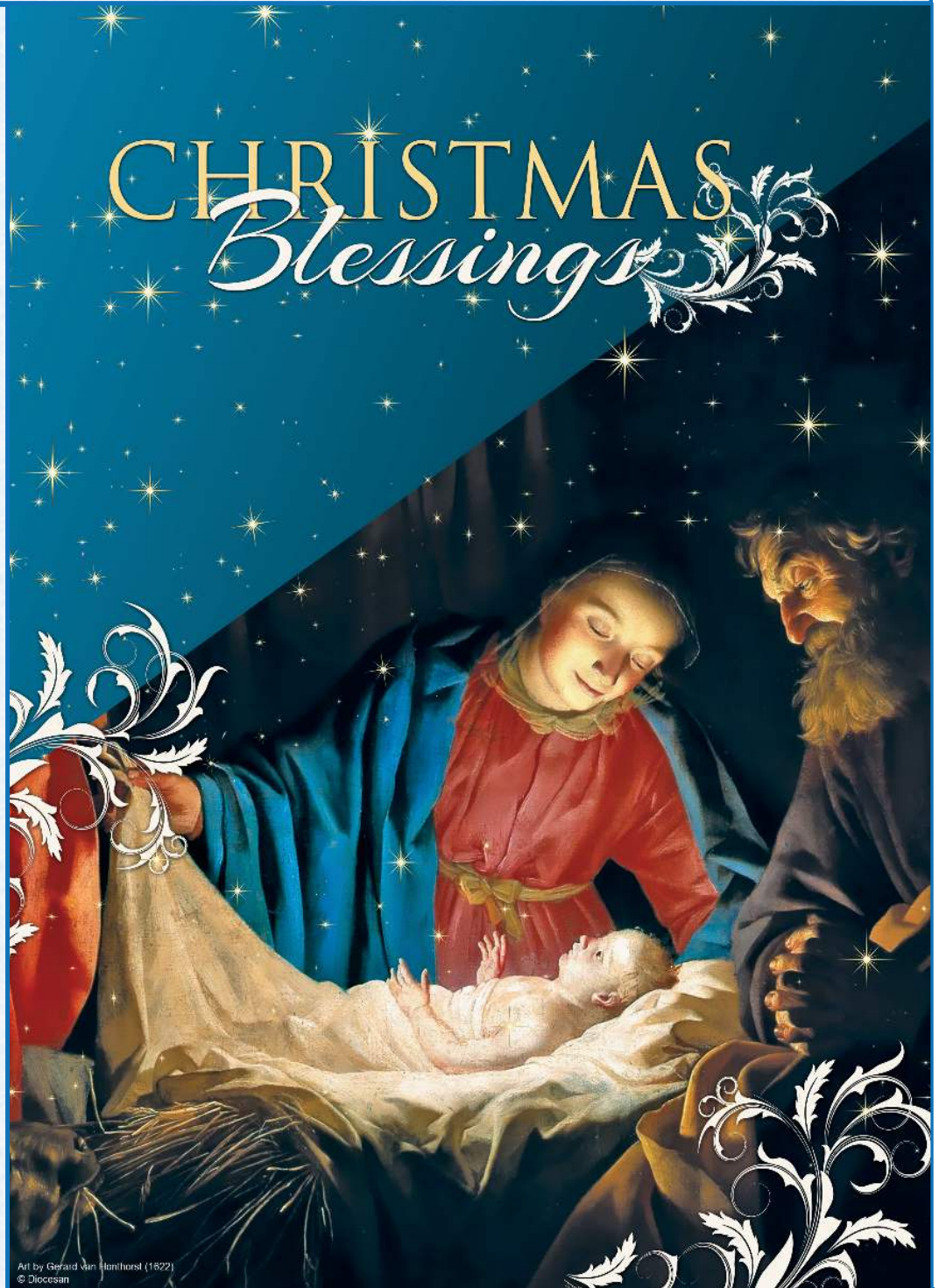
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*December 21, 2025*






# St. Teresa of Avila Catholic Church and School

December 21, 2025

## Mass Intentions for the week of December 21st to December 28th



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Christmas Eve
7:30 AM Lois & Ilah Grefig † by her son, Daniel	7:00 AM For Special Intentions of Father Chris	7:00 AM People of the Parish	7:00 AM Marjorie Bernard † by the Mackey siblings
9:30 AM Special Intention for Ronnie & Jenny Collins, Happy 17th Anniversary	8:30 AM Marvin Kenkel † by the family	8:30 AM Joseph Santosuosso † by a friend	8:30 AM Special Intentions for Father Chris For the Lindenthal family by the family
11:30AM Thomas Beecher Companion † by Beverly Nitti	 <i>The virgin shall be with child.</i>		4:00PM
			6:00PM Laura Silva, Sr & Dana Strittmatter by Laura Silva & Steven Torres Special Intentions for the Clergy & Choir of St Teresa
			12MN

## LITURGY OF THE WORD

### The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary & 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 & Joseph December 28, 2025

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.*

## 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  
Litanies—After the 8:30am Mass

### 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



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Christmas Day	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
9:30AM For all the Souls in Purgatory	7:00 AM Leona Eriksen † by the Eriksen family	8:30 AM Frank Fierro † by the Mazlin family	7:30 AM Wilma Footer † by the Bridges family
11:30AM Peggy & Richard Jones † by Jeanine Zolfaghari	8:30 AM Marie Rodolfo † by Sandra & family	5:00 PM Vince & Dee Wassmuth † by the family	9:30 AM Frank Cardiello † by Emilia Angiona
Sanctuary Lamp is lit for the deceased members of the Horner family			11:30AM Patrick Neiss by the family (Merry Christmas in heaven)
Sanctuary Lamp is lit this week Deceased members of the Horner family			

## 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 \$0,000.00 for the ministries of St. Teresa. Thank you for your continued support and generosity. God bless.

## SCHOOL NEWS



Thank you to all who joined us at **El Leoncita's and Culver's** Spirit Nights!



We truly appreciate your support!



Our **Choir and Bells** students gave a wonderful performance at this year's Christmas Concert.



We're proud of their hard work.



## 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 22nd to January 5th.**

The answering service will be available for emergency calls.

*Happy Holidays to all!*

Eucharistic Adoration

We will have NO Eucharistic Adoration on **Christmas Day or New Years Day**

If anyone has a question, please call  
Cheryl Kassack at: 321-383-1312 (H) 321-795-1456 (c)

## 1st Day of Winter December 21st

Winter Prayer for Warmth and Protection  
O Father, as the chill of winter envelops us, we seek Your warmth and comfort. May Your love shine like the sun on the darkest days, guiding us through the cold nights.

Strengthen  
our spirits and fill our hearts with hope, reminding us of the beauty in every season. Amen.

Please pray for the repose of the soul of Deacon Boland

Deacon passed away on December 14th. Deacon served our parish for a number of years. He always provided a thoughtful Homily and was appreciated by many.

*Eternal rest grant unto him/her, O Lord, and let Your perpetual light shine upon him/her. May his/her soul and the souls of all the faithful departed rest in peace. Amen*





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## FAITH FORMATION

Religious Education (CCD)  
No Religious Education Classes (CCD) this week. Classes will resume on **January 7, 2026**. Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.



OCIA  
NO OCIA meeting this Sunday. Our next meeting will be **January 11, 2026**. Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!

### "O"ur Catholic Nugget

A Quote from Pope Francis "Advent is the time we are given to welcome the Lord who comes to encounter us, and also to verify our longing for God, to look forward and prepare ourselves for Christ's return."

### 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. This session will run for 10-weeks. Classes will begin **Monday, January 19<sup>th</sup> or Tuesday, January 20<sup>th</sup>**.

**Wednesday** mornings class will be, The Chosen Season 5, The Last Supper. This session will run for 8 sessions. Classes will begin **Wednesday January 21<sup>st</sup>**.

All classes will be held in Avila Hall. 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](mailto: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.

### Youth Group Summer Camps

Camp Veritas. **June 9<sup>th</sup> – 14<sup>th</sup>** Lake Placid, Florida  
Ave Maria Youth Conference 2026 **July 10<sup>th</sup> – 12<sup>th</sup>**; Ave Maria University

If you are interested in attending either or both of these summer events, please contact the Faith Formation Office. Cell: (321) 349-5445 (voice or text) Email: [faithformation@stteresa-titusville.org](mailto:faithformation@stteresa-titusville.org)

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 Bulletin for dates.
Restaurant Spirit Nights	Culvers 5:00pm – 8:00pm ; January 5 <sup>th</sup> , February 2 <sup>nd</sup> , April 20 <sup>th</sup> , June 1 <sup>st</sup>
Tacos	January 10 <sup>th</sup> and 24 <sup>th</sup> Parish Center
Italian Dinner Night	TBD

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## Bereavement /Grief Support Group

A Grief, Prayer, Support Group has been organized 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**

The potluck dinners that follow the Rosary, in Avila Hall, will only be held on the Monday following the first Saturday of the month from October through May.



## 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, small bags of rice and canned baked beans

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

Merry Christmas to all! Your donations make a difference to many!



## 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.



## Congratulations to our November 50/50 Winner **SALLY JONES**

Sally won \$1,050 and donated half of her winnings Back to the Youth Group!



**THANK YOU SALLY!**

## Fourth Sunday of Advent



### 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"

### 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

### Christmas Masses

Wednesday, **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

Thursday, **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

Wednesday, **December 31st**, 2019 at 7 PM  
Thursday, **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 Message from our Pastor, Father Chris

Dear Friends in Christ,  
Merry Christmas! On behalf of myself and the Parish 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.

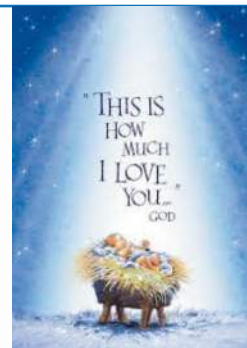
Know that we pray for you, your loved ones and your intentions. Thank you for lifting us in prayer as well. May you have the grace to find happiness and joy this Christmas and throughout the New Year... and may we meet each day in our prayers!

In joyful hope,  
Father Chris, and the Parish Staff

### 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





# 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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## 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  
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