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DECEMBER 10, 2023

Making God known and loved,
humbly and joyfully,
sharing our gifts, spreading the Gospel,
celebrating the Sacraments,
trusting Jesus using *The Little Way of St. Therese*

*“Comfort, give comfort to my people,
says your God” (Is 40:1)*

Handel’s Messiah is one of the most famous works of classical music performed during the season of Advent. Handel used this Sunday’s first reading at length to compose one of the most famous male solos of the Messiah making Isaiah 40: 1-5, 9-11 one of the most recognizable Old Testament scripture passages.



The prophet speaks of comfort for God’s people as a new beginning peak over the horizon. God’s people experience this particular comfort through the merciful action of redemption from their sins. Additionally, God’s people experience the comfort of knowing that God is right with them through their hardships.

As members of God’s people today our comfort lies in our redemption through Christ. His birth which we will celebrate in the next couple of weeks calls our attention to this new beginning and the deep abiding comfort of Jesus the Lord.

<u>Daily Mass Schedule</u> Monday—Friday 7:00 a.m. 1st Saturday 7:00 a.m.	<u>Weekend Mass Schedule</u> Saturday 4:30 p.m. Sunday 8:00 a.m.(Livestream to YouTube) & 11:00 a.m.	<u>Sacrament of Reconciliation</u> Saturday 3:00—4:00 p.m. Or by appointment	<u>Office Hours</u> Monday -Friday 9:00 a.m.—Noon & Monday-Thursday 1:00 p.m.—3:30 p.m.
<u>Liturgy of the Hours—Morning Prayer Monday—Friday 6:30am</u>			
Eucharistic Adoration in St. Therese Chapel: Tuesday—Friday; 7:30am to 6:00pm. Rosary & Benediction begin at 6:00pm			

Ministry Schedule for December 16th—December 17th

Saturday, December 16th 4:30 pm

- Lector – Joanna Goodman
- Altar Servers - Manalo Brothers,
- Sacristan - Ron Diodosio
- EMHC— Deacon Carl, Rose Wertz, Ruben Roman
- Porter - Mary Lou Haering

Sunday, December 17th— 8:00 am

- Lector – Michelle Caligaris
- Altar Servers - Nate Hawkins
- Sacristan - Michele Prado-Landreth
- EMHC— Deacon Carl, Paul Hawkins, Michele Prado-Landreth
- Porter - Carl Amato
- Coffee & Donuts— Kathleen Marohn, Frankie Ballas

Sunday, December 17th— 11:00 am

- Lector – Children’s Mass
- Altar Servers - Carlo Skilling
- Sacristan - Michele Prado-Landreth
- EMHC—Deacon Carl, Tom & Isabel Starnes
- Porter— Rich Bassi, Mary Sandoval
- Coffee & Donuts— Joan Gallegos, Lyn Gallegos

PLEASE STOP BY THE CLOISTER

- ◆ 2024 extension Calendars are available.
- ◆ “Jesus and the Jewish Roots of the Eucharist
More copies have been ordered and will be available;
each family is welcome to take 1 copy for Advent reflection.

Little Flower Gifts

- ◆ Shrine gift items are available for purchase.

READINGS FOR THE WEEK Dec 11—Dec 17

Monday: Is 35:1-10; Ps 85:9ab&10,11-12,13-14;
Lk 5:17-26

Tuesday: ZEC 2:14-17; Judith 13:18bcde,19;
Lk 1:26-38

Wednesday: Is 40:25-31; Ps 103:1-2,3-4,8&10;
Mt 11:28-30

Thursday: Is 41:13-20; Ps 145:1&9,10-11,12-13ab;
Mt 11:11-15

Friday: Is 48:17-19; Ps 1:1-2,3,4&6; Mt 11:16-19

Saturday: Sir 48:1-4,9-11; Ps 80:2ac&3b,15-16,18-19;
Mt 17:9a,10-13

Sunday: Is 61:1-2a,10-11; Lk 1:46-48,49-50,53-54;
1 Thes 5:16-24; Jn 1:6-8,19-28

COUNCIL OF CATHOLIC WOMEN

SHRINE of ST THERESE

The Shrine of St. Therese CCW will have their regular meeting on this coming Thursday, December 14th at 11:30 am in the hospitality room.

**OCIA CLASS WITH DEACON CARL COOK
TUESDAY, DECEMBER 19, 2023 6:00pm – 7:30pm in
the hospitality room.**

What is OCIA?

The Order of Christian Initiation of Adults (OCIA) is the process for adults who desire to join the Catholic faith and for those seeking more information on the Catholic Church. OCIA can also be a method for Catholics to complete their reception of the initiation sacraments. The rite is designed for adults “who after hearing the mystery of Christ proclaimed, consciously and freely seek the living God

Plan to come to help us decorate our Shrine for the Christmas season.

We will begin at approximately 10:15am on Sunday, December 24th, following the 9:00am Mass.

We will have several large nativity sets, banners and flowers that will need to be placed in the church, chapel and cloister.

Advent Penance Services in Pueblo Deanery

Dec. 9, 2023	8:45 am	St. Mary
Dec. 9, 2023	3:00 pm	Our Lady of Mt. Carmel .
Dec. 13, 2023	6:00 pm	Holy Family
Dec. 14, 2023	5:30 pm	St. Benedict, Florence
Dec. 15, 2023	12:00 pm	St. Joseph
Dec. 15, 2023	4:00 pm	St. Francis Xavier
Dec. 15, 2023	6:30 pm	Christ the King
Dec. 15, 2023	6:30 pm	St. Leander
Dec. 17, 2023	5:00 pm	St. Michael, Canon City
**Dec. 20, 2023	6:00 pm	Shrine of St. Therese
		Penance also available Saturdays at 3:00pm
Dec. 21, 2023	6:00pm	St. Aloysius, Rye

First Reconciliation

First Reconciliation retreat was held on Saturday the 9th in the morning. Thank you, families, for attending the retreat. First Reconciliation for the children (who have been baptized) will be Saturday the 16th in the Chapel @ 10:00 am. Please arrive by 9:50 am.

Important Due Dates for those in a Sacramental year:Applications:

First Eucharist Application - 12/17/23

OCIC application - 12/10 or 12/17/23

Confirmation application - 12/17/23

Baptismal certificates (contact place of Baptism for certificate):

First Eucharist - 12/17/23

Confirmation (with notations on the back) - 12/17/23

OCIC birth certificates - 12/17/23

***Please note the children in the Confirmation and OCIC programs will have more forms to be turned in the second half of the Faith Formation year.**

Thank you to those who have already turned in the forms and certificates that are due this half of the year.

No class Dec 24th, Dec 31st or Jan 7th (Christmas Break)

St. Nicholas Advent Celebration "Seeking Jesus" 2023

Our St. Nicholas Celebration was a huge success!

While families enjoyed yummy chili, chips, salad, & cornbread St. Nicholas arrived and read the book, *Mass and the Manger*, to the children.

After visiting with St. Nick, the children were able to take part in some fun cookie decorating and ornament making; and participated in a "Seeking



Jesus" activity with their parents. The children answered some questions on where they could find Jesus in the church and were entered into a raffle to win an Advent/Christmas book.

Delicious baked goods were provided by our Faith Formation families. Tamales that were donated by Joseph's Food Truck (Andreanna Urioste) were raffled off as well.

The celebration ended with the announcement of our raffle winners.

Congratulations to those who won the Advent /Christmas book and the tamales!

It was a wonderful evening.

We give great thanks to all who volunteered at the event and behind the scenes. More detailed thanks can be found on our Shrine website, along with more photos. **A special thank you to Carl Amato!**



Adult Formation with Deacon Carl
 Sunday 9:30am—10:30am Dec. 10th - Hospitality Room
 We will NOT have adult formation
 Dec. 17th, 24th or 31st.

Did you know....



When someone is baptized at the Shrine they are provided with a white garment signifying their new life in Christ.

We have been fortunate in recent years that these baptismal garments have been prayerfully sewn, embroidered, and gifted by parishioners, giving the baptized a touch of added connection with their church family. We give thanks for the hands and hearts that have given this gift.

If you might be able and interested in assisting with this 'behind the scenes' ministry, please contact Mary in the parish office for more information.

Baptism

Schedule for 3-session baptismal classes:

Next sessions scheduled for:

Saturdays

January 6th, 13th & 20th, 2024

9:00am – 10:30am

OR

Wednesdays

January 10th, 17th & 24th, 2024

6:00pm – 7:30pm

Contact Mary Sandoval in parish office with questions,
or email: baptism@sostpueblo.org

Angel Giving Tree



If you took an Angel gift tag from the giving tree, please wrap the gift noted on the back of the Angel, and return the gift, with the Angel attached, by December 14th.

You can bring the gift to the parish office, or place in the baptistry by the Angel tree.

Thank you again for helping those in need this Christmas season!

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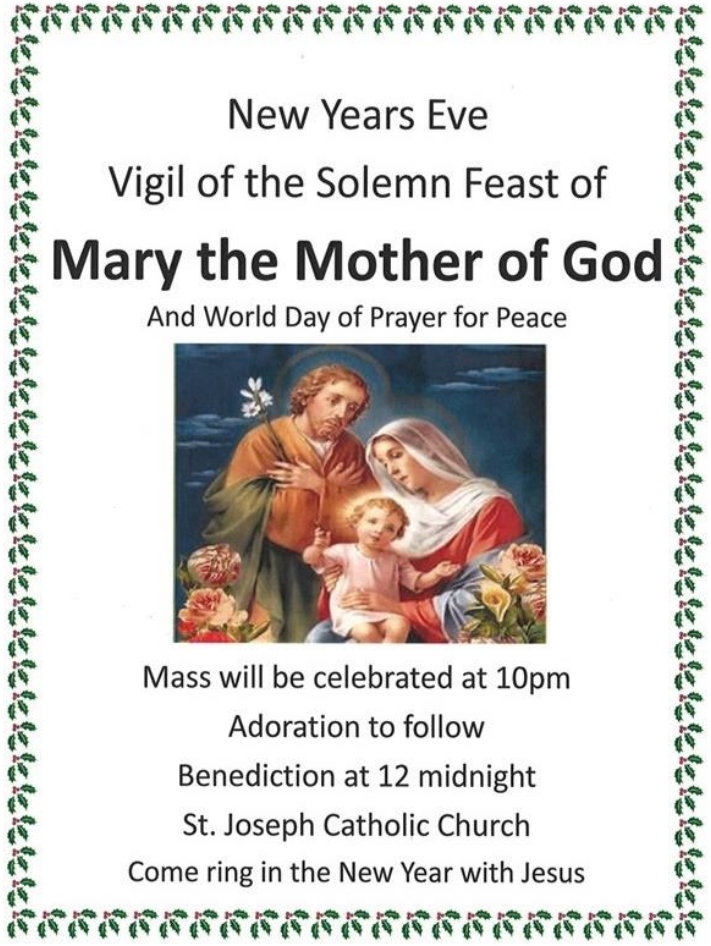
Cooperative Care Center's wish for the month of December is for: Candy, Canned Fruit, Nuts
Put your donation in the food cart in the cloister.
Thank You!

We are in need of volunteers to help serve wassail after the following Masses:



- ♦ December 24th, after the 4:00pm Mass;
- ♦ December 25th, after Midnight Mass;
- ♦ December 25th, after 9:00am Mass;
- ♦ December 31st, after 4:00pm Mass;
- ♦ January 1st, after 9:00am Mass

Please sign up at Porter's desk in the cloister.



New Years Eve Vigil of the Solemn Feast of Mary the Mother of God

And World Day of Prayer for Peace



Mass will be celebrated at 10pm

Adoration to follow

Benediction at 12 midnight

St. Joseph Catholic Church

Come ring in the New Year with Jesus

Offertory Summary (including online giving)
Ordinary Time (12/2/2023-12/3/2023)
Stewardship all Masses: \$13,948.61
Thank you for your continued generosity.