



300 Goodnight Avenue • Pueblo, Colorado 81004
Phone: 542-1788 – sostpueblo.org

DECEMBER 17, 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*

Gaudete Sunday ~ Third Sunday of Advent

Several years ago, one of our parish moms shared a story about her son. When he was younger, he was running around playing and fell. Mom looked at the little one and asked if he was okay. He replied, "Yeah! Sometimes I run so fast I just can't keep up with myself".

Today is *Gaudete* or Joyful Sunday. The readings for today offer us a reminder that every experience of joy finds meaning and purpose in an encounter with Him who was sent by the Father to bring joy to the poor.

Many saints out of their love for Christ developed a great sense of humor and desired to share Christ's love with others through joy and laughter.

St. Thomas More is one example. History tells much about him from his life as a devout family man and chancellor of England under the Tudor king, Henry VIII. It also reveals that More had a great sense of joy even as he was persecuted for professing loyalty to God first then the king.

In a prayer called "Prayer for Good Humor," we get a small glimpse into the deep joy of one of the great legal minds of his day.

Grant me, O Lord, good digestion, and also something to digest.

Grant me a healthy body, and the necessary good humor to maintain it.

*Grant me a simple soul that knows to treasure all that is good
and that doesn't frighten easily at the sight of evil,
but rather finds the means to put things back in their place.*

*Give me a soul that knows not boredom, grumblings, sighs and laments,
nor excess of stress because of that obstructing thing called "I".*

Grant me, O Lord, a sense of good humor.

*Allow me the grace to be able to take a joke to discover in life a bit of joy,
and to be able to share it with others.—Amen*

A little humor now and then is good, even holy. On this *Gaudete* Sunday let us remember to not take ourselves too seriously that we might become like little children rejoicing in the Lord.

Indeed, the Lord is near!

Fr. Michael

<u>Daily Mass Schedule</u>	<u>Weekend Mass Schedule</u>	<u>Sacrament of Reconciliation</u>	<u>Office Hours</u>
Monday—Friday 7:00 a.m.	Saturday 4:30 p.m.	Saturday 3:00—4:00 p.m.	Monday -Friday 9:00 a.m.—Noon
1st Saturday 7:00 a.m.	Sunday 8:00 a.m.(Livestream to YouTube) & 11:00 a.m.	Or by appointment	& 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 23rd—December 24th
Fourth Sunday of Advent

Saturday, December 23rd 4:30 pm

- Lector – Rose Wertz
- Altar Servers - Josh Costello
- Sacristan - Ron Diodosio
- EMHC— Ruben Roman & Connie Roman,
Matt Rohar
- Porter - Connie Roman

Sunday, December 24th— 9:00 am

- Lector – Angie Lundgren
- Altar Servers - Carlo Skilling
- Sacristan - Michele Prado-Landreth
- EMHC— Tom & Isabel Stames, Noelle Sandoval
- Porter - Rich Bassi, Mary Sandoval

Ministry Schedules for Christmas December 24th & 25th

Sunday, December 24th 4:00 pm Vigil

- Lector – Hilary Munoz
- Altar Servers - Kieran Munoz, Tony & Dillon Manalo
- Sacristan - Rose Wertz
- EMHC— Deacon Carl, Vince Perez, Michelle Caligaris
- Porter - Mary Lou Haering
- Wassail—

Monday, December 25th— Midnight Mass

- Lector – Jean Parker
- Altar Servers - Josh Costello, Tony & Connor Manalo
- Sacristan - Michele Prado-Landreth
- EMHC— Deacon Carl, Tom & Isabel Starnes
- Porter—Stacey Costello
- Wassail—

Monday, December 25th— 9:00 am

- Lector – Rosalie Amato
- Altar Servers - Nate Hawkins
- Sacristan - Michele Prado-Landreth
- EMHC—Deacon Carl, Pablo Pedroza, Cindy Elliott
- Porter— Carl Amato
- Wassail—

Masses for Solemnity of Mary:

Anticipatory Mass December 31, 2023 4:00pm

January 1, 2024 9:00am



Advent Penance Service

Shrine of St. Therese

Wednesday, December 20, 2023 6:00 pm

Dec. 21, 2023 6:00pm St. Aloysius, Rye

Please note that we will not have Confession on
December 23rd.



THANK YOU to everyone who donated gifts through our Angel Giving Tree. The gifts were gratefully received for distribution to A Caring Pregnancy Center, CASA, Toys 4 Tots, Poor Clare Sisters, Servants of the Blessed Sacrament, Mt. Carmel Veterans Center, and the Mariposa Center for Safety.



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.

All help is appreciated!

The parish office will be closed from December 22nd, through January 1st. The office will re-open Tuesday, January 2nd.

READINGS FOR THE WEEK Dec 18—Dec 24

Monday: Jer 23:5-8; Ps 72:1-2,12-13,18-19;
Mt 1:18-25

Tuesday: Jgs 13:2-7,24-25a; Ps 71:3-4a,5-6ab,16-17;
Lk 1:5-25

Wednesday: Is 7:10-14; Ps 24:1-2,3-4ab,5-6;
Lk 1:26-38

Thursday: Sg 2:8-14; Ps 33:2-3,11-12,20-21;
Lk 1:39-45

Friday: 1 Sm 1:24-28; 1 Samuel 2:1,4-5,6-7,8abcd;
Lk 1:46-56

Saturday: Mal 3:1-4,23-24; Ps 25:4-5ab,8-9,10&14;
Lk 1:57-66

Sunday: 2 Sm 7:1-5,8b-12,14a,16; Ps 89:2-3,4-5,27,29;
Rom 16:25-27; Lk 1:26-38

FAITH FORMATION

Congratulations to the children in the First Communion class who received their First Reconciliation this Saturday, 12-16. Please continue to keep them in your prayers as they continue to prep for their First Holy Eucharist this spring.

Sunday December 17th – Due: Sacramental Application forms and certificates for First Communion, Confirmation and OCIC .

Sunday Dec. 17th - Last day of class before Christmas break.

No class – **Christmas Break** – 12/24, 12/31, and 1/7

Classes resume Sunday 1/7/2024.



YOUTH GROUP

12-17-2023 @ Christ the King (CTK) 12:15 pm - 2:15 pm

All middle and high school aged children are invited and encouraged to attend Youth Group at CTK. There will be guest speakers, food, and lots of fun. Don't miss out, bring a friend!

The Shrine of St. Therese will host the Youth Group in the new year on Sunday, January 21st.

NET Retreat (Confirmation)

Children who are preparing to receive the Sacrament of Confirmation in the spring of 2024 are required to attend a retreat. NET Retreat is open to all middle and high school aged children in the parish:

Where: The Cathedral of the Sacred Heart

When: Friday Jan 12th, 2024 - "Love one another" 3 pm – 8 pm

or Saturday January 13th – "Identity in Christ" 9 am – 2 pm

Cost: \$25

Deadline for registration is Monday, Jan 8th.

Contact Charlotte Martinez in the parish office for registration information (719-542-1788 ext. 7)



Commemorative Christmas ornaments of the Shrine of St. Therese are available to purchase in the cloister. Cost \$15.



**OCIA CLASS WITH
DEACON CARL COOK**

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 19, 2023

6:00pm – 7:30pm in the hospitality room.

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.



Blessing a favorite Christmas ornament
 O God, we celebrate this Christmas season as members of Your family.
 We want this season to be filled with Your love and care.
 We offer some of our hopes and thoughts for this Christmas.

God of Love, be with us as we journey through this season of special joy and hope. May ornaments be a sign for us of sharing the true spirit of Christmas not only with our family and friends, but with those our world calls "strangers", and those who are outcast or forgotten.



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 (12/9/2023-12/10/2023)
Stewardship all Masses: \$9,501.78
Thank you for your continued generosity.



Find as many as you can of each:

Mary	Joseph	Baby Jesus	St. Therese
Rosaries	Roses	Wise Men	Nativity Scenes
Shrine	Bows	Penguins	Stars

IN THE CLOISTER

- ◆ 2024 extension Calendars are available.
- ◆ "Jesus and the Jewish Roots of the Eucharist"
Little Flower Gifts
- ◆ Shrine gift items are available for purchase.

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

PASTOR Rev. Michael Chrisman Ext. 4
mchrisman@dioceseofpueblo.org
Deacon Carl Cook
Theresa Farley Ext. 3
tfarley@sostpueblo.org
Ministry Coordinator
Julie Costello Ext. 2
ministry@sostpueblo.org
Maintenance
Kevin Keys Ext. 2

Religious Education
Charlotte Martinez Ext. 7
redept@sostpueblo.org
Shelly Palumbo Ext. 8
recatechist@sostpueblo.org
Baptism
Mary Sandoval Ext. 5
baptism@sostpueblo.org
Sacristan
Michele Prado-Landreth

Reception
Carol Kristan Ext. 2
ckristan@sostpueblo.org
Julie Costello
Jeanenne Cox
Music Coordinator
Terri Cook Ext. 2
tcook@sostpueblo.org
Custodian
Josh Costello Ext. 2

**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!**