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

DECEMBER 21, 2025

Fourth Sunday of Advent

"A virgin shall conceive, and bear a son, and shall name him Emmanuel"
(Is. 7:14)



"Reading this passage from Isaiah as though it were an historical retelling of God's people looking for a sign amid hard times is only part of the story. Jesus doesn't just give us hope. Hope like that is easily reduced to what we might call 'wishful thinking'. The hope that Jesus brings is himself. Jesus is hope Incarnate! God among us!

The distance from Nazareth to Bethlehem is about 70 miles. And so begins the last leg of the journey... " -- Fr. Michael Chrisman

Christmas Vigil December 24th

Mass 4:00pm

Christmas December 25th

Mass: 12:00am ~ Midnight

Mass: 10:00am

Solemnity of Mary

Anticipatory December 31st

Mass: 4:00pm

January 1, 2026

Mass: 9:00am

Daily Mass Schedule

Tuesday, Thursday, Friday
7:00am

Wednesday 8:10am

1st Saturday
7:00am

Weekly Mass Schedule

Saturday
4:30pm

Sunday

8:00am (also Livestream to YouTube)
& 11:00am

Sacrament of Reconciliation

Saturday
3:00pm – 4:00pm
Or by appointment

Office Hours

Monday – Friday
9:00am – Noon
&

Monday-Thursday
1:00pm – 3:30pm

Liturgy of the Hours – Morning Prayer Tuesday – Friday 6:30am

Eucharistic Adoration in St. Therese Chapel: Tuesday – Friday; 7:30am to 4:30pm Rosary begins at 4:00pm

**Christmas Eve and Christmas Day
Ministry Schedule for December 24th & 25th**
December 24th – 4:00pm Christmas Eve

Lector – Rose Wertz

Altar Servers – Carlo Skilling, Eero Skilling

Sacristan – Ron Diodosio

EMHC – Deacon Carl, Dan & Sheila Kraus,
Dominic Giadone, Ron Diodosio

Porter – Joan McDonald

December 25th – Midnight Christmas

Lector – Ray Zupancic

Altar Servers – Josh Costello, Nate Hawkins

Sacristan – Michele Prado-Landreth

EMHC – Deacon Carl, Tom & Isabel Starnes

Porter – Mary Sandoval

December 25th – 10:00am Christmas

Lector – Angie Lundgren

Altar Servers – Kellum Hendrix, Carlo &
Eero Skilling

Sacristan – Al Pearson

EMHC – Ruben Roman, Vernal Sanchez,
Veronica Salinas-Rodriguez

Porter – Rich Bassi



*Shrine of St. Therese,
Pueblo, Colorado*

Dear Friends in Christ,

As we move into the holy season of Christmas, I send my warmest greetings! We know that with the election of our new Holy Father, Pope Leo XIV, this year marks an important and hopeful moment for our church. Throughout the year we have followed the path of The Little Way under the guidance of Our Lady and our little sister, St. Thérèse of the Child Jesus. We have been steadfast in taking steps to make our future promising and fruitful. We are becoming knit together in prayer, and our prayers are being heard!

May your hearts be warmed by Jesus, Mary, and Joseph gathered around the sacred manger this holy Christmas season! I shall be remembering you and yours in the Masses and prayers I offer. May our constant and steadfast prayers be ever-strengthened throughout the New Year ahead!

+ SJF

*The Most Reverend Stephen J. Berg
Bishop of Pueblo*

Eucharistic Adoration at the Shrine will be closed from December 23, 2025 through January 2, 2026, and will resume January 6th at 7:30am.

The parish office will be closed from December 23rd through January 1st.

The office will re-open Friday, January 2nd.

Emergency after hours: (719) 582-1428.

Ministry Schedule for December 27th & 28th
Saturday, December 27th – 4:30pm

Lector – Kathy Bleichrodt

Altar Servers – Josh Costello

Sacristan – Rose Wertz

EMHC – Dave Bleichrodt, Joan McDonald,
Vince Perez

Porter – Margaret McDonald

Sunday, December 28th – 8:00am

Lector – Mimi Lundgren

Altar Servers – Nate Hawkins, Henry & Liam Shea

Sacristan – Michele Prado-Landreth

EMHC – Deacon Carl, Benjamin Cardosa,
Dominic Giadone

Porter – Carl Amato

Coffee & Donuts – Rick Hinkley, Joe Zanetell

Sunday, December 28th – 11:00am

Lector – Jean Parker

Altar Servers – Kellum Hendrix, Henry Shea,
Liam Shea

Sacristan – Al Pearson

EMHC – Tom & Isabel Starnes, Vernal Sanchez

Porter – Rich Bassi, Mary Sandoval

Coffee & Donuts – Tom & Isabel Starnes



You are invited to sing
Christmas carols
15 minutes before each
of our Christmas Masses:
Dec. 24th – begin 3:45pm
Midnight – begin
11:45pm
Dec. 25th – begin 9:45am

Baptism

Schedule for 3-session baptismal classes:

Next sessions scheduled for:

Wednesdays January 14, 21 & 28, 2026

6:00pm – 7:30pm in hospitality room

OR

Saturdays January 17, 24 & 31, 2026

9:00am – 10:30am in hospitality room

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

Faith Formation

Order of Christian Initiation for Adults and Children

Sunday, December 14th the Rite of Entrance into the Catechumenate was held at the 11:00 am Mass.

This was for all those in the OCIA and OCIC program. *"The inquirer stands amidst the parish community and states that he or she wants to become a baptized member of the Catholic Church. The parish assembly affirms this desire, and the inquirer becomes a Catechumen."* USCCB

Please continue to keep all the Catechumens in your prayers.

First Reconciliation Retreat was held on Saturday, December 13th for the children in Faith Formation preparing to receive the Sacrament.

The children and their families were able to watch a fun and informative Brother Francis video on Reconciliation.

Children on Formed, witness a demonstration of sin and confession, and reviewed the steps of confession with their parents.

The retreat ended with the children getting a tour of the confessional in the Chapel.

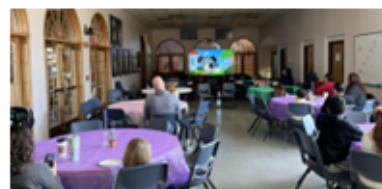
Children's Mass Ministries

Sunday, December 21st, 11:00 am

Lectors/Readers: Julia B & Sofia J. Gift Bearers: Naevia & family

Bulletin Distributors: Mila M. & Emily V.

Thank you to all the children for volunteering to serve in the different ministries.



THANK YOU to everyone who donated gifts for our Angel Giving Tree.

The gifts were gratefully received for distribution to A Caring Pregnancy Center, CASA, Bridges Child Placement, Mt. Carmel Veterans Center, Poor Clare Sisters, Servants of the Blessed Sacrament, and Mariposa Center for Safety.

Adult Faith Formation
Join Deacon Carl Cook
for Adult Formation
every Sunday from
9:30am - 10:30am
in the hospitality room.

**The 3rd Joyful Mystery****The Nativity**

"While they were there, the time came for her to have her Child, and she gave birth to her firstborn son. She wrapped him in swaddling clothes and laid him in a manger, because there was no room for them in the inn." Luke 2:6-7

The miracle of birth. Wow! Mary and every mother, having pain and laboring for however many hours to give birth. Knowing how many things can go wrong in childbirth and yet the majority of time everything does go well. And here is Jesus being born in a stable. Then the joy of having the baby in her/your arms. How precious every child born is. I don't know about you but every newborn I see I just want to pick them up and cuddle them.

That God should come to us in human form so that we can see him is unfathomable. Yet he did. The fact that he humbled himself to become human should help us learn to be humble. He gave us himself as a role model to learn from.

The Christmas season is one filled with hope, peace and love. We hope for a better world. We pray for peace. We love our neighbors. People ask how can we continue this goodwill throughout the year? When we pray the 3rd Joyful mystery, we can think of the baby Jesus and try to take his humility, his unconditional love out into the world every day of the year. —Rose Wertz

Eucharistic Renewal Team



NFC

**Super Bowl LX will be held
February 8, 2026.**

**We are selling squares for 3 (three)
Super Bowl Boards
\$10 - \$25 - \$50**

**Boards are available in the parish
office weekdays, or in the cloister
after weekend Masses.**

AFC

Join us for wassail in the cloister following these Masses:

- December 24th, after the 4:00pm Mass;
- December 25th, after Midnight Mass;
- December 25th, after 10:00am Mass;
- December 31st, after 4:00pm Mass;
- January 1st, after 9:00am Mass



If you have a hearing impairment and require assistive listening support at Masses, please contact the parish office for information.

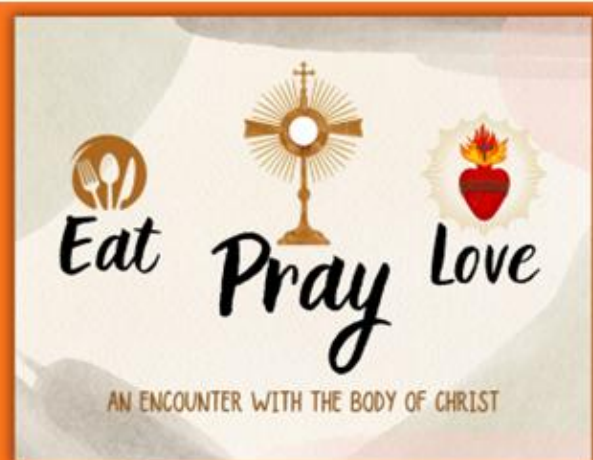
READINGS FOR THE WEEK

December 22nd – December 28th

Monday: 1 Samuel 1:24-28; 1 Samuel 2:1,4-8abcd;
Lk 1:46-56
Tuesday: Malachi 3:1-4,23-24; Ps 25:4-5ab,8-10,14;
Lk 1:57-66
Wednesday: 2 Samuel 7:1-5,8b-12,14a,16; Ps 89:2-5,27,29
Lk 1:67-79
Thursday: Isaiah 52:7-10; Ps 98:1-6; Hebrews 1:1-6;
Jn 1:1-18
Friday: Acts 6:8-10; 7:54-59; Ps 31:3cd-4,6,8ab,16bc,17;
Mt 10:17-22
Saturday: 1 John 1:1-4; Ps 97:1-2,5-6,11-12; Jn 20:1a,2-8
Sunday: Sirach 3:2-6,12-14; Ps 128:1-2,3,4-5
Colossians 3:12-21; Mt 2:13-15,19-23

**St. Mary Help of Christians and
The Slovenian Union of America #3
(Celebrating it's 100th Anniversary)**

Invite you to a **FREE** presentation about
Slovenian heritage, culture and genealogy
by native Slovenian, Barbara Bedenk,
Sunday, January 11, 2026 / 1:30 P.M.
St. Mary's Hall, 307 E. Mesa Ave, Pueblo
Contact Judy (Jesik) Chandler (719) 250-7480
judcr101@gmail.com



2025-2026

Wednesday, September 24th: 5 pm (Hospitality Room)

Wednesday, October 15th: 5 pm (Hospitality Room)

Sunday, November 16th--Advent: 9:15 am (Parish Hall)

Wednesday, January 14th: 5 pm (Hospitality Room)

Sunday, February 1st--Lent: 9:15 am (Parish Hall)

Saturday, March 7th--Mass 101: 9-12 pm (Church)

Offertory Summary Ordinary Time
(12/13/2025 – 12/14/2025)
Stewardship all Masses: \$10,166.37
Thank you for your continued generosity.

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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.
Thank you!