



SHRINE of
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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

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

Fourth Sunday of Advent



"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**

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

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**

*Shrine of St. Therese,
Parishioner,*

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!

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The Most Reverend Stephen J. Berg

Bishop of Pueblo

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.



*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.

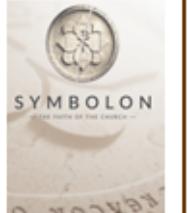
Thank you to all the children for volunteering to serve in the different ministries.



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 thy 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

