SHRINE of SAINT THERESE
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**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***

DECEMBER 18, 2022

The Forth Sunday of Advent

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

There are 3 characteristics of God's sign from the prophet Isaiah from this Sunday; all of which find fulfillment in the Nativity of the Lord.

In the gospels of St. Matthew (Mt. 1:23) and St. Luke (Lk. 1:26-31) we are told of the virgin Mary. And in both Gospels, we are reminded that Jesus is the son of Mary and He is also the Messiah—the true God who brings us salvation.

The Virgin Mary giving birth is pretty amazing, but perhaps the most significant part of the prophecy of Isaiah is the part where he says she will bear a son. Imagine hearing those words for the first time—a child born not yet known? This sign spoken of by the prophet would mean that this Childs birth would be a *symbol* of hope, "God is with us". God with us in every part of our life! But, this prophecy is more than just a symbol of God with us. Jesus *is* God with us. God come to His people to save.

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…

Daily Mass Schedule	Weekend Mass Schedule	Sacrament of Reconciliation	Office Hours
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.

Eucharistic Adoration in St. Therese Chapel: Tuesday—Friday; 7:30am to 6:00pm. Rosary and Benediction begin at 6:00pm

Ministry Schedule for December 24th - 25th

Saturday, December 24 - 4:00 pm
Lector – Michelle & Stevie Caligaris

- Altar Servers - Manalos
- Sacristan - Ron Diodosio
- EMHC— Deacon Carl, Ron & Cathy Diodosio,
- Porter - Mary Lou Haering
- Usher– Christin Kottenstette

Sunday, December 25– Midnight

- Lector – Kim Dernovsek
- Altar Servers - Josh Costello
- Sacristan - Michele Prado-Landreth
- EMHC—Deacon Carl, Darla Sexton
- Porter - Jim Cox
- Usher - Jeanenne Cox

Sunday, December 25— 9:00 am

- Lector – Jeninne Lough
- Altar Servers - Henry & Liam Shea, Carlo Skilling
- Sacristan - Al Pearson
- EMHC—Ed Perry, Ernie Aguilar, Vernal Sanchez
- Porter - Mary Sandoval
- Usher - Rich Bassi

Please come to help us decorate our Shrine for the Christmas season. We will begin at 8:00am on this Friday, December 23rd, in the main church.

We will have several large trees, banners, nativity sets, 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 23rd, through January 2nd.
The office will re-open Tuesday, January 3rd.

Advent Penance Service

Dec. 20 6:00pm Shrine of St. Therese

Christmas Mass Schedules

Saturday, December 24, 2022 4:00pm Christmas Vigil
Will also be livestreamed to Shrine YouTube channel
Sunday, December 25, 2022 Midnight Mass
Sunday, December 25, 2022 9:00am

Solemnity of Mary

December 31, 2022 4:30pm Anticipatory Mass
January 1, 2023 8:00am & 11:00am Masses

Wassail will be served in the cloister following each of these Masses.

If you would like to help serve wassail, please contact Michele Prado-Landreth in the parish office.

Raffle tickets for the St. Valentine Sock Hop & Raffle are now available for purchase!

Grand prize: $1,0000
3 prizes of $200
1 prize of $100

You may purchase tickets in the cloister after weekend Masses, or in the parish office.

You are also welcome to pick up some tickets in the cloister to share with friends, relatives, and anyone who wants a chance to win!!

Ticket stubs and payments can be returned to the parish office, or dropped in the collection in an envelope marked "raffle" (envelopes available at Porter's Desk).

Drawing will be February 3, 2023.

Thank you for participating!

Faith Formation will be on break after classes this Sunday the 18th. Classes will resume on Sunday January 15th.

We pray you have a blessed last week of Advent and have a wonderful Christmas season with your loved ones. Take care and we will see you back in the new year!

NET Retreat

NET retreat registration is open to the children in the parish 7th grade-12th grade. You can register at Faith Formation this Sunday the 18th, in the parish office or obtain a registration form on-line at *www.sostpueblo.org*. Thank you.

Please contact Charlotte in the parish office for more details.

NET Retreat Information:

Date: Jan 20 and 21st 2023
Place: Cathedral
Time: 9:00 am -3:00 pm
Cost: $25

Reminder: Confirmation students are required to attend a retreat before they receive the Sacrament. **Registration will be closed after January 9th**. Please register your child before that date.

"The world might have expected the Son of God to be born in an inn; a stable would certainly be the last place in the world where one would look for Him. The lesson is: DIVINITY IS ALWAYS WHERE YOU LEAST EXPECT TO FIND IT."
Bishop Fulton Sheen

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Wonder Counselor	Father Forever	Prince Peace	Star
Shepherds	Bethlehem	Emmanuel	Joy
God Hero	Angels	Nazareth	
Gentle	Joseph	Herod	
Manger	Jesus	Mary	
Savior	Glory		

During the month of January, there will be a change to the weekday Mass schedule.

Weekday Mass schedule will be:

Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, Friday 7:00am
Wednesday 8:10am

Let's be safe this winter!

Here are some tips when in snowy & icy weather:

* **Take small steps— walk like a penguin!**
* **Use 3 points of contact when entering/exiting cars use 2 hands and 1 foot; or 2 feet and 1 hand.**
* **Be alert on stairs and ramps; always use handrails.**
* **Take your time and avoid distractions.**
* **Wear boots or slip resistant soles.**

READINGS FOR THE WEEK
December 19– December 25

Monday:	Jgs 13:2-7,24-25a; Judith 13:18bcde,19; Lk 1:5-25
Tuesday:	Is 7:10-14; Ps 24:1-2,3-4ab,5-6; Lk 1:26-38
Wednesday:	Sg 2:8-14; Ps 33:2-3,11-12,20-21; Lk 1:39-45
Thursday:	1 Sm 1:24-28; 1 Sm 2:1,4-5,6-7,8abcd; Lk 1:46-56
Friday:	Mal 3:1-4,23-24; Ps 25:4-5ab,8-9,10 & 14; Lk 1:57-66
Saturday:	2 Sm 7:1-5,8b-12,14a,16; Ps 89:2-3,4-5,27& 29; Lk 1:67-79
Sunday:	Is 9:1-6; Ps 96:1-2,2-3,11-12,13; Ti 2:11-14; Lk 2:1-14

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, Poor Clare Sisters, Toys 4 Tots, Servants of the Blessed Sacrament, And the YWCA Domestic Violence Shelter.

Offertory Summary (including online giving):
First Week Ordinary Time (12/10/2022-12/11/2022)
Stewardship all Masses: $12,437.59
Thank you for your continued generosity.

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