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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*

“Come thou long expected Jesus.” These are the first lines of the popular Advent hymn written by Charles Wesley (1707-1788).

The word Advent is a Latin word that means “to come”. We use this word to mark the time in our year to commemorate the birth of Jesus. But this is only half of the intention of the season.

The other half is a joyful looking forward to Jesus coming again in glory. This intention is the major theme of the readings for the first two weeks of the Advent. Reminding us that Jesus is Lord and God of the living and the dead.

There are 3 “advents” we live through found in Sacred Scripture. There’s the advent of the Annunciation of the archangel Gabriel to Mary at the time of Jesus’ conception by the Holy Spirit, there’s the advent of his birth in Bethlehem and finally, all the events in the gospels where Jesus reveals that He is the Messiah coming into the world. Also, let us not forget the advent of Jesus as He comes into our community every time we celebrate Mass as the Holy Eucharist is made present for us. The name of the season is very rich.

Charles Wesley’s hymn sums these first two weeks beautifully. *“Come thou long expected Jesus, born to set thy people free; from our fears and sins release us, let us find our rest in thee.”*

This Advent, let us take some time before the busyness of the Christmas season sets in, to allow ourselves to be taken into Christ’s presence as He comes into our lives.

May you have a blessed week!

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 Immaculate Conception Dec. 8th*Friday, December 8th 6:00 pm*

- Lector – Rose Wertz
- Altar Servers - Josh Costello
- Sacristan - Ron Diodosio
- EMHC— Dave Bleichrodt, Tom & Isabel Stames

Ministry Schedule for December 9th—December 10th

Saturday, December 9th 4:30 pm

- Lector – Hilary Munoz
- Altar Servers - Josh Costello, Manalo Brothers, Kieran Munoz
- Sacristan - Rose Wertz
- EMHC— Cindy Elliott, Vince Perez, Matt Rohar
- Porter - Mary Lou Haering

Sunday, December 10th– 8:00 am

- Lector – Rosalie Amato
- Altar Servers - Liam & Henry Shea
- Sacristan - Michele Prado-Landreth
- EMHC— Deacon Carl, Pablo Pedroza, Michele Prado-Landreth
- Porter - Carl Amato
- Coffee & Donuts– Carol Scott & Helen Kneib

Sunday, December 10th— 11:00 am

- Lector – Jean Parker
- Altar Servers - Carlo Skilling
- Sacristan - Michele Prado-Landreth
- EMHC—Angie Lundgren, Tom & Isabel Stames
- Porter— Rich Bassi, Mary Sandoval
- Coffee & Donuts– Janette Sales, Joan Gallegos

READINGS FOR THE WEEK Dec 4—Dec 10

Monday: Is 2:1-5; Ps 122:1-2,3-4b,4cd-5,6-7,8-9; Mt 8:5-11

Tuesday: Is 11:1-10; Ps 72:1-2,7-8,12-13,17; Lk 10:21-24

Wednesday: Is 25:6-10a; Ps 23:1-3a,3b-4,5,6; Mt 15:29-37

Thursday: Is 26:1-6; Ps 118:1&8-9,19-21,25-27a; Mt 7:21,24-27

Friday: Gn 3:9-15,20; Ps 98:1,2-3ab,3cd-4; Eph 1:3-6,11-12; Lk 1:26-38

Saturday: Is 30:1-9-21,23-26; Ps 147:1-2,3-4,5-6; Mt 9:35-10:1,5a,6-8

Sunday: Is 40:1-5,9-11; Ps 85:9-10,11-12,13-14; 2 Pt 3:8-14; Mk 1:1-8

**IMMACULATE CONCEPTION, FRIDAY
DECEMBER 8TH.
HOLY DAY OF OBLIGATION
MASS TIMES: 7:00AM & 6:00PM**

PLEASE STOP BY THE CLOISTER

- ♦ 2024 extension Calendars are available on the “green” table.
 - ♦ “Jesus and the Jewish Roots of the Eucharist”
Book is available on the “green table.” Each family is welcome to take 1 copy for Advent reading and reflection.
 - ♦ Postcards with Advent and Christmas schedules for the Shrine have been mailed to our parishioners, additional copies are available at the Porter’s desk.
- Little Flower Gifts*
- ♦ Shrine gift items are available for purchase at the “red” table.
Shrine commemorative ornaments, Candles, Handmade Rosaries, Tumblers, Grocery bags, Stickers, 70th Anniversary books
 - ♦ “How to Make a Holy Hour” brochures are available in the St. Therese chapel.
These brochures offer guidance for time spent in Eucharistic Adoration.

**WE NEED YOUR HELP**

We are seeking individuals willing to join our Shrine bingo team to serve as callers. Our Shrine sessions are every Thursday from 6:30pm – 9:15pm at the Bingo Casino –4109 Club Manor Drive.

These bingo sessions are an important fundraiser for the parish - since we started our Shrine parish bingo sessions last year, we have received over \$70,000! These funds make it possible for us to care for our Shrine community and facilities (for example, to commission the Poor Clare Sisters in sewing a new altar cloth).

However, we cannot run successful programs without the assistance of dedicated volunteers.

If we could identify 4 individuals to train to help with calling, it would allow us to request your assistance just once a month. Individuals must be at least 18 yrs.

Please prayerfully consider joining our Shrine Bingo Crew. Contact the parish office for more information.

Thank you to all who came out on Friday Dec 1st to the St. Nicholas Celebration. It was a great success, and we appreciate all who attended and volunteered.

No class this Sunday the 3rd. Classes will resume Sunday Dec. 10th.

Advent Youth Penance Service

When: Sunday Dec. 3rd Time: 5:30 pm Where: Cathedral of the Sacred Heart (downtown)

All middle and high school aged youth are invited and encouraged to attend.



First Reconciliation

Advent is a time of prayer, **penance**, preparatory sacrifices and good works.

Retreat

The First Reconciliation retreat is for the children in Ms. Julie’s class who are preparing for First Reconciliation.

When: Saturday, Dec. 9th Time: 10:00 – 12:00 pm Where: Hospitality room (in the church)

First Reconciliation

When: Saturday, Dec. 16th Time: 10:00 am Where: Chapel (be at the church by 9:50am)

December schedule

Sunday December 17th – class

Sunday, December 17th – Youth Group @ Christ the King 12:15 pm – 2:15 pm.

All middle and high school aged youth are invited to attend. Bring a friend!

Christmas Break

No classes Dec. 24th, Dec. 31st, or Jan. 7th

Adult Formation with Deacon Carl
Sundays 9:30am – 10:30am
December 3rd & 10th in Hospitality Room
*We will NOT have adult formation
December 17th, 24th or 31st.*



KNIGHT OF COLUMBUS
Eligible Catholic men can now join the
Knights of Columbus online.

As a member, you join a worldwide community of nearly two million men, including over 18,000 here in Colorado, who stand together.

The world needs more committed, unified Catholic men to answer the call. Will you answer?

Visit kofc.org/joinus to learn more about the many benefits of membership in the Knights of Columbus or contact the Grand Knight at the Shrine of St. Thérèse, Council 12720.

Our next meeting will be Thursday, December 7th
@ 6:30pm in the St. Joseph Room.


We especially invite our Shrine youth to join us; you are **NEEDED** to become involved and assist with the parish’s ministries.


Vivat Jesus!

COME AND SEE

**Wednesday
December 6, 2023**

Encounter Night





Rosary
Evening Prayer
Brief Talk on the Eucharist
Adoration & Confession
by Fr. Michael Chrisman

Consider five virtues of St. Joseph that may help us this Advent season.

1. *Silence*

Not once in the Bible do we hear a word from St. Joseph. This silence of St. Joseph can teach us a fundamental attitude to enter into deep prayer: silence.

2. *Prayer*

St. Joseph was a man of prayer. He taught Jesus to use human words to talk to the Heavenly Father—this is prayer. Therefore, how much could St. Joseph teach us how to pray if we simply ask for his help?

3. *Courage*

St. Joseph is a model of courage and fortitude. He traveled many miles, only to meet rejection. He found refuge in an animal shelter for the birth of Jesus. He led his family to flee into Egypt saving the Child Jesus from the threats of King Herod. St. Joseph confronted these obstacles with great courage and faith.

4. *Provide and Protect*

St. Joseph both protected and provided for the Holy Family. He was a hard worker who thought not of himself but of how he could best provide for and protect the family that God had entrusted to his care.

5. *St. Joseph, Our Lady, and Jesus*

St. Joseph can serve as a powerful bridge to devotion to Mary. Aside from Jesus Himself, no one on earth knew, understood, cherished and loved the Blessed Virgin Mary more than St. Joseph. We ask St. Joseph for the grace of greater knowledge and love for Mary, his beloved spouse.

We also ask St. Joseph for the grace of intimate knowledge of Jesus that we will love Jesus more ardently and follow Jesus more closely.

May the prayers of St. Joseph open our hearts to the immense treasures that God has in store for us this Advent Season. —Reflections from Fr. Ed Broom, OMI



FORMED

Advent Resources

Formed is an online Catholic resource to help you strengthen your faith from home or in a group.

Shrine of St. Therese offers this at no cost to you.

To set up your free account, visit:

formed.org/signup and select our parish.



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!

Offertory Summary (including online giving)
Ordinary Time (11/25/2023-11/26/2023)
Stewardship all Masses: \$7,189.08
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 in the cloister.
Thank You!