

Third Sunday in Ordinary Time | January 21, 2024

Saint Theresa of the Child Jesus Catholic Church

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MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE UPCOMING WEEK

January 23rd 12:00pm – Bonnie Wilson (RIP)

January 24th 12:00pm – Jack Wilson (RIP)

January 25th 12:00pm – Dolly Wilson (RIP)

January 26th 12:00pm – David Phelps (RIP)

January 27th 4:00pm – Ken Grooms (SI) & Bruce Irwin (RIP)

January 28th 8:00am – Timothy Bianca (SI) | 10:30am – Daniel Stephen Smith (RIP)

HOLY SACRIFICE OF THE MASS: Tuesday-Friday: 12:00pm | Saturday: 4:00pm

Sunday: 8:00am, 10:30am, 2:00pm (Spanish)

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION: Tuesday-Friday 11:15am | Saturday 3:30pm | Sunday 9:00am

ADORATION HOUR: Wednesday evening from 7:00pm to 8:00pm

HOLY ROSARY OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY: Weekdays: Tuesday- Friday 11:20am

Weekends: 4:00pm Saturday and Sunday, 30 minutes prior to Mass | 20 Decade Rosary:

Wednesday 10:30am

FAITH FORMATION FOR CHILDREN & ADULTS: Sundays at 9:00am in the Parish Life Center!

LEGION OF MARY: Tuesday at 10:00am in the Parish Life Center Library

FATHER BEAN'S BOOK CLUB: Thursday at 10:00am in the Martin Hall

FLAME OF LOVE PRAYER CENACLE: Tuesday at 10:00am in the church.

MARY, MOTHER GUARDIAN OF THE FAITH PRAYER CENACLE: Thursday at 5:45pm

The Holy See has granted a plenary indulgence for those who visit a Nativity Scene in a Church or Chapel. This is in honor of the 800th anniversary of the first Nativity Scene in Greccio, Italy (set up by St. Francis of Assisi in 1223). In accordance with Tradition and with the permission of Bishop Raica we will keep our Nativity Scene up until the Feast of the Presentation of the Lord (Candlemass) in order to allow people to gain this unique indulgence. So, make a visit!!!

Steps Required to Gain the Nativity Plenary Indulgence

(between January 3rd and February 2nd, 2024)

1. Make the intention of receiving the plenary indulgence. Ask God to help you be completely detached from all sin. He wants this for you, and he will help! Have confidence in God and in his grace. Also, recite an Act of Contrition from the heart.
2. Decide whether you wish to receive the indulgence for yourself or for the souls in Purgatory. Make your decision part of your intention also.
3. Think about when you last went to Confession, and consider whether you need to go again soon. To gain a plenary indulgence, one must go to confession within about 20 days before or after.
4. Visit the Nativity scene at the Cathedral of Saint Paul or in another one of the area churches or public chapels.
5. Pause in prayer for a few minutes before the Nativity, contemplating the birth of Our Lord, and pouring out petitions to God for peace. It is especially fitting to pray for peace in the Holy Land.
6. Recite an Our Father, Apostles' Creed, and conclude with the following brief litany (this all may be done in the pew – you need not remain before the Nativity for this part):

DEAREST JESUS, INFANT KING, HAVE MERCY ON US. MOST BLESSED MOTHER, QUEEN OF PEACE, PRAY FOR US. GOOD SAINT JOSEPH, GUARDIAN AND PROTECTOR OF THE CHURCH, PRAY FOR US. SAINT FRANCIS OF ASSISI, PROTAGONIST OF PEACE, PRAY FOR US.
7. Say a Hail Mary “for the intentions of our Holy Father, Pope Francis”. It is not necessary to know what his specific intentions are. Our Lady will know!
8. Go to Holy Communion (in the state of grace) as soon as possible (within 20 days before or after). One confession can cover multiple indulgences – but one communion is needed for each indulgence. (Therefore, those who go to confession at least once a month and also go to Mass each day can theoretically receive one plenary indulgence per day!)
9. Give thanks to God for these gifts of grace from Holy Mother Church, which help us on our path to eternal life with the Holy Family, St. Francis, and all the saints and angels!

Concert with the Harvest Arts Chamber Ensemble on
Fat Tuesday, February 13,
in the Parish Life Center Hall. Time: 7:00pm

Fr. Bean's book club will be reading Willa Cather's "Death Comes for the Archbishop".
Pick up a copy and join us. Each Thursday at 10AM in Martin Hall.

Fr. Bean has a new email address: fathergraybean@gmail.com.