

First Sunday of Advent | November 27, 2022

Saint Theresa of the Child Jesus Catholic Church

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MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE UPCOMING WEEK

November 29th 12:00pm – Bob Forman (RIP)

November 30th 12:00pm – Arleen Wong (RIP)

December 1st 12:00pm – Peggy Knight (RIP)

December 2nd 12:00pm – Christine White (SI)

December 3rd 12:00pm – Bob Faulkner (RIP)

4:00pm – Ernest S. Paffumi (RIP)

December 4th 8:00am – Arleen Wong (RIP)

10:30am – Tom Shipman (RIP)

PLEASE REMEMBER:

Jesus is truly present at every moment in the tabernacle. Please maintain a prayerful silence in the church at all times. Additionally, please turn off all cell phones that could cause a disruption during the liturgy. Finally, we remind you that the Sacrifice of the Mass is a representation of Our Lord at Calvary. Dress should be modest and uplift our eyes to God. Please dress accordingly. Shoulders, chests and backs should all be covered. Tight pants, shorts, and dresses above the knee are inappropriate. This should be done out of respect and reverence for God, and in order not to be a distraction to others during the Mass. Thank you!

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

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

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION: Tuesday-Saturday 11:15am | Sunday 9:00am | Wednesday 5:30pm

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION: Following Mass for 30 minutes: Tuesday-Friday | Wednesday at 5:30pm

HOLY ROSARY OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY: Weekdays: Tues-Friday 11:20am | Weekends: Saturday and Sunday, 30 minutes prior | 20 Decade Rosary: Wednesday 10:00am

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

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

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

FLAME OF LOVE PRAYER CENACLE: 1:30pm every Tuesday, following Mass and Adoration

DEAD THEOLOGIAN'S SOCIETY: Every other Wednesday at 6:00pm. Schedule on the back of the bulletin!

The word Advent comes from the Latin word “adventus” meaning “arrival.” While we use this season of Advent to prepare for the celebration of the birth of Our Lord on Christmas, Advent has traditionally been a time to reflect on the Second Coming of Christ. The great doctor of the Church, St. Bernard of Clairvaux (1090-1153), outlined a total of three Advents of Christ for the Christian: His coming in the flesh (past), his coming in our hearts (present), and his coming to judge the world (future). Here are St. Bernard’s words describing how we should view the season of Advent:

“We know that the coming of the Lord is threefold: the third coming is between the other two and it is not visible in the way they are. At his first coming the Lord was seen on earth and lived among men, who saw Him and hated Him.

At his last coming All flesh shall see the salvation of our God, and They shall look on him whom they have pierced.

In the middle, the hidden coming, only the chosen see him, and they see him within themselves; and so, their souls are saved. The first coming was in flesh and weakness, the middle coming is in spirit and power, and the final coming will be in glory and majesty.

This middle coming is like a road that leads from the first coming to the last. At the first, Christ was our redemption; at the last, he will become manifest as our life; but in this middle way he is our rest and our consolation.

If you think that I am inventing what I am saying about the middle coming, listen to the Lord himself: “If anyone loves me, he will keep my words, and the Father will love him, and we shall come to him.” Elsewhere I have read: “Whoever fears the Lord does good things.” - but I think that what was said about whoever loves Him was more important: that whoever loves Him will keep his words.

Where are these words to be kept? In the heart certainly, as the Prophet says “I have hidden your sayings in my heart so that I do not sin against you.” Keep the word of God in that way: Blessed are those who keep it.

Let it penetrate deep into the core of your soul and then flow out again in your feelings and the way you behave; because if you feed your soul well it will grow and rejoice. Do not forget to eat your bread, or your heart will dry up. Remember, and your soul will grow fat and sleek.

If you keep God's word like this, there is no doubt that it will keep you, for the Son will come to you with the Father: the great Prophet will come, who will renew Jerusalem, and He is the one who makes all things new. For this is what this coming will do: just as we have been shaped in the earthly image, so will we be shaped in the heavenly image.”

HOLIDAY MASS SCHEDULE

Feast of the Immaculate Conception

(Holy Day of Obligation) Thursday, December 8th
Confession - 11:15am | Holy Mass - 12:00pm, 6:00pm

Our Lady of Guadalupe

Sunday, December 11th | Procession in honor of the Blessed Mother - 1:30pm
Holy Mass - 2:00pm | Celebration in PLC following!

Monday, December 12th | **MASS WILL BE AT 7:00PM IN SPANISH, NOT 12:00PM AS ORIGINALLY PLANNED!!**

The Nativity of the Lord

Saturday, December 24th | 4:00pm, 6:00pm (Spanish)
Sunday, December 25th | 12:00am, 10:00am

Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God (Holy Day of Obligation)

Saturday, December 31st – 4:00pm
Sunday, January 1st – 8:00am, 10:30am, 2:00pm

Every Friday following the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass, there is Exposition of the Most Blessed Sacrament and the Anointing of the Sick. If you or someone you know needs healing, come to Our Lord!

DEAD THEOLOGIAN’S SOCIETY

DTS is for high schoolers and young adults. Meetings will be every other Wednesday at 6:00pm. Meet in the church for Eucharistic Adoration, and opportunity for confession, then convene in Martin Hall for a social gathering, meal, and lecture.

November 30th | Saint Juan Diego

December 14th | Venerable Matt Talbot

The Smith Family has loaned us a collection of their relics. They will be on display for veneration following 12:00pm Mass on December 2nd until 12:00pm Mass on December 3rd.

Collection includes: St. Teresa of the Andes, St. Rita of Cascia, Sts. Cosmas and Damian, St. John of the Cross, St. Anthony of Padua, St. Rose of Lima, St. Damien of Molokai, St. Thomas Aquinas, St. Sebastian, St. Peregrine, St. Bridget, St. Dymphna, St. Gerard, Blessed Francis Xavier Seelos, St. Padre Pio, St. Jude Thaddeus, St. Joseph, Portion of the Veil of the Blessed Virgin Mary.