

ST. THERESA OF THE CHILD JESUS CATHOLIC CHURCH

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The Week of November 25, 2018

Solemnity of Christ the King

Weekly Schedule: Saturday Anticipated Mass: 5:00PM, Sunday Masses: 8:00AM, 10:30AM and 2:00PM (Spanish language), Confessions: Saturday, 3:30PM and Sunday, 7:30AM, Silent Holy Hour of Adoration: Wednesday, 6:00PM, The Rosary of the Blessed Virgin Mary: 30 minutes prior to every Mass

Weekly Mass Intentions: Saturday, November 24, 5:00PM: Nolan and Lena Elfer (RIP), Sunday, November 25, 8:00AM: Nolan and Lena Elfer (RIP), 10:30AM: for the people of the parish, Tuesday, November 27, 9:00AM: Mary D'Souza (RIP), Wednesday, November 28, 9:00AM: Russell Ourso (RIP)

NOTE: FR. BEAN IS AWAY GIVING A RETREAT FOR THE OFFICE OF RELIGIOUS EDUCATION OF THE DIOCESE. THERE WILL BE NO MASSES ON THURSDAY, FRIDAY AND SATURDAY MORNINGS THIS WEEK.

ANGEL TREE 2018: We are taking Angel Tree applications NOW! St. Theresa has a beautiful tradition of helping those in need at Christmas through our Angel Tree program. If you or someone you know is in need of Christmas assistance, please contact the church office as soon as possible. Applications for assistance are available in the church office and must be completed and turned in by the end of November. On the weekends of November 17th/18th and November 24th/25th, the Angel tree will be available in the church foyer before and after all the masses. Please help us to help children and families in need in our community! Take an Angel card from the Angel tree and purchase a gift card to be used for a child or family in need. Attach the gift card/cards to the Angel card and return to St. Theresa Church on or before December 2nd. You may drop the angel card/gift card in the collection basket at Mass on or before the deadline of Dec. 2nd or you may bring to the church office during office hours on or before November 30th. Returning your gift card on time is greatly appreciated!

Thank you for your support and generosity!!

There will be a pot-luck HOLIDAY DINNER on THIS FRIDAY, November 30 at 6:00PM in the Parish Hall. Bring a dish to share and enjoy this holy season with your parish family! Sponsored by the Knights of Columbus and Ladies Auxiliary.

BUILDING A CULTURE OF LIFE..ONE LIFE AT A TIME: 15 of our parishioners (11 youth and 4 adults) are registered to attend the National March for Life in Washington D.C. with the group from the Diocese of Birmingham. The event will take place on January 18, 2019 on the National Mall. Please pray for them by name: Lily, Jose, Olivia, Bella, Scotty, Emori, Logan, Mary Ella, Sam, Candace, Claudia, Paul, Andrea, Samantha, Carla. The 2nd weekend in December Fr. Bean will receive a special collection to help fund this trip. The cost for this trip is \$300.00 per person.

Please consider giving a little. Thank you!!!!

ADVENT PARISH MISSION WITH FR. TOM SULLIVAN OF THE FATHERS OF MERCY, DECEMBER 10-13, FOR THE WHOLE FAMILY. TOPICS WILL INCLUDE THE MERCY OF GOD, THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY, ST. MOTHER TERESA, ST. PADRE PIO. The daily schedule (Monday-Thursday) will be:

9:00AM: Mass followed by Bishop Barron's "Catholicism: The Pivotal Players" in the PLC Library

6:00PM: Confessions

7:00PM: Holy Hour and Mission Talk

8:00PM: Confessions

LOOKING AHEAD:

- Feast of the Immaculate Conception, Masses on Friday, December 7 @ 7:00PM and Saturday, December 8 @ 9:00AM (Holy Day of Obligation)
- Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe, Wednesday, December 12 @ 7:00PM (in Spanish)
- Christmas Eve, Monday, December 24, Masses at 3:30PM, 5:30PM and 7:00PM (in Spanish)
Christmas Day, Tuesday, December 25, Mass at 9:00AM

RECURRING EVENTS IN THE PARISH

- Adoration of the Most Blessed Sacrament, Silent Holy Hour: Every Wednesday, 6:00PM
- LEGION OF MARY: Every Tuesday following the 9:00AM Mass, Parish Life Center Library, prayer, service, spiritual formation, fellowship
- Knights of Columbus and Ladies Auxiliary: Every 2nd Thursday, Martin Hall (next to the church), Rosary at 6:00PM (in the church), meal at 6:30PM, meeting at 7:00PM
- Fr. Bean's Book Club: Every Wednesday, 10:00AM, Parish Life Center Library (RESUMES IN JANUARY)
 - BINGO: Every 1st and 3rd Friday, 5:30PM (food) and 6:30PM (games), Parish Life Center Hall
 - Evening Ladies Prayer Group (in Spanish): Every Monday, 7:00PM, Parish Life Center Library
- ST. Maria Gorretti Group for girls: Every First Sunday, 5:00PM, Parish Life Center (Junior High and up)
- FAITH FORMATION/SUNDAY SCHOOL: Kindergarten thru adults: Every Sunday, 9:00AM, Parish Life Center

QUOTE OF THE WEEK: "God would never inspire me with desires which cannot be realized; so in spite of my littleness, I can hope to be a saint."

— St. Thérèse de Lisieux, *Story of a Soul: The Autobiography of St. Therese of Lisieux*

SAINT OF THE WEEK: SAINT NICHOLAS (270-343AD)

The true story of Santa Claus begins with St. Nicholas, who was born during the third century in the village of Patara. At the time the area was Greek and is now on the southern coast of Turkey. His wealthy parents, who raised him to be a devout Christian, died in an epidemic while Nicholas was still young. Obeying Jesus' words to "sell what you own and give the money to the poor," Nicholas used his whole inheritance to assist the needy, the sick, and the suffering. He dedicated his life to serving God and was made Bishop of Myra while still a young man. Bishop Nicholas became known throughout the land for his generosity to those in need, his love for children, and his concern for sailors and ships.

Under the Roman Emperor Diocletian, who ruthlessly persecuted Christians, Bishop Nicholas suffered for his faith, was exiled and imprisoned. The prisons were so full of bishops, priests, and deacons, there was no room for the real criminals—murderers, thieves and robbers. After his release, Nicholas attended the Council of Nicaea in AD 325. He died December 6, AD 343 in Myra and was buried in his cathedral church, where a unique relic, called manna, formed in his grave. This liquid substance, said to have healing powers, fostered the growth of devotion to Nicholas. The anniversary of his death became a day of celebration, St. Nicholas Day, December 6th (December 19 on the Julian Calendar).

Through the centuries many stories and legends have been told of St. Nicholas' life and deeds. These accounts help us understand his extraordinary character and why he is so beloved and revered as protector and helper of those in need.