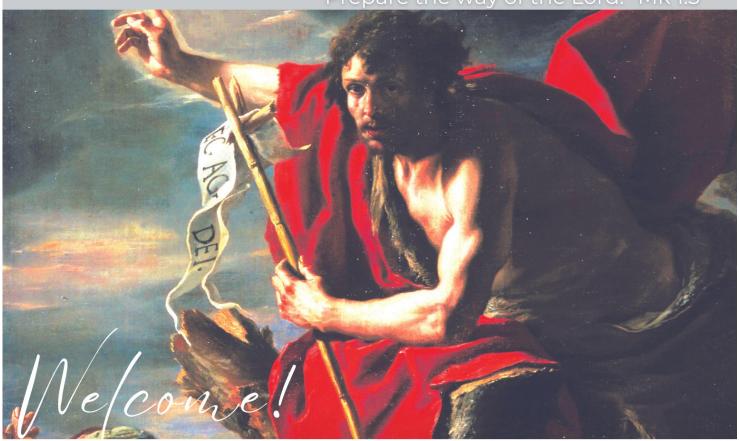
DECEMBER 10, 2023

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ST. THERESA

SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

"Prepare the way of the Lord." Mk 1:3



We are so glad you are here.

On behalf of myself, Fr. Barry Cuba, and our entire staff, welcome to St. Theresa Catholic Church and School. We hope you will consider this to be your parish home.

-Reverend Larry Covington, Pastor





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Welcome to St. Theresa Catholic Church and School! We are thrilled you're here to join us in worship this weekend. If you would like to be part of a lively and dynamic family of Christians, welcome home!

- COFFEE & DONUTS | Whether you are new to St. Theresa or a seasoned parishioner who wants to get connected, we invite you to join us for coffee and donuts after 9 AM Mass to meet members of our faith community.
- NURSERY | Children are always welcome at Mass. For your convenience, we have a nursery in the Family Center that cares for children ages 6 mos. 3 yrs. during the 9 and 11:00 AM Sunday Masses. It opens for drop off 15 minutes before Mass.
- LITURGY OF THE WORD WITH CHILDREN | During the school year, we offer a special Liturgy of the Word with Children during the 9:00 AM Mass.



Parents! Need a night out? See p. 12 for Friday 12/15 event RSVP.



To learn more about the parish or to officially become a member, scan this QR code.

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Dec. 12, Advent Penance Service	7:00 PM
Dec. 14, Women's Fellowship Christmas Lunch	12:30 PM
Dec. 15, Parents Night Out in Family Center	6-9 PM
• Dec. 18, Decorate the Church with Pizza and Drinks	5:00 PM
• Dec. 24, Fourth Sunday of Advent Masses7:30 AM	& 10:00 AM
 Dec. 24, Christmas Vigil4:00 PM (Church & Gym), 6:30 P 	M (Church)
Dec. 25, Christmas Day12:00 AM Midnight Mas	ss, 10:00 AM

INTRODUCTORY RITES

Entrance Hymn – *City of God, Jerusalem*

Please stand



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Invocation

Lighting of the Advent Wreath

Penitential Act – see next page

Penitential Act

Kyrie, Roman Missal, arr. Carbonell



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Collect

Please sit

THE LITURGY of the WORD

Children's Liturgy of the Word – *Teach Me Your Ways O Lord,* Stevens/Henderson (9:00)

First Reading - Isaiah 40:1-5, 9-11

Comfort, give comfort to my people, says your God. Speak tenderly to Jerusalem, and proclaim to her that her service is at an end, her guilt is expiated; indeed, she has received from the hand of the LORD double for all her sins. A voice cries out: In the desert prepare the way of the LORD! Make straight in the wasteland a highway for our God! Every valley shall be filled in, every mountain and hill shall be made low; the rugged land shall be made a plain, the rough country, a broad valley. Then the glory of the LORD shall be revealed, and all people shall see it together; for the mouth of the LORD has spoken. Go up on to a high mountain, Zion, herald of glad tidings; cry out at the top of your voice, Jerusalem, herald of good news! Fear not to cry out and say to the cities of Judah: Here is your God! Here comes with power the Lord GOD, who rules by his strong arm; here is his reward with him, his recompense before him. Like a shepherd he feeds his flock; in his arms he gathers the lambs, carrying them in his bosom, and leading the ewes with care.

Responsorial Psalm -Psalm 85:9-14



I will hear what God proclaims; the LORD—for he proclaims peace to his people.

Near indeed is his salvation to those who fear him, glory dwelling in our land. *R*.

Kindness and truth shall meet; justice and peace shall kiss.
Truth shall spring out of the earth, and justice shall look down from heaven. *R*.

The LORD himself will give his benefits; our land shall yield its increase. Justice shall walk before him, and prepare the way of his steps. *R*.

Second Reading - 2 Peter 3:8-14

Do not ignore this one fact, beloved, that with the Lord one day is like a thousand years and a thousand years like one day. The Lord does not delay his promise, as some regard "delay," but he is patient with you, not wishing that any should perish but that all should come to repentance. But the day of the Lord will come like a thief, and then the heavens will pass away with a mighty roar and the elements will be dissolved by fire, and the earth and everything done on it will be found out. Since everything is to be dissolved in this way, what sort of persons ought you to be, conducting yourselves in holiness and devotion, waiting for and hastening the coming of the day of God, because of which the heavens will be dissolved in flames and the elements melted by fire. But according to his promise we await new heavens and a new earth in which righteousness dwells. Therefore, beloved, since you await these things, be eager to be found without spot or blemish before him, at peace.

Gospel Alleluia - Luke 3:4, 6

Please stand



Verse:

Prepare the way of the Lord, make straight his paths:

All flesh shall see the salvation of God.

Gospel - Mark 1:1-8

The beginning of the gospel of Jesus Christ the Son of God.

As it is written in Isaiah the prophet: Behold, I am sending my messenger ahead of you; he will prepare your way. A voice of one crying out in the desert: "Prepare the way of the Lord, make straight his paths." John the Baptist appeared in the desert proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins. People of the whole Judean countryside and all the inhabitants of Jerusalem were going out to him and were being baptized by him in the Jordan River as they acknowledged their sins. John was clothed in camel's hair, with a leather belt around his waist. He fed on locusts and wild honey. And this is what he proclaimed: "One mightier than I is coming after me. I am not worthy to stoop and loosen the thongs of his sandals. I have baptized you with water; he will baptize you with the Holy Spirit."

Homily Please sit

Apostles' Creed

Please stand

I believe in God, the Father almighty, Creator of heaven and earth, and in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, Was crucified, died and was buried; he descended into hell; on the third day he rose again from the dead; He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of God the Father almighty;

from there he will come to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and life everlasting. Amen.

Prayer of the Faithful

Announcements Please sit

THE LITURGY of the EUCHARIST

Offertory Anthem Come Lord, Maranatha, Ricky Manalo (Sat, 5 PM)

The Peace to Come, Karen Marolli (Sun, 9 AM)

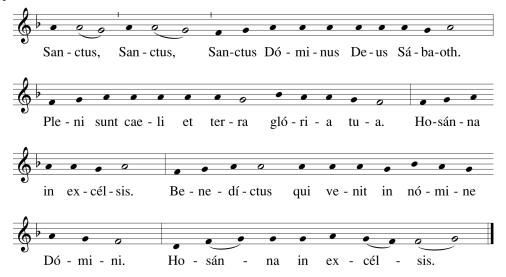
In the Stillness, Arlen Clarke (Sun, 11 AM)

Prayer over the Offerings

Invitation to Prayer

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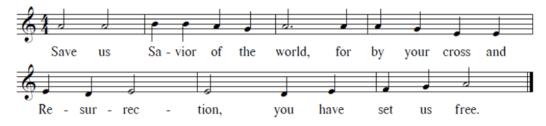
Holy, Holy – *Sanctus, Vatican Edition XVIII , arr. Francisco Carbonell*



Music: Vatican Edition XVIII; acc. by Richard Proulx

Please kneel

Mystery of Faith – *Mass of St Theresa*, Covington



Great Amen - chant

Please stand

THE COMMUNION RITE

Lord's Prayer

Sign of Peace

Lamb of God – Agnus Dei, Vatican Edition XVIII





A-gnus De - i, qui tol-lis pec-cá-ta mun-di: do-na no-bis pa-cem.

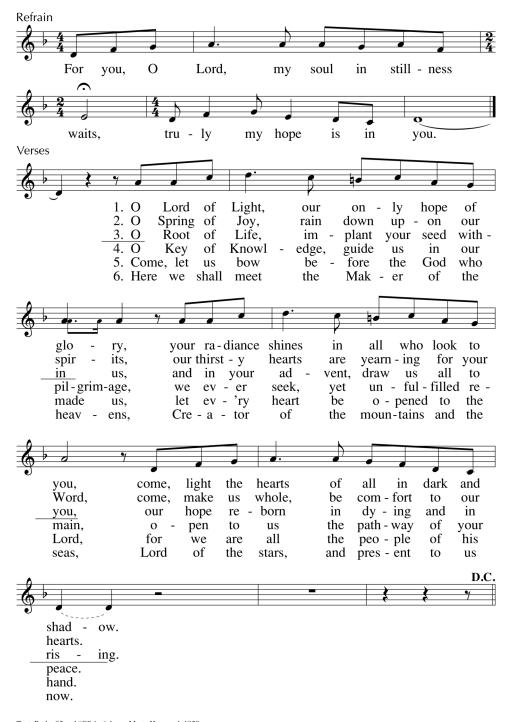
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Communion Antiphon – St. Meinrad Communion Antiphon, Columba Kelly, OSB



Communion Hymn-My Soul in Stillness Waits (Sat, 5 PM and Sun, 9 AM)

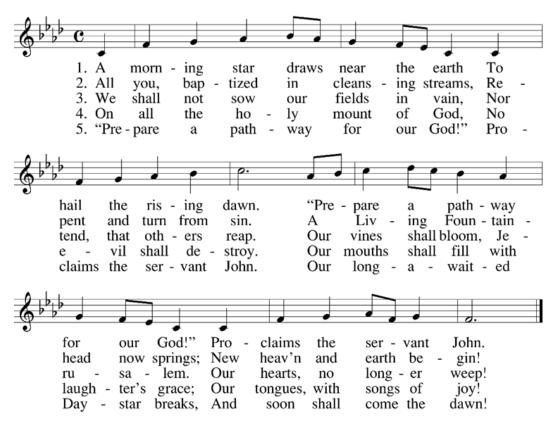


Prayer after Communion

Please stand

THE CONCLUDING RITES

Hymn of Thanksgiving - A Morning Star Draws Near the Earth



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Blessing and Dismissal

Organ Postlude - Divinum Mysterium, Richard Purvis



THE SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT



WEEKEND MASS

SATURDAY VIGIL: 5:00 PM

SUNDAY: 7:30 AM, 9:00 AM*, 11:00 AM

*livestream on YouTube

DAILY MASS

11:30 AM MONDAY-FRIDAY

RECONCILIATION

SATURDAY 4:00 PM*

*or by appointment

ADORATION

FRIDAY: NOON-1:00 PM

ANOINTING OF THE SICK

If you or a family-member is: seriously ill, will have major surgery, or is in danger of death, please contact the office at: 512-451-5121.

WEEKLY SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

Sun, 12/10 Liturgy of the Word With Children 9:00 AM Mass, Family Center

Sun, 12/10 Coffee & Donuts After 9:00 AM Mass, Family Center

Tue, 12/12 Parish Penance Service 7:00 PM, Church

Wed, 12/13 Bridge Games 12:30 PM, Family Center

Thu, 12/14 Women's Fellowship Christmas Lunch 12:30 PM, Family Center

Fri, 12/15 Parents Night Out 6:00-9:00 PM, Family Center

12/16-17 K of C Nut Sales After all Masses

DAILY READINGS AND MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, December 9

Saint Juan Diego Cuauhtlatoatzin Is 30:19-21, 23-26 Ps 147:1-6 Mt 9:35—10:1, 5a, 6-8 5:00 PM.....Lewis Cutter

Sunday, December 10

SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT
Is 40:1-5, 9-11 Ps 85:9-14 2 Pt 3:8-14 Mk 1:1-8
7:30 AM......Msgr. Victor Goertz †
9:00AM......Mike Jorissen, Lisa Pessler †
11:00 AM......Parishioners of St. Theresa Catholic Church

Monday, December 11

Saint Damasus I, Pope Is 35:1-10 Ps 85:9ab, 10-14 Lk 5:17-26 11:30 AM....Walter & Emily Tacquard, Msgr. Victor Goertz †

Tuesday, December 12

OUR LADY OF GUADALUPE
Zec 2:14-17 (Ps) Jdt 13:18bc,19 Lk 1:26-38
11:30 AM......Gianna Blanchard, Msgr. Victor Goertz †

Wednesday, December 13

Saint Lucy, Virgin, Martyr 2 Cor 10:17-11:2 Ps 31:3c-4, 6, 8ab, 16bc, 17 Mt 25:1-13 11:30 AM.....Toni Conroy †, Dcn. Doots & Dee Dufour

Thursday, December 14

Saint John of the Cross, Priest, Doctor of the Church 1 Cor 2:1-10a Ps 37:3-6, 30-31 Lk 14:25-33 11:30 AM.....Trey & Lacey Chote, Barbara Dewhurst †

Friday, December 15

Is 48:17-19 Ps 1:1-4, 6 Mt 11:16-19 11:30 AM.....Colette Conlan, Eric Burns

Saturday, December 16

Sir 48:1-4, 9-11 Ps 80:2-3, 15-16, 18-19 Mt 17:9a, 10-13 5:00 PM.....Michael Calnan, Barbara Hohensee †

Sunday, December 17

THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT
Is 61:1-2a, 10-11 (Ps) Lk 1:46-50, 53-54 1 Thes 5:16-24
Jn 1:6-8, 19-28
7:30 AM......Leticia Giraldo †
9:00AM.....Fr. Larry Covington, Fr. Barry Cuba
11:00 AM......Parishioners of St. Theresa Catholic Church

PARISH NEWS & EVENTS

KC I HOLIDAY NUT SALE

Weekends of 12/9 and 12/16
Would you like some fresh pecans for your holiday baking? How about some delicious chocolate goodies to



gift? The Knights of Columbus will be selling locallygrown nuts from San Saba, Texas for holiday cooking and presents after Masses on the weekends of **December 9-10** and **16-17**. Please support our Knights of Columbus and their local charities!

Advent Penance Service



Tuesday, December 12 7:00 PM

ST. VINCENT DE PAUL

STORY OF HOPE: ALYSSA'S STORY

Only 22 years old, Alyssa is a single mom raising a newborn and a 1-year-old. She saved enough money to take an unpaid 3-month maternity leave but needed help with October rent, so she contacted SVDP. Alyssa earned too little to stay at her apartment, and there was little hope for assistance from her ex-partner or her family. Exploring options, we reviewed a family budgeting form with Alyssa, which she used to develop her plan for a sustainable future – first, connecting with another single mom to share rent and childcare. To supplement our contribution towards Alyssa's rent, we turned to Twinning, a resource-sharing program established at the SVDP National level, which builds support between the SVDP Conferences (volunteer groups) of approximately 30 Catholic churches in the Diocese of Austin. When we paid Alyssa's October rent, she went forward confidently and started a higherpaying job, further securing her financial stability. Your support of our Parish's SVDP ministry allowed Alyssa to avoid eviction and develop a plan for a sustainable life.

There is a 2nd collection for St. Vincent De Paul on the first Sunday of each month. Thank you for your support!

STEWARDSHIP

GRATITUDE

As we come to the end of 2023, we would like to thank you for your generous gifts of time, talent, and treasure that have supported the ministries and mission of St. Theresa. The love shown through financial support is very much appreciated.

Many parishioners continue to ask how they can help our parish as the year comes to a close. Advent is the perfect time to give a gift in honor of Christ's birth! Beyond the tax deduction, your decision to share your treasure before December 31st, builds and strengthens the church as we move forward. Please connect with the Stewardship Office if you have any questions about IRA tax distributions, planned gifts, or end of year stock gifts to ensure you finish the year doing all you can to impactfully prepare your parish community for the new year.

School Advisory Board Nominations

The St. Theresa Catholic School Advisory Board seeks 3 new members from the parish (non-school parents) to provide strategic counsel to the board.

Of particular interest and need are parishioners that have experience in:

- Advancement/Strategic Development
- Marketing/Communications/Sales
- Non-profit Sector/Executive Director
 If you would like to nominate someone from our parish
 or self-nominate, please email Board Chair, Ramsey
 Abarca ra@ramseyabarca.com with your contact
 information. Thank you for your consideration.



MOTHERS OF YOUNG CHILDREN

Friday, December 15, 8:30 AM – 10:00 AM, Nursery
Calling all mamas of littles!
Mothers of Young Children is a ministry for you. We meet on Fridays in the Family
Center Nursery. This group

is for moms with babies or preschoolers, or mothers to come by themselves The structure is flex and flow with arrival and departure time between 8:30-10:00 AM. Questions? Email alicebolander@gmail.com



LIKE SINGING CHRISTMAS CAROLS?

Wednesdays during Advent, 6:00 PM, Family Center Like singing Christmas Carols? Singing is the best way to spread Christmas cheer, after all! We invite you to join the Pew Choir in the Family Center on Wednesdays at 6:00 PM this Advent. We will be focusing on music for the season and brushing off the caroling cobwebs. All are welcome to improve your singing voice during this season of joy! Come sing with us! See you Wednesday! No RSVP is needed.

AROUND THE DIOCESE

YOUNG ADULT MISSION

December 11-15, Schoenstatt Shrine, AUSTIN CARITAS, a five-day mission in Austin organized by the Schoenstatt Movement of Austin and by UT students, will be held **Dec. 11-15** in Austin. The mission collaborates with local charities in the city, serving the homeless, visiting the elderly and families in need, and hosting community events. The week will include opportunities for small group community activities, Mass, Adoration, and spiritual formation. Anyone between the ages of 18-24 is welcome to join the mission. It's organized by Catholics, but all are welcome! To register go to http://www.austincaritas.com/.



QUIZ BOWL

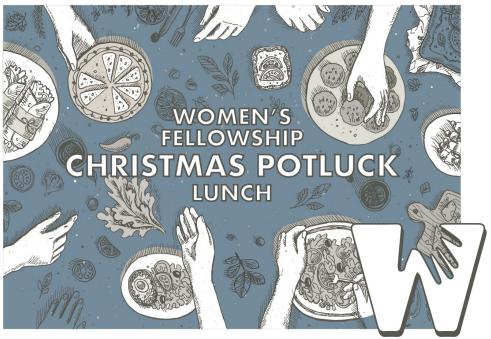
Did you know STCS has a Quiz Bowl team? Quiz Bowl is a game in which two teams compete head-to-head to answer questions from all areas of knowledge. It's fun. It's challenging. It's fast-paced. Six of our 8th-grade students competed against other private schools in Dallas this Fall. They had a blast winning some tough matches!



Today is Uniform Sunday! We invite you to speak to any of the St. Theresa Catholic School students in uniform about our school community.

St. Theresa Catholic School is a 2023
National Blue Ribbon awardee, serving
students PK-3 through 8th grade. For more
information about our school, please reach
out to Susie Thompson in Admissions
at sthompson@st-theresa.org or visit
www.st-theresa.org.

All women of the parish are warmly invited to:



December 14 | 12:30 PM | Family Center Women's Fellowship Christmas Lunch (Potluck Style) WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP OF ST. THERESA

Please join Women's Fellowship for our Christmas lunch and party with carols on Thursday, December 14 at 12:30 PM in the Family Center. Ham and drinks will be provided. PLEASE BRING A SIDE DISH OR DESSERT. You may leave your side dish in the Family Center if you plan to attend the 11:30 AM Mass.



Christmas Mass Schedule

December 24

Fourth Sunday of Advent Masses 7:30 AM & 10:00 AM Christmas Vigil Masses 4:00 PM Mass

Gym Overflow (Video) 6:30 PM Mass

December 25

Christmas Masses 12:00 AM Midnight Mass 10:00 AM Mass



FROM THE DIOCESE

ADVENT AND CHRISTMAS Q&A

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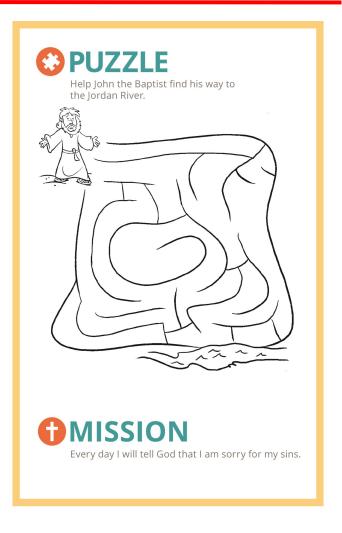
The fourth Sunday of Advent is the day before Christmas, do I have to attend mass twice?



Yes, once for the Fourth Sunday of Advent and once for Christmas. That can happen in a couple of different ways:

Attend Vigil Mass for the Fourth Sunday of Advent on the evening of the 23rd and either a Christmas Eve Vigil Mass on Sunday the 24th or Christmas Day Mass, on Monday the 25th Attend the Mass for the Fourth Sunday of Advent on Sunday morning the 24th and either a Christmas Eve Vigil Mass on Sunday the 24th or Christmas Day Mass, on Monday the 25th.

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