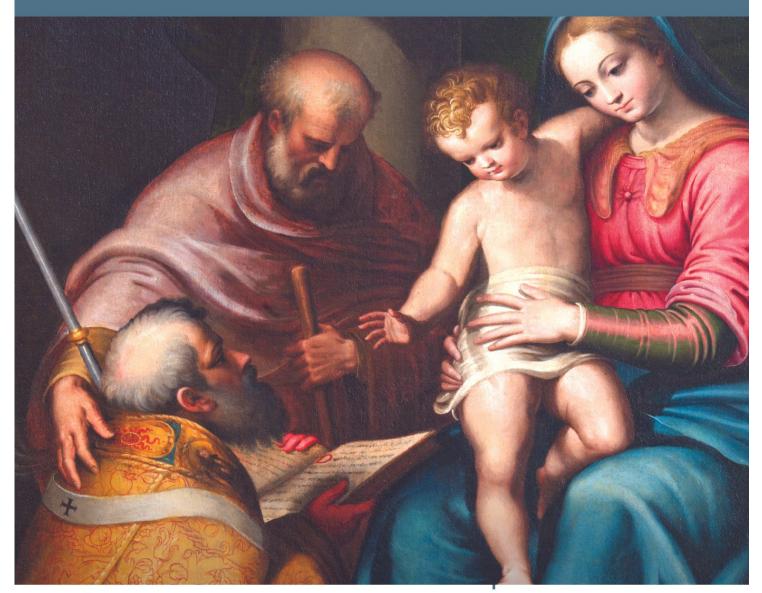
DECEMBER 31, 2023

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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, 12/31 Coffee & Donuts After 9:00 AM Mass

Mon, 1/1 Parish Office Closed (11:30 AM Mass celebrated)

Wed, 1/3 Bridge Games 12:30 PM, Family Center

Wed, 1/3 Choir Rehearsal 7:00 PM, Sanctuary

Thu, 1/4 Adult Bible Study 9:15 AM, Elmer Hall, Rm. 202

Fri, 1/5 Early Bird Taco Ministry 5:45 AM, Family Center 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. the nursery is closed the weekend of 12/31.
- 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. LWWC resumes on 1/7.



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INTRODUCTORY RITES

Entrance Hymn - *Once in Royal David's City*

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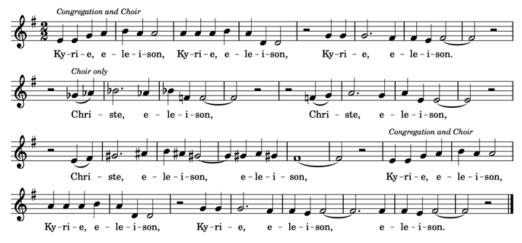


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Invocation

Lord Have Mercy – Kyrie, David Hurd



Glory to God – *Mass of St Theresa*, Covington



THE LITURGY of the WORD

First Reading - *Genesis* 15:1-6, 21:1-3

The word of the LORD came to Abram in a vision, saying: "Fear not, Abram! I am your shield; I will make your reward very great." But Abram said, "O Lord GOD, what good will your gifts be, if I keep on being childless and have as my heir the steward of my house, Eliezer?" Abram continued, "See, you have given me no offspring, and so one of my servants will be my heir." Then the word of the LORD came to him: "No, that one shall not be your heir; your own issue shall be your heir." The Lord took Abram outside and said, "Look up at the sky and count the stars, if you can. Just so," he added, "shall your descendants be." Abram put his faith in the LORD, who credited it to him as an act of righteousness. The LORD took note of Sarah as he had said he would; he did for her as he had promised. Sarah became pregnant and bore Abraham a son in his old age, at the set time that God had stated. Abraham gave the name Isaac to this son of his whom Sarah bore him.

Responsorial Psalm - *Psalm* 105: 1-6, 8-9



Blessed are all who fear the LORD, and walk in his ways!

By the labor of your hands you shall eat.

You will be blessed and prosper. R.

Your wife like a fruitful vine in the heart of your house; your children like shoots of the olive around your table. R.

Indeed thus shall be blessed the man who fears the Lord.

May the Lord bless you from Sion.

May you see Jerusalem prosper all the days of your life! R.

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Music: Joseph Gelineau, SJ, © 1963, The Grail, GIA Publications, Inc., agent

Second Reading - *Hebrews* 11:8, 1112, 17-19

Brothers and sisters: By faith Abraham obeyed when he was called to go out to a place that he was to receive as an inheritance; he went out, not knowing where he was to go. By faith he received power to generate, even though he was past the normal age --and Sarah herself was sterile--for he thought that the one who had made the promise was trustworthy. So it was that there came forth from one man, himself as good as dead, descendants as numerous as the stars in the sky and as countless as the sands on the seashore. By faith Abraham, when put to the test, offered up Isaac, and he who had received the promises was ready to offer his only son, of whom it was said, "Through Isaac descendants shall bear your name." He reasoned that God was able to raise even from the dead, and he received Isaac back as a symbol.

Gospel Alleluia - Hebrews 1:1-2

Please stand



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Gospel - *Luke* 2:22-40

When the days were completed for their purification according to the law of Moses, they took him up to Jerusalem to present him to the Lord, just as it is written in the law of the Lord, Every male that opens the womb shall be consecrated to the Lord, and to offer the sacrifice of a pair of turtledoves or two young pigeons, in accordance with the dictate in the law of the Lord. Now there was a man in Jerusalem whose name was Simeon. This man was righteous and devout, awaiting the consolation of Israel, and the Holy Spirit was upon him. It had been revealed to him by the Holy Spirit that he should not see death before he had seen the Christ of the Lord. He came in the Spirit into the temple; and when the parents brought in the child Jesus to perform the custom of the law in regard to him, he took him into his arms and blessed God, saying: "Now, Master, you may let your servant go in peace, according to your word, for my eyes have seen your salvation, which you prepared in sight of all the peoples, a light for revelation to the Gentiles, and glory for your people Israel." The child's father and mother were amazed at what was said about him; and Simeon blessed them and said to Mary his mother, "Behold, this child is destined for the fall and rise of many in Israel, and to be a sign that will be contradicted —and you yourself a sword will pierce— so that the thoughts of many hearts may be revealed." There was also a prophetess, Anna, the daughter of Phanuel, of the tribe of Asher. She was advanced in years, having lived seven years with her husband after her marriage, and then as a widow until she was eighty-four. She never left the temple, but worshiped night and day with fasting and prayer. And coming forward at that very time, she gave thanks to God and spoke about the child to all who were awaiting the redemption of Jerusalem.

When they had fulfilled all the prescriptions of the law of the Lord, they returned to Galilee, to their own town of Nazareth. The child grew and became strong, filled with wisdom; and the favor of God was upon him.

Homily Please sit

Nicene Creed Please stand

I believe in one God, the Father almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all things visible and invisible.
I believe in one Lord Jesus Christ, the Only Begotten Son of God, born of the Father before all ages.
God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, consubstantial with the Father; through him all things were made.
For us men and for our salvation he came

down from heaven,

(All bow for the following words)
and by the Holy Spirit
was incarnate of the Virgin Mary,
and became man.

For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate,

he suffered death and was buried,

in accordance with the Scriptures. He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead and his kingdom will have no end. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son is adored and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets. I believe in one, holy, catholic and apostolic Church. I confess one Baptism for the forgiveness of sins and I look forward to the resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come. Amen.

and rose again on the third day

Prayer of the Faithful

Announcements Please sit

THE LITURGY of the EUCHARIST

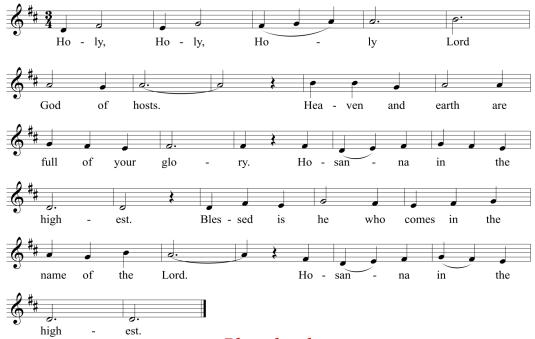
Offertory Anthem *Gentle Mary Laid Her Child/Infant Holy,* arr. M. Stevens (Sat, 5 PM and Sun, 9 AM) *Lullay, My Liking,* Gustav Holst (Sun, 11 AM)

Invitation to Prayer

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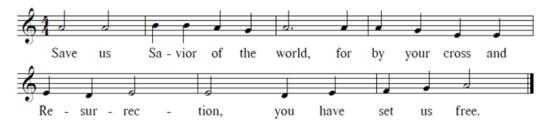
Prayer over the Offerings

Holy, Holy – *Mass of St Theresa*, Covington



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 – Mass of St. Theresa, Covington



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



Communion Hymn- O Little Town of Bethlehem



Text: Phillips Brooks, 1835–1893 Tune: ST. LOUIS, 8 6 8 6 7 6 8 6; Lewis H. Redner, 1831–1908

THE CONCLUDING RITES

Hymn of Thanksgiving - God Rest You Merry, Gentlemen



Text: English carol, 18th C. Tune: GOD REST YOU MERRY, 8 6 8 6 8 6 with refrain; English carol, 18th C.; harm. by John Stainer, 1840–1901

Blessing and Dismissal

Organ Postlude – Fugue in G minor BWV 578, J.S Bach

THE HOLY FAMILY OF JESUS, MARY AND JOSEPH

KIDS CORNER

DRAW

Draw Mary and Joseph carrying the baby Jesus to the altar in the temple.



DAILY READINGS AND MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, December 30 SIXTH DAY WITHIN THE OCTAVE OF CHRISTMAS 1 Jn 2:12-17 Ps 96:7-10 Lk 2:36-40 5:00 PMGeorge & Anna Quimby, Kathryn Holy †
Sunday, December 31 THE HOLY FAMILY OF JESUS, MARY, AND JOSEPH Gn 15:1-6; 21:1-3 Ps 105:1-6, 8-9 Heb 11:8, 11-12, 17-19 Lk 2:22-40 7:30 AMCharlene Trochta †, Caroline Pennant-Jones † 9:00 AMLisa Weesner, Mary Frances Ramos 11:00 AMParishioners of St. Theresa Catholic Church
Monday, January 1 SOLEMNITY OF MARY, THE HOLY MOTHER OF GOD Nm 6:22-27 Ps 67:2-3, 5-6, 8 Gal 4:4-7 Lk 2:16-21 12:00 AMEsperanza Perez †, Caroline Pennant-Jones † 10:00 AMMelissa Perez †, Robert Perez †
Tuesday, January 2 Saints Basil the Great and Gregory Nazianzen, Bishops, Doctors of the Church Eph 4:1-7, 11-13 Ps 23:1b-6 Mt 23:8-12 11:30 AM.
Wednesday, January 3 The Most Holy Name of Jesus 1 Jn 2:29—3:6 Ps 98:1-3, 6 Jn 1:29-34 11:30 AMSam & Leslie Key, Penny Mary †
Thursday, January 4 Saint Elizabeth Ann Seton, Religious Sir 26:1-4, 13-16 Ps 128:1-5 Lk 10:38-42 11:30 AM
Friday, January 5 Saint John Neumann, Bishop 1 Jn 3:11-21 Ps100:1-5 Jn 1:43-51 11:30 AM
Saturday, January 6 Saint Andre Bessette, Religious 1 Jn 5:5-13 Ps 147:12-15, 19-20 Mk 1:7-11 5:00 PMGeorge & Anna Quimby, Kathryn Holy †
Sunday, January 7 THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD Is 60:1-6 Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 10-13 Eph 3:2-3a, 5-6 Mt 2:1-12 7:30 AM

11:00 AM......Parishioners of St. Theresa Catholic Church



2023 YEAR-END GIVING

Do you have a gift you want credited to the 2023 calendar year for tax purposes?

Are you 70 1/2 or older? There are potential tax benefits when you transfer your IRA to St. Theresa.

Donate Today





PARISH NEWS & EVENTS

NURSERY CLOSURE

Sunday, December 31

The Sunday Nursery which cares for children during 9:00 and 11:00 Masses will be closed on Sunday December 31st. We will be back and ready to love on your little ones on January 7.

CHURCH OFFICE HOLIDAY HOURS

Monday, January 1

The church office will be closed on Monday, January 1st. We hope our employees enjoy this period of rest with their families! Mass will still be celebrated at 11:30.

MONDAY MATINEE MOVIE SENSE & SENSIBILITY

Monday, January 8, 2:30 PM, Family Center
When Elinor Dashwood's (Emma Thompson) father dies, her family's finances are crippled, so the Dashwoods must move to a cottage in Devonshire. This movie depicts the romantic disappointments, heartbreak, and ultimate joys of Elinor and her sister Marianne (Kate Winslet). This luminous, beautifully crafted film is lively, witty, and charming. We will serve popcorn and cold drinks. RSVP to Leslie Key at s.leslie@gmail.com.

WOMEN'S CONNECTIONS HABITS FOR HOLINESS

Tuesday, January 9, 6:45 PM, Family Center
Start the new year pursuing holiness with the women of
Connections. Connections resumes on Tuesday, January 9,
with a new 7-week book study, Habits for Holiness by Fr.
Mark-Mary Ames, CFR. Be sure to get a copy of the book
and come having read chapter one and be ready to engage in
discussion. We will join Fr. Mark-Mary Ames, CFR, as he
guides his readers with small, practical steps toward
holiness. Connections meets Tuesdays from 6:45 PM to
8:30 PM in the Family Center. Enjoy delicious snacks, tea,
and fellowship- all a part of the warm and encouraging
community that is Connections. For more information,
contact Terry France at francetherese 101@gmail.com.

MEN'S CATALYST | NEW SERIES

Wednesday, January 10, 6:00 AM, Family Center
The men of Catalyst will start the year Wednesday,
January 10 with a new series from "The Science of
Sainthood." Join 80 other Catholic men in fellowship for a
great way to start 2024! For more information about
Catalyst, contact MenofCatalyst@gmail.com.

CATHOLICISM: 101

Monday, January 8, 7–8:30 PM, Elmer #202

If you are an adult who: has been away from the church for a while and would like to re-connect, is baptized in another faith background and would like to explore the Catholic faith, or is baptized Catholic but has not yet received the Sacrament of Confirmation, join us for an engaging series on Monday nights where we will walk through the basics of our faith incorporating history, theology, and tradition. Contact amy-allert@st-theresa.org for more information.

WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP

Thursday, January 11, 12:30 PM, Family Center
Start the new year off right with Women's
Fellowship. Thursday, January 11 at 12:30
PM Deacon Keith and Maureen Carter will
offer a talk on forgiveness. All women of the
parish are invited to join us. Women's Fellowship promotes
friendship, along with monthly programs on different themes.
Refreshments will be served. You may bring a lunch if you
wish.

NEWLYWED SOCIAL

Friday, January 19, 5:30-7:30 PM, Private Home
Please join the marriage team from St. Theresa Church at a
Newlywed Social! Ongoing marriage enrichment is so
important for couples who want to live a God-centered
marriage. This is an opportunity to meet some other
newlyweds, have fellowship, cocktails/mocktails, appetizers,
and enjoy some time reconnecting with your sponsor couple if
you did your marriage preparation here. All are welcome; no
matter where you were married! Please RSVP to
Amy-Allert@st-theresa.org for address.

CELEBRATING A MILESTONE ANNIVERSARY IN '24?

Those couples of the parish who in 2024 will be celebrating a milestone anniversary of the sacrament of marriage (years 20, 25, 30, 35, 40, 50 or above 50) are invited to be recognized at our 5:00 PM Mass on January 13th. Please RSVP to Kari Cruz at kari-cruz@st-theresa.org by January 8th. Please include the following information in your email: Name of couple, number of years of your milestone anniversary in '24, your email address, and mailing address. Thank you and congratulations!

SAVE THE DATE | VBS

Week of June 10-14, 2024

Something exciting and fun will be happening at St. Theresa the week of **June 10-14, 2024!** Stay tuned for more details in the coming weeks for 2024 Vacation Bible School. We would love for your children to attend this half-day annual even. We will also be seeking both adult and teen volunteers to bring our neighborhood children closer to Christ!

AROUND THE DIOCESE

REST IN ME RETREAT

January 19-21, 2024, Cedarbrake in Temple

Rest in Me, a weekend retreat, will be offered Jan. 19-21 at Cedarbrake Catholic Retreat Center in Temple. This retreat is a weekend of rest for moms/female caregivers of children with physical, mental, or intellectual disabilities and/or chronic medical issues. This weekend is a time for each caregiver to share and find strength in each other and God. Mass, adoration plus praise and worship will be part of the retreat. Cost: \$225 for a private room; \$200 for a shared room; \$100 for commuters. www.austindiocese.org/cedarbrake.

AUSTIN MARIAN CONSECRATION

Beginning February 20, 2024

In Fatima, Our Lady said, "My Immaculate Heart will be your refuge and the way that will lead you to God." Please join thousands of Faithful throughout Diocese of Austin for 33 days of preparation prayer for Total Consecration to Jesus through Mary. The prayers begin on Feb. 20 and are done privately using the preparation book. Please visit www.TexasToJesusThroughMary.org by Jan. 18 to receive your FREE copy of the Montfort preparation prayer book. Your book will be mailed to you.

STEWARDSHIP

GOOD STEWARDS

We hope you had a wonderful Christmas season with your friends and family! You know, the heart of generosity is gratitude. Our parishioners often give because they're thankful–first, thankful to God, but also thankful to St. Theresa.

Here are just a few ways that St. Theresa benefited from your dedication:

- We fund vital operational expenses for our church. Without
 partnership from parishioners like you, we wouldn't be able to meet
 together, worship, and share Christ with the community. These
 expenses are required to keep our church alive.
- We support various ministries, purchasing much-needed supplies and equipment to be the "hands and feet" of Jesus.
- We save for future initiatives, such as the growth and development
 of our mission-based community, campus initiatives, youth
 programs, and outreach needs. When you contribute to St. Theresa,
 you invest in the future church.

Thank you for your generosity during this beautiful holiday season and throughout the year!

Andrea Bizzanelli | Stewardship Office

ST. DOMINIC SAVIO VISITING OPPORTUNITIES

January 12 & 26, 2024 (8:30 – 10:30 AM) April 12, 2024 (8:30 – 10:30 am)

St. Dominic Savio Catholic High School is a co-education college preparatory school that offers an extensive curriculum to satisfy a variety of student academic and extra-curricular interests. Prospective parents are invited to attend one of our Parent Information Sessions to learn more about our school, enjoy a student-led tour of our beautiful campus and hear about our admission process. To register for an information session and other visiting opportunities go to our website: saviochs.org or contact Holly Bologna, Director of Admissions at 512-388-8846 ext. 5504.



A SAVIOR IS BORN

St. Theresa students and families gathered together at the school Christmas Pageant before break. Students from all grades participated in a variety of roles including narrators, actors, musicians and choristers. It was a lovely morning filled with song, radiant faces and celebration of the birth of Jesus.



Merry Christmas to you and God bless you and your family with peace and joy for the year to come!

St. Theresa Catholic School is a 2023
National Blue Ribbon School, serving
students PK-3 through 8th grade. For more
information about our school, please reach
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