



ST. THERESA  
CATHOLIC CHURCH & SCHOOL

# PARISH BULLETIN



SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT  
DECEMBER 7, 2025

# EXPAND YOUR FAITH

## "HERE I AM LORD, SEND ME" - PARISH VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

God has given you unique gifts — say 'YES' to using those gifts for God's work. Please prayerfully choose one **Volunteer Opportunity** below ✨ where you can serve, shine and help our church thrive. We grow in faith, love, and mission as we all share our gifts. For more information go to the link below <https://st-theresa.org/serve> or use QR code 



- ✨ **CHRISTMAS MASSES - GREETERS** - Come share our St Theresa warm welcome with visitors during the holidays. Welcome desk ministers are needed for December and all Christmas Masses!
- ✨ **FUNERAL MINISTRY** - Like to cook (or pick stuff up at H-E-B)? Helping Hands Funeral Ministry volunteers provide light meals for grieving families following a funeral Mass. Want to join the team? Our group would love new members. Contact Nita Charrin: [nitacharrin@gmail.com](mailto:nitacharrin@gmail.com).
- ✨ **HIGH SCHOOL YOUTH MINISTRY (HSYM) Feed our Teens** - provide lunch for our teens as they meet right after Mass on Sundays. Every meal is a gift that reminds our youth they're cared for and welcomed.

## HELP US BRING OUR SOUND SYSTEM INTO THE 21<sup>ST</sup> CENTURY!

Parishioners of all ages have commented that they have trouble hearing at St. Theresa. We're completely rebuilding our sound system so everyone can hear clearly at every Mass and event. Please help us improve sound in the Sanctuary and other campus areas through our Sound System Fundraiser.

Give online at: [www.st-theresa.org/give](http://www.st-theresa.org/give)



**EXPECTING A BABY?** Bundle of Blessings Ministry - The St. Theresa Bundle of Blessings ministry stops by the homes of families who have welcomed a new child, bringing food, support, and a small gift. Add your due date to our calendar and our community will pray for you! [www.st-theresa.org/baby](http://www.st-theresa.org/baby)



**PARENTS ROSARY - PRAYING THE ROSARY FOR ALL OUR CHILDREN** - Join us daily at 7:55 AM or after dropping off your children at school, find us in the Chapel or Family Center if the Church is occupied.

**WORD ON FIRE** - Check out the free daily Scripture readings, inspirational videos, and Bishop Barron's weekly homily. The website is a wonderful resource to help you grow in your Catholic faith. [www.wordonfire.org](http://www.wordonfire.org)

**FORMED** - Helps you to dive into the treasures of the Church, from daily reflections to small group studies, all designed to nourish your faith journey. [www.formed.org](http://www.formed.org) St Theresa has a free online subscription.

## WEEK AT A GLANCE

### MASS INTENTIONS

#### SATURDAY, DEC 6

5:00 PM - Bob Hogan †, Wright Family

#### SUNDAY, DEC 7

7:30 AM - Theresa McLain †, Arlene Horvath †

9:00 AM - Shawn Dennis, Alexis Devaraj †

11:00 AM - Parishioners of STCC

#### MONDAY, DEC 8

11:30 AM - Claire Murphy

6:00 PM - Mary Starkey †

#### TUESDAY, DEC 9

11:30 AM - Gary Durbin †

#### WEDNESDAY, DEC 10

11:30 AM - Michelle Murphy, Lisa Pessler †

#### THURSDAY, DEC 11

11:30 AM - Mike Spurlin †

#### FRIDAY, DEC 12

11:30 AM - Barbara Bernal †, Wilma Danze †

### DAILY MASS | MONDAY - FRIDAY 11:30 AM

#### SATURDAY, DEC 6

PARISH TREE LIGHTING, CAROLS & COCOA | 6:15 PM

#### SUNDAY, DEC 7

LITURGY OF THE WORD WITH CHILDREN (LWWC) | 9:00 AM

HSYM | NOON | ELMER

#### MONDAY, DEC 8

IMMACULATE CONCEPTION MASS | 11:30 AM & 6:00 PM

#### TUESDAY, DEC 9

FUNERAL | 10 AM

PARISH PENANCE SERVICE | 7 PM | SACTUARY

#### WEDNESDAY, DEC 10

CATALYST | 6 AM | FC

BRIDGE GAMES | 12:15 PM | FC

#### THURSDAY, DEC 11

BIBLE STUDY | 9:15 AM | ELMER RM 202

SENIORS | MAHJONG | 12:15 PM | FC

SENIORS | BUNCO | 1:00 PM | FC

#### FRIDAY, DEC 12

ADORATION | NOON - 1:00 PM

**MASS INTENTIONS** - To honor someone with a Mass intention please visit the parish office during business hours or call 512-451-5121. The suggested donation per Mass intention is \$5.

**ALTAR FLOWERS** - A wonderful way to remember a loved one who is celebrating a birthday, anniversary, or who has passed. Contact the parish office for information.

# JOIN US AND GET INVOLVED

**SAT DEC 6** **PARISH TREE LIGHTING IN THE COURTYARD - CAROLS, COOKIES & COCOA | 6:15 PM**  
Join us for a magical evening as we light the Christmas trees in our courtyard! Enjoy some cookies and hot cocoa generously provided by the Women of Connections and sing a few carols together.

**SUN DEC 7** **DECEMBER 6 - 7, SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT - PEACE**  
Today's Psalm is "Justice shall flourish in his time, and fullness of peace forever." How are we working toward justice and peace today?

**KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS | BREAKFAST TACOS FUNDRAISER | AFTER 7:30 AM & 9 AM MASSES** - Hot breakfast to support the Knights' charity efforts? Yes, please. We will have coffee and donuts as well. Come meet other parishioners and support our Knight's fundraiser!

**HIGH SCHOOL YOUTH MINISTRY (HSYM) | NOON - 1:30 PM | ELMER HALL**

All high school teens are invited to youth group every Sunday, for lunch, fellowship, faith and fun. Different topics, games and activities each week. Bring a friend!



**MON DEC 8** **SOLEMNITY OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY**

HOLY DAY OF OBLIGATION | MASSES AT 11:30 AM & 6 PM

**TUES DEC 9** **PARISH PENANCE SERVICE | 7 PM | SANCTUARY** - Receive the healing grace to make your heart ready for the coming of Our Savior! We will have multiple priests available to hear your confessions.

**WED DEC 10** **CATALYST | 6 AM | FC | "A MAN AFTER GOD'S OWN HEART" / STEVE BOLLMAN**  
Each week at Catalyst, men of all ages come together to grow in faith and brotherhood. Breakfast tacos and coffee served at all meetings!



**THU DEC 11** **COFFEE AND CHRIST | 7:45 AM - 8:45 AM | CHRISTMAS BRUNCH | FC** - Bring a dish (homemade or store bought) and an ornament to exchange.

**FRI DEC 12** **EARLY BIRD TACO MINISTRY | 5:45 AM - 7:15 AM | FC** - Since the 1990s, the Early Bird Breakfast Taco Ministry furnishes about 200 tacos every Friday morning to folks at two homeless shelters in Austin. Three different groups of volunteers make this happen. Come join us! Contact: Tacos@st-theresa.org

**MOTHER'S OF YOUNG CHILDREN MEETUP (MOYC) | 2:00 PM - 4:00 PM**

Meets in the Family Center Nursery during the school year. This is for all mothers and their babies, or mothers to come by themselves for fellowship if their kids are all at school. The structure is flex and flow.



**DECEMBER 13-14 - NUT SALES - KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS** - Support our Knights and purchase those delicious nuts for Christmas! Stop by our table before and after all Masses Dec.13 & 14. Or pre-order online and make sure you get what you need. Supplies are limited!  
<https://kc-9796-nuts.square.site/>

**SUNDAY DECEMBER 21st - SAVE THE DATE - CHURCH DECORATING PARTY | 5 PM - 8 PM** - Help us prepare our church for Christmas Masses! We need many volunteers to hang lights, ornaments, garlands, and to place poinsettias. Feel free to stop by anytime. Pizza will be available for volunteers.

**NEW - CATHOLICISM 101 | BEGINNING MONDAY, JANUARY 12TH | 7 PM | ELMER RM 202**

Are you interested in becoming Catholic or feeling called to learn more about the faith? Our next Catholicism 101 course begins Monday, January 12th, and all adults are welcome—those preparing for Confirmation as well as parishioners seeking deeper formation. Each week, we'll explore essential topics such as how to read the Bible, what it means to live a life of holiness, how to pray like the saints, and what the Church teaches about justification and the path to Heaven. If this speaks to you, we'd love to welcome you.

Visit [st-theresa.org/become-catholic](http://st-theresa.org/become-catholic) for more information, or contact Chase Crouse at [chase-crouse@st-theresa.org](mailto:chase-crouse@st-theresa.org).

**BEAUTY BEYOND LOSS | HALF-DAY RETREAT, SATURDAY, JANUARY 10TH | 8:30 AM - NOON**  
**ST. THERESA FAMILY CENTER, 4311 SMALL DR., AUSTIN**

Have you experienced loss? Perhaps a loved one died, maybe it was divorce, job loss, even retirement or health problems and limitations can feel like a profound loss. Women and men of the parish and beyond are invited to a half-day retreat sponsored by Women's Connections and given by author and international retreat leader, Paula D'Arcy. The retreat is free but please RSVP here: <https://st-theresa.org/griefretreat>



# WELCOME TO ST. THERESA



DECEMBER AT ST. THERESA  
st-theresa.org/advent

## Christmas Eve

DECEMBER 24  
4:00 PM (Church and Gym Overflow) & 6:30 PM

## Christmas

DECEMBER 25  
Midnight Mass at 12:00 AM  
10:00 AM



## Save the Date

12/7	Sun.		<b>SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT</b>
12/8	Mon.	11:30AM & 6PM	SOLEMNITY OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION*
12/9	Tues.	7:00 PM	ADVENT PENANCE SERVICE
12/14	Sun.		<b>THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT</b>
12/14	Sat./Sun.		KC NUT SALE FUNDRAISER
12/14	Sun.	12:15 PM	HS YOUTH CHRISTMAS PARTY
12/16	Tues.		STAFF ADVENT TRIP- OFFICE CLOSED
12/16	Tues.	6:45 PM	CONNECTIONS CHRISTMAS PARTY
12/20	Sat.	10:00 AM	ADVENT ANGEL TREE DELIVERIES TO FAMILIES
12/21	Sun.		<b>FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT</b>
12/21	Sun.	5:00-8:00 PM	CHURCH DECORATING PARTY
12/31	Wed.	5:00 PM	SOLEMNITY OF MARY, MOTHER OF GOD* VIGIL
1/1	Thurs.	10:00 AM	SOLEMNITY OF MARY, MOTHER OF GOD*

\* Holy Day of Obligation

## Make a Difference

This Advent, we have two outreach opportunities:

- 1) Adopt a family through the Angel Trees
- 2) Donate \$20 HEB and Wal-Mart gift cards for St. Vincent de Paul. Drop off at parish office before December 20th

For more details see : [st-theresa.org/advent](http://st-theresa.org/advent)



### ST. THERESA CATHOLIC SCHOOL - 2026-2027 APPLICATIONS ARE NOW OPEN! APPLY TODAY AT [ST-THERESA.ORG/SCHOOL](http://ST-THERESA.ORG/SCHOOL)

We invite you to live the "Little Way" at St. Theresa Catholic School. Serving 3 year olds to 8th grade. National Blue Ribbon School scoring in the top 15% of nationwide assessments. BOOK A TOUR TODAY: Contact Susie Thompson, Admissions Director at [sthompson@st-theresa.org](mailto:sthompson@st-theresa.org) .



**ST. THERESA CATHOLIC CHURCH & SCHOOL**  
4311 SMALL DRIVE, AUSTIN, TEXAS 78731

OFFICE: (512)451-5121 | M - F 9:00 AM - 5:00 PM  
ST-THERESA.ORG

**Fr. Larry Covington - Pastor**  
**Fr. Barry Cuba - Parochial Vicar**  
**Deacon Tony Pynes**  
**Deacon Keith Carter**  
**Deacon Peter Barger**

We are a vibrant and welcoming Catholic community in Northwest Austin. Following the example of our patroness, St. Theresa is grounded in scripture, growing in the Spirit, and reaching out in love. We are making disciples for the Lord Jesus Christ and, together in ministry for Him, advancing the Kingdom of God.

All are welcome here!

### GROWING FOR CHRIST!

#### Your Offertory

November 24 - 30: \$49,284  
November MTD: \$262,971  
November Budgeted Offertory: \$184,760

TEXT STCC  
to 84576  
email/text  
updates

**Saturday Vigil 5:00 PM**

**Sunday Mass 7:30 AM 9:00 AM\* 11:00 AM**

\*Livestream on YouTube

**Daily Mass - 11:30 AM (M - F)**

**Reconciliation - Saturday, 4:00 PM or by appt.**

**Adoration - Fridays, Noon -1:00 PM**



**GIVE**



**JOIN**



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### THANK YOU FOR YOUR STEWARDSHIP!

If you have not yet had a chance to make your 2026 Offertory Commitment, we kindly encourage you to do so this week. Your support strengthens our ministries and helps us build a vibrant future for St. Theresa. Cards are available in the Narthex, and online giving is always available at [st-theresa.org/stewardship](http://st-theresa.org/stewardship). We give together, we grow together!