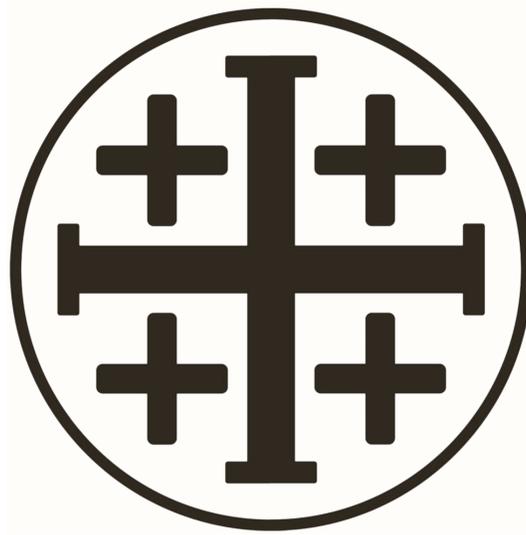


The 2nd SUNDAY *of* ADVENT

Sunday, December 7, 2025



If you are new to St. Theresa...

CONNECT

If you are new to St. Theresa or are interested in learning more about our community, please fill out a newcomer card at the Welcome Desk in the Narthex. Give completed forms to an usher or place in the collection basket. You can also fill out this form online at www.st-theresa.org/join

NURSERY

Children are always welcome at Mass, even if they worship differently than adults. For kids that need a little more room to move or can't always keep in their songs of praise, there are pews in the Narthex where families can still worship in a more relaxed atmosphere. We also have a staffed nursery in the Family Center for children ages 6 months to 3 years during the 9:00 and 11:00 AM Sunday Masses.

RESTROOMS

Public restrooms are located at the rear of the church on the west side of the Narthex.

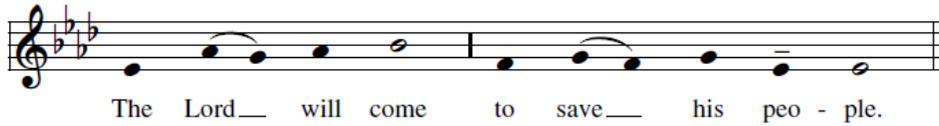
REQUEST PRAYER

As a community, we lift up the prayer list during Sunday Mass, in our weekly electronic newsletter, and through our daily Rosary group, which gathers after the 11:30 AM Mass. We invite you to share your prayer intentions for your loved ones at www.st-theresa.org/prayer.

INTRODUCTORY RITES

Entrance Antiphon - *St. Meinrad Communion Antiphon*, Columba Kelly, OSB

Please stand



Invocation

Lighting of the Advent Wreath

Penitential Act

I confess to almighty God
and to you, my brothers and sisters,
that I have greatly sinned
in my thoughts and in my words,
in what I have done
and in what I have failed to do,
(Strike breast 3x)
*through my fault, through my fault,
through my most grievous fault;*
therefore I ask blessed Mary ever-Virgin,
all the Angels and Saints,
and you, my brothers and sisters,
to pray for me to the Lord our God.

Lord Have Mercy - *Kyrie*, G.P. Palestrina, arr. Covington

Cantor: All:
Ky-ri-e e - le-i-son, Ky-ri-e e - le-i-son,

Cantor: All:
Chri-ste e - le-i-son, Chri-ste e - le-i-son,

Cantor: All:
Ky-ri-e e - le-i-son, Ky-ri-e e - le-i-son.

Collect

Please sit

THE LITURGY *of the* WORD

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

First Reading - *Isaiah 11:1-10*

On that day, a shoot shall sprout from the stump of Jesse, and from his roots a bud shall blossom. The spirit of the LORD shall rest upon him: a spirit of wisdom and of understanding, a spirit of counsel and of strength, a spirit of knowledge and of fear of the LORD, and his delight shall be the fear of the LORD. Not by appearance shall he judge, nor by hearsay shall he decide, but he shall judge the poor with justice, and decide aright for the land's afflicted. He shall strike the ruthless with the rod of his mouth, and with the breath of his lips he shall slay the wicked. Justice shall be the band around his waist, and faithfulness a belt upon his hips. Then the wolf shall be a guest of the lamb, and the leopard shall lie down with the kid; the calf and the young lion shall browse together, with a little child to guide them. The cow and the bear shall be neighbors, together their young shall rest; the lion shall eat hay like the ox. The baby shall play by the cobra's den, and the child lay his hand on the adder's lair. There shall be no harm or ruin on all my holy mountain; for the earth shall be filled with knowledge of the LORD, as water covers the sea. On that day, the root of Jesse, set up as a signal for the nations, the Gentiles shall seek out, for his dwelling shall be glorious.

Responsorial Psalm - *Psalm 72:1-2, 7-8, 12-13, 17*



R. Jus-tice shall flour-ish in his time, and full-ness of peace for ev-er.

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O God, with your judgment endow the king,
and with your justice, the king's son;
he shall govern your people with justice
and your afflicted ones with judgment. **R.**

Justice shall flower in his days,
and profound peace, till the moon be no more.
May he rule from sea to sea,
and from the River to the ends of the earth. **R.**

For he shall rescue the poor when he cries out,
and the afflicted when he has no one to help him.
He shall have pity for the lowly and the poor;
the lives of the poor he shall save. **R.**

May his name be blessed forever;
as long as the sun his name shall remain.
In him shall all the tribes of the earth be blessed;
all the nations shall proclaim his happiness. **R.**

Second Reading - *Romans 15:4-9*

Brothers and sisters: Whatever was written previously was written for our instruction, that by endurance and by the encouragement of the Scriptures we might have hope. May the God of endurance and encouragement grant you to think in harmony with one another, in keeping with Christ Jesus, that with one accord you may with one voice glorify the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ.

Welcome one another, then, as Christ welcomed you, for the glory of God. For I say that Christ became a minister of the circumcised to show God's truthfulness, to confirm the promises to the patriarchs, but so that the Gentiles might glorify God for his mercy. As it is written: *Therefore, I will praise you among the Gentiles and sing praises to your name.*

Gospel Alleluia - *Luke 3:4, 6*



Al - le - lú - ia, al-le - lú - ia, al-le - lú - ia.

Verse: Prepare the way of the Lord, make straight his paths;
all flesh shall see the salvation of God.

Gospel – Matthew 3:1-12

John the Baptist appeared, preaching in the desert of Judea and saying, "Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is at hand!" It was of him that the prophet Isaiah had spoken when he said: *A voice of one crying out in the desert, Prepare the way of the Lord, make straight his paths.* John wore clothing made of camel's hair and had a leather belt around his waist. His food was locusts and wild honey. At that time Jerusalem, all Judea, and the whole region around the Jordan were going out to him and were being baptized by him in the Jordan River as they acknowledged their sins.

When he saw many of the Pharisees and Sadducees coming to his baptism, he said to them, "You brood of vipers! Who warned you to flee from the coming wrath? Produce good fruit as evidence of your repentance. And do not presume to say to yourselves, 'We have Abraham as our father.' For I tell you, God can raise up children to Abraham from these stones. Even now the ax lies at the root of the trees. Therefore every tree that does not bear good fruit will be cut down and thrown into the fire. I am baptizing you with water, for repentance, but the one who is coming after me is mightier than I. I am not worthy to carry his sandals. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire. His winnowing fan is in his hand. He will clear his threshing floor and gather his wheat into his barn, but the chaff he will burn with unquenchable fire."

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 *Mary's Song*, Wendell Kimbrough, arr. Scheer (Sat, 5 PM)
The Peace to Come, Karen Marolli (Sun, 9 AM)
E'en So Lord Jesus Quickly Come, Paul Manz (Sun, 11 AM)

Invitation to Prayer

Please stand

Priest: Pray, brothers and sisters, that my sacrifice and yours may be acceptable to God, the almighty Father.

Assembly: **May the Lord accept the sacrifice at your hands for the praise and glory of his name, for our good and the good of all his holy Church.**

Prayer over the Offerings

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

Ho - ly, Ho - ly, Ho - ly Lord
God of hosts. Hea - ven and earth are
full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the
high - est. Bles - sed is he who comes in the
name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the
high - est.

Please kneel or be seated

Mystery of Faith – *Mass of St Theresa*

Save us Sa - vior of the world, for by your cross and
Re - sur - rec - tion, you have set us free.

Great Amen – *chant*

Please stand

THE COMMUNION RITE

Lord's Prayer

Sign of Peace

Lamb of God – *Mass of St. Theresa*

Lamb of God, you take a-way the sins of the world, have mer - cy on
us. Lamb of God, you take a-way the sins of the world,
grant us peace. Grant us peace.

Please kneel or be seated

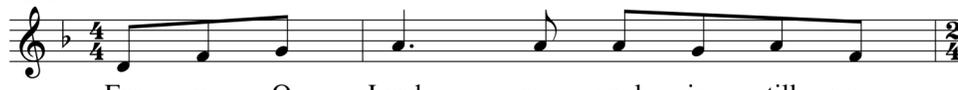
Communion Antiphon – St. Meinrad Communion Antiphon, Columba Kelly, OSB



Be - hold — the joy which comes to you from God.

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

Refrain



For you, O Lord, my soul in still - ness



waits, tru - ly my hope is in you.

Verses



1. O Lord of Light, our on - ly hope of
2. O Spring of Joy, rain down up - on our
3. O Root of Life, im - plant your seed with -
4. O Key of Knowl - edge, guide us in our
5. Come, let us bow be - fore the God who
6. Here we shall meet the Mak - er of the



glo - ry, your ra-diance shines in all who look to
 spir - its, our thirst - y hearts are yearn - ing for your
 in us, and in your ad - vent, draw us all to
 pil-grim-age, we ev - er seek, yet un - ful - filled re -
 made us, let ev - 'ry heart be o - pened to the
 heav - ens, Cre - a - tor of the moun-tains and the



you, come, light the hearts of all in dark and
 Word, come, make us whole, be com - fort to our
 you, our hope re - born in dy - ing and in
 main, o - pen to us the path - way of your
 Lord, for we are all the peo - ple of his
 seas, Lord of the stars, and pres - ent to us



shad - ow.
 hearts.
 ris - ing.
 peace.
 hand.
 now.

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Choral Anthem *The Peace to Come*, Karen Marolli (Sat, 5 PM)
 Jerusalem Arise, Marc Cerisier (Sun, 11 AM)

Prayer after Communion

Please stand

THE CONCLUDING RITES

Hymn of Thanksgiving – *Wild and Lone the Prophet's Voice*



1. Wild and lone the proph - et's voice
2. "Bear the fruit re - pent - ance sows:
3. With such preach - ing stark and bold



Ech - oes through the des - ert still, Call - ing us to
Lives of jus - tice, truth, and love. Trust no oth - er
John pro - claimed sal - va - tion near, And his time - less



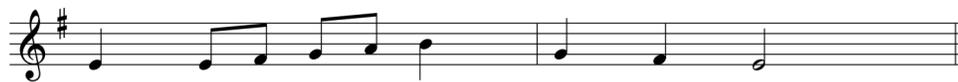
make a choice, Bid - ding us to do God's will:
claim than those; Set your heart on things a - bove.
warn - ings hold Words of hope to all who hear.



"Turn from sin and be bap - tized; Cleanse your heart and
Soon the Lord will come in pow'r, Burn - ing clean the
So we dare to jour - ney on, Led by faith through



mind and soul. Quit - ting all the sins you prized,
thresh - ing floor: Then will flames the chaff de - vour;
ways un - trod, Till we come at last like John



Yield your life to God's con - trol."
Wheat a - lone shall fill God's store."
To be - hold the Lamb of God.

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Blessing and Dismissal

Organ Postlude – *Wachet auf, ruft uns dir Stimme*, Johann Krebs



THIS WEEK AT ST. THERESA

- 12/8 **SOLEMNITY OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION***
 Mass at 11:30 AM, 6:00 PM
**Holy Day of Obligation*
- 12/9 **ADVENT PENANCE SERVICE - 7:00 PM**
- 12/14 **KC'S NUT SALE FUNDRAISER**



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