

# St. Therese of Lisieux

## Roman Catholic Parish

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## Mary, The Holy Mother of God January 1, 2023

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### Sunday Mass Times

**Saturday 5:30pm Vigil- Patagonia**

**Sunday 8:00am Sonoita, 10:30am Patagonia**

### Daily Mass

**Tuesday, Thursday & Friday**

8:00am-Patagonia (April-September)

9:00am-Patagonia (October-March)

**Wednesday 9:00am-Sonoita**

### Confessions

Saturday 4:00pm or any day by appointment.

**Holy Hour- 1st Fridays immediately after mass.**

# ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- ❖ **HAPPY NEW YEAR from everyone at St. Therese of Lisieux Parish.**
  
- ❖ Please pick up your 2023 St. Therese Parish calendar.
  
- ❖ The 2023 Offertory Collection Box sets are still in production. the delays are beyond our control. Please pick up some pink temporary envelopes. Make sure to fill out the label so that we can credit our contribution account correctly. A plain white envelope with name and address is also acceptable.
  
- ❖ Parish office will be closed on Monday January 3, 2023  
**Office hours for the week from January 4-January 6. To be announced. Please make sure that you call Ramon if you need to go the parish office.**
  
- ❖ 2022 Contribution letters will be generated upon request only. Please fill out a request form and send to Ramon in collection basket, mail, or email. as soon as possible.
  
- ❖ Confirmation Class resumes on Sunday January 8, 2022 9:30am at Parish Hall
  
- ❖ CCD classes resume on Wednesday January 4, 3:30pm at parish hall.
  
- ❖ **Angel Wings Gift & Thrift Shop will re-open on Thursday January 5, 2023**

## Prayer Request

Virginia Fain	Jeffrey Latham
Dr. Jesse	Noel Weatherbie
Steve Biddle	Johnson Family (Maryknoll Mission)
Pam D.	Delfina Madrid
Sadie G.	Art Pena
	Diane Tooke

MONTH OF NOVEMBER 2022	Patagonia	Sonoita	Total
Regular Offering	\$3,323.00	\$2,195.00	\$5,518.00
Parish Priest Salary	\$599.00	\$1,196.00	\$1,795.00
UPCOMING 2 <sup>ND</sup> COLLECTIONS			

January 8- Parish Priest Salary  
January 22- Maintenance & Grounds Fund

### St. Therese Parish Office Hours

**Monday: 9:00am- 12:00 pm**

**Tuesday: 9:00am-12:00 pm**

**Wednesday: 9:00 am-12:00 pm**

**Thursday: 9:00 am-12:00 pm**

The parish bulletin and other parish information is being uploaded to our parishioner email software. Please fill out an information sheet if you are not receiving emails from the parish. We would like to add more parishioners in order to have a more efficient communication tool in place. Please mail or place information sheet in the collection basket.

### Mass Intentions

**Saturday December 31, 5:30pm**  
Missa Pro Populo

**Sunday December 01, 8:00am**  
Missa Pro Populo

**Sunday December 01, 10:30am**  
Missa Pro Populo

*Please continue to use the hand sanitizer  
and continue to take all necessary  
precautions to help keep everyone safe.*

### Sacramental Life

**Baptism:** Contact Parish Office one month prior to the desired date  
**Confirmation:** Contact Parish Office for information and schedule  
**Marriage:** Contact the Parish Office at least 6 months prior to the desired date

**January 1, 2023**

### **BLESSINGS**

Today's readings include another account of the story of Jesus' birth. The reading from the book of Numbers reminds us that we are blessed. We are looked upon with kindness and grace. The psalm and Galatians remind us of the blessings given through God's Son. Luke tells of our ultimate blessing, that Mary, a human being like us, gave birth to a child who is God's Son. Mary, a young mother, watches all that is happening around the birth of her son. She listens as the shepherds bring messages from angels, a message she also received from an angel, about her son. Yet Mary remains silent. She keeps all this news about her son to herself. She reflects on all these experiences. The only thing she shares is the name of her son, Jesus, a name given him before he was even conceived. Her silence leaves us wondering if this is how one responds to such a great blessing.

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### **TODAY'S READINGS**

**First Reading** — The LORD bless you and keep you!  
The LORD look upon you kindly and give you peace!  
(Numbers 6:22-27).

**Psalm** — May God be merciful and bless us (Psalm 67).

**Second Reading** — God sent the Spirit of the Son into our hearts, crying out, "Abba, Father!" So you are no longer a slave but an heir, through God  
(Galatians 4:4-7).

**Gospel** — The shepherds glorified and praised God for all they had heard and seen (Luke 2:16-21).

### **READINGS FOR THE WEEK**

Monday: 1 Jn 2:22-28; Ps 98:1-4; Jn 1:19-28  
Tuesday: 1 Jn 2:29 — 3:6; Ps 98:1, 3cd-6; Jn 1:29-34  
Wednesday: 1 Jn 3:7-10; Ps 98:1, 7-9; Jn 1:35-42  
Thursday: 1 Jn 3:11-21; Ps 100:1b-5; Lk 4:14-22a  
Friday: 1 Jn 5:5-13; Ps 147:12-15, 19-20;  
Mk 1:7-11 or Lk 3:23-28 [23, 31-34, 36, 38]  
Saturday: 1 Jn 5:14-21; Sal 149:1-6a, 9b; Jn 2:1-11  
Sunday: Is 60:1-6; Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 10-13;  
Eph 3:2-3a, 5-6; Mt 2:1-12

### **CATHOLIC PRAYER CORNER**

**Prayer at the Manger: With Mary and Joseph**

May we follow the faithful, loving witness  
of Mary and Joseph  
as we seek to bring Jesus, your Word,  
into the world.

May we always follow his Gospel,  
now and forever. Amen.

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## **Mary, the Holy Mother of God**

### **SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES**

Sunday: Mary, the Holy Mother of God;  
The Octave Day of the Nativity of the Lord;  
World Day of Prayer for Peace;  
New Year's Day  
Monday: Ss. Basil the Great and Gregory Nazianzen  
Tuesday: The Most Holy Name of Jesus  
Wednesday: St. Elizabeth Ann Seton  
Thursday: St. John Neumann  
Friday: St. André Bessette; First Friday  
Saturday: St. Raymond of Penyafort; First Saturday;  
Julian Calendar Christmas

### **OUR FASCINATING FAITH**

#### **Resolve to Spread God's Mercy and Peace**

Imagine: two New Year's celebrations in little over a month! In late November, Advent began the new liturgical year, and today the secular New Year 2023 begins. In today's Gospel, everyone who heard it was amazed by the story the shepherds told of the angels' message regarding the child. Mary herself continued to reflect on all these things in her heart. With religious persecutions raging, international and domestic conflicts seething, our family and friends suffering various difficulties, and COVID not yet entirely in the rear-view mirror, not to mention our own personal problems, how much our world needs Jesus as another New Year veiled in mystery begins! As we pray for God's mercy to enfold our world and embrace each of us in 2023, let our New Year's resolution be to live for others, as Mary did, a channel of God's mercy and an instrument of Christ's peace.

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### **TIME**

Do not squander time, for that is the stuff life is made of.

—Benjamin Franklin

### **PASSIONS**

We should employ our passions in the service of life, not spend life in the service of our passions.

—Richard Steele

### **NEW YEAR**

The object of a new year is not that we should have a new year, but rather that we should have a new soul.