St. Therese of Lisieux

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First Sunday of Lent
February 26, 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:

❖ **ACA 2023**

The calling to make sure the works of the Church continue is at the core of our mission as followers of Jesus Christ. Your generosity has a powerful impact on our ability to carry out the works of the Church -- building a strong Catholic presence across our Diocese and taking care of our parishes, schools, and those in need in our communities.

As we conduct the Annual Catholic Appeal in parishes across our Diocese, please prayerfully consider the vital charities, ministries, and services that YOU make happen. For these are the way we live, care for one another, and share the GOSPEL with the world today! Please make a commitment to the Annual Catholic Appeal, today.
We are the Mission of the Church! Give online today at www.cathfnd.org/donate

- **Deepen your prayer life this Lent with Hallow, a Catholic prayer and meditation app that helps us all find peace in God. HALLOW.COM/PRAY**

- **Stations of the Cross-Fridays during Lent:**
  Our Lady of The Angels-3:00pm St. Therese Parish-3:00pm

- **St. Therese Parish has a new email address:**
  theresercp@gmail.com

- **Parish Office will be closed on Monday February 27. Please call Ramon at 520-313-4813 for any parish urgent matters.**

- Confirmation Class Sunday March 5, 9:30am at Parish Hall
  CCD classes Wednesday March 1, 3:30pm at parish hall

- Alex Quiroga and family would like to thank everyone for their healing prayers for Lane Matthew Quiroga.

MONTH OF JANUARY 2023	Patagonia	Sonoita	Total
Regular Offering	$4,599.00	$2,186.00	$6,785.00
Parish Priest Salary	$1,204.00	$1,432.00	$2,636.00

2nd Collections

February 26- Black & Indian Mission
March 5- Maintenance & Grounds Fund
March 12- Parish Priest Salary
March 19- Catholic Relief Services

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.

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Mass Intentions

Saturday February 25, 5:30pm
Missa Pro Populo

Sunday February 26, 8:00am
Lane Matthew Quiroga

Sunday February 19, 10:30am
† Arcenio De La Ossa

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

PRAY FOR

Patsy Urias Calles
Virginia Fain
Dr. Jesse
Steve Biddle
Sadie G.
Jodi Woodhouse
Johnson Family (Maryknoll Mission)
Jeffrey Latham
Noel Weatherbie
Lane Matthew Quiroga
Delfina Madrid
Diane Tooke
Terra Wright
Ana Maria Miranda
Cruz Quiroga

February 26, 2023 **First Sunday of Lent**

WHO WE ARE AND WHOSE WE ARE

The Lenten season is a fresh invitation to explore again who God is, who we are, and what it means to be human. We begin by hearing the tragic story of the first humans in the book of Genesis. As Paul describes in Romans, our struggles started when our ancestors broke the bond of unity with God, sought self-sufficiency, and grew apart from their true purpose and identity. In Matthew's Gospel, we see how Jesus resists the lure of living outside of unity with God. Jesus rejects false promises of possessions, power, and status. Instead, he puts his life in his Father's hands. As our model for living as a fully human person, Jesus demonstrates that we are created to live in relationship with and trust in God, and in harmony with and for all of creation.

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TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading — The man and the woman ate the fruit of the one tree that God had told them to avoid, and their shame overtook them (Genesis 2:7-9; 3:1-7).
Psalm — Have mercy on us sinners, O Lord (Psalm 51).
Second Reading — Death reigned from Adam to Moses, but now grace and life abound in Christ Jesus (Romans 5:12-19 [12, 17-19]).
Gospel — Jesus was led into the desert by the Spirit and there he fasted for forty days and forty nights (Matthew 4:1-11).

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READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday:	Lv 19:1-2, 11-18; Ps 19:8-10, 15; Mt 25:31-46
Tuesday:	Is 55:10-11; Ps 34:4-7, 16-19; Mt 6:7-15
Wednesday:	Jon 3:1-10; Ps 51:3-4, 12-13, 18-19; Lk 11:29-32
Thursday:	Est C:12, 14-16, 23-25; Ps 138:1-3, 7c-8; Mt 7:7-12
Friday:	Ez 18:21-28; Ps 130:1-8; Mt 5:20-26
Saturday:	Dt 26:16-19; Ps 119:1-2, 4-5, 7-8; Mt 5:43-48
Sunday:	Gn 12:1-4a; Ps 33:4-5, 18-20, 22; 2 Tm 1:8b-10; Mt 17:1-9

SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Sunday:	First Sunday of Lent
Monday:	St. Gregory of Narek; Julian Calendar Lent begins
Friday:	St. Katharine Drexel; Abstinence; First Friday; World Day of Prayer
Saturday:	St. Casimir; First Saturday

CATHOLIC PRAYER CORNER

Prayer during Lent

Holy God,
now is the acceptable time to return to you.
As we walk the path of these forty days,
may we turn away from sin
and embrace a life of goodness and truth.
Strengthen us on our Lenten journey
and keep us focused on the cross and resurrection
of your Son, our Savior and Redeemer.
He is Lord forever and ever. Amen.

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OUR FASCINATING FAITH

Lent

One of the liturgical reforms mandated at the Second Vatican Council was that the focus of the season of Lent should be restored as a time of preparation for—or renewal of—baptism. The bishops at the Council were aware of the fact that the origins of Lent as a distinctive liturgical season lay in the early centuries when the Church celebrated the sacraments of Christian initiation only once a year, at the Easter Vigil. In order to prepare those who were to receive those sacraments, a special period of preparation (eventually lasting forty days) gradually developed.

By the time of the Second Vatican Council, the initiatory character of Lent had long been forgotten, and it had become simply a time of penance focused on individual spiritual renewal. The introduction of the Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults and the revision of the Lectionary after the Council have changed all of that. Now the Sunday scripture readings during Lent are very carefully selected with an eye to the journey of those preparing to be initiated at the Easter Vigil. Once again, the entire community is asked to undergo penance in solidarity with the candidates for Baptism, Confirmation, and Eucharist.

Thus, in order to appreciate fully the meaning of the readings during this season, the "filter" through which they must be heard is always the knowledge that we are helping to prepare our sisters and brothers in the catechumenate for their initiation at the Easter Vigil.

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LOVE AND DEEDS

God doesn't want our deeds; God wants the love that prompts them.
—St. Teresa of Ávila

GOOD TIMING

The best time to do something worthwhile is between yesterday and tomorrow.
—Anonymous