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Fr. Thomas Babu
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Monday - Friday
9:00 am – 5:00 pm

Mass Times:

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Saturday/Sábado: 4:00 pm,
Sunday/Domingo: 8:00 am, 10:00
am, 12:00 pm,
2:00 pm Spanish, & 5:00 pm

Confessions on Saturday:

Confesión el Sábado:

2:30 pm – 3:30 pm

Weekday Masses:

Misa Semanal:

Monday, Tuesday & Friday
Lunes, Martes y Viernes
8:00 am

Wednesday/Miércoles
12:15 pm

Thursday/Jueves
8:30 am

Adoration/Adoración:

Monday/Lunes
4:45-6:45 pm in chapel

Thursday/Jueves
9 am - 1 pm in church

Holiday, 8:00am

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2ND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

"One mightier than I is coming after me."
- Mk 1:7a

2º DOMINGO DE ADVIENTO

"Ya viene detrás de mí uno que es
más poderoso que yo". - Mc 1, 7

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Dearly Beloved in Christ ,

With the first week of Advent already past, I think it is the perfect time not only to reflect on the upcoming birth of Christ but also on our Reconciliation with Him. Some may question why it would be important to embrace the Sacrament of Reconciliation during Advent. While this is true, I find Advent the perfect time to reconcile with Christ. This reconciliation helps prepare us for the perfect gift — the birth of our Savior, Jesus Christ. Anticipation of the celebration of the birth of Jesus should fill us with the joy of Christmas.

The idea that God created each of us and that he is present within each of us astounds me. I know, even in my worst moments, God is still present within me and I was created in his image. That gives me hope even when I feel hopeless. Knowing that God loved me so much that he not only created me but also did so in his image and likeness and is always present within me offers me comfort, offers me complete acceptance and love.

No other can love us or forgive us like God can. How much more blessed can we be than to have someone love us as Jesus loves us? He loved us enough to give his own life to save us. He continues to love us even though we sin, even though we turn away from him. God loves us so much that he never gives up on us. God is always present, waiting for us to return to him so he can embrace us with his everlasting love. God is never tired of forgiving us.

Blessings this Advent season,
Fr. Tom

Second Sunday of Advent

December 10, 2023

From Deacon Gill



This week's first reading comes, once again, from Isaiah but much earlier in the book. The tone of this reading, though, is very much different from last week. This time Isaiah's message is joyful and full of hope. The Jewish people are coming home. They are coming home from exile in Babylon. God had them exiled for their sins and faithlessness but now, after having received double for their sins, they are forgiven and their exile is over. They have returned to Jerusalem.

A voice, a herald, cries out that the Lord is coming. Prepare! Remove the obstacles to His coming. While the prophet describes this as making His travel easy along the highway we prepare, the meaning is to make His way clear in ourselves. In the reading from last week, the Lord is blocked from reaching us by our hardened hearts. Here, the prophet exhorts us to remove the blockages and to believe that we shall see His glory.

We are to cry out the glad tidings, the good news. We are to make it so that everyone can hear. Here is your God! He comes with power and strength. He cares for us with gentleness and love.

Please join us on **December 14 at 5:30pm** for our Advent Reconciliation Service. There will many priests available for Confessions.



Lord God, we thank you for the gift of forgiveness. May we always find the strength to forgive those who have hurt us. In forgiving us you give us a freedom to forgive others. As we journey together towards Bethlehem, may we draw closer to you and to one another. Grant us the wisdom to see you in everyone we meet each day. Make us people of peace, love, joy and hope. We make this prayer through Christ our Lord. Amen

HOLIDAY SCHEDULE 2023
Monday, December 11th

Our Lady of Guadalupe Novena 6:15 pm and Mass Vigil
7:00 pm Spanish (Church)

Tuesday, December 12th

Our Lady of Guadalupe Novena 6:00 am Mañanitas,
Daily Mass 8:00 am, Rosary 6:15 pm,
7:00 pm Spanish — Fr Tom & Fr Arlon Celebrate

Thursday, Dec 14th at 5:30 pm

Reconciliation Service

Saturday, December 16

Latino Posada-Christmas program (All Chartz Hall)

Sunday, Dec 17 at 5:00 pm

Simbang Gabi (Filipino Community)

Tuesday, December 19 at 6:00 pm

RE Family Event (Bilingual) All Chartz Hall/Church

Wednesday, December 20th at 5:30

St Teresa School-Christmas Program (Community Center)

Friday, December 22

Christmas Giving Program-Pick up Gifts A-L 1:00 pm — 7 pm

Saturday, December 23

Christmas Giving Program-Pick up Gifts M-Z 9 am — 3 pm

Sunday, December 24th

Mass at 8 am, 10 am & 2 pm Spanish (no 12:00 pm)
Christmas Eve 4:00 pm Family Mass, 6 pm Vigil Mass,
9:00 pm Midnight Mass

Monday, December 25 Office Closed

Christmas Day Mass at 8:00 am, 10:00 am, 2:00 pm Spanish.

Tuesday, December 26 Office Closed

Christmas observed: No Daily Mass

Wednesday, December 27

Fr Tom Babu 25th Anniversary of Ordination celebrate at
5:30 Mass with a potluck in Chartz Hall.

Sunday, December 31

Mass at 8 am, 10 am, 12 pm, 2 pm Spanish 5:00 pm

Monday, January 1, 2024

Mass at 8:00 am

Friday, January 5, 2024

Diocesan Conference Reno (Office closes at noon)

Saturday, January 6, 2024

Diocesan Conference Reno

January 8-12, 2024 Clergy Week — Communion Service

One Church
Collection
Diocese of Reno

During this time of Advent expectation and reflection, I ask that you prayerfully consider supporting a deserving member of the diocesan family who needs our help. This year, we begin a new collection called **One Church** with the hope that all Catholics in northern Nevada will join in supporting a particular ministry with outstanding need. This first annual collection will benefit St. Peter Canisius Parish in Sun Valley — a parish that has greatly outgrown its current worship and facility space and whose parishioners are 98% Hispanic. This Parish community has raised almost a million dollar through their own efforts by selling food and other fund raisers. Please see the envelopes in your pews or the posters placed by the entrance of the church to read more about the needs of St. Peter Canisius Parish and how your contribution can help our Catholic brothers and sisters. You can return your donation envelope in any of the regular collections throughout the Sundays of Advent or bring it with you to Christmas Mass.

Yours in Christ,
Bishop Daniel



<https://www.highdesertcatholic.org/2023-second-annual-collection/>

Parish Mission Statement

We, the Catholic Community of St. Teresa of Avila, are a people who journey together in prayer and service, nourished and unified at the Word and Eucharist, and under the direction of the Holy Spirit.

We are called to love one another and to share our gifts of time, talent, and resources to welcome and to bring our faith to all people!

Christmas Giving Tree Update



Fr. Tom, Fr. Arlon and the St. Vincent de Paul Society want to thank parishioners who picked up food donation tags to support our **Holiday Food Baskets** for this coming Christmas. The total money collected to date is **\$5,389**. THANK YOU for your generosity and understanding on why we changed how we obtain the food items moving forward.

The second phase of the **Christmas Tree Program** has started. Gift tags for the 450+ children that registered for the program were placed on the trees prior to Thanksgiving and again before the masses on December 9 and 10. THANK YOU to everyone who has picked up a tag(s). Please return your wrapped present(s) with the gift tag(s) attached between December 1 and December 15.

If you were unable to grab a gift, but you want to support the Giving Tree Program, please feel free to donate VISA gift cards (or gift cards from local major stores) to the church office. There is always some last-minute shopping to do for gifts/presents.

We will need multiple volunteers to help with food basket packing, present organizing and sorting and the distribution of gifts and food during December 18 through December 23. Volunteer sign-up sheets with 3-hour shifts for each day will be at a staffed table in the gathering space area after masses on December 9-10 and December 16-17. Many hands will make things easier for everyone as we wrap up this special community outreach effort. Putting your FAITH into ACTION is what Jesus asks.

Fr. Tom, Fr. Arlon, Cindy Tapp, and the St. Vincent de Paul Society

THANK YOU!

UPCOMING PARISH EVENTS/ PRÓXIMOS EVENTOS December 11-17, 2023

Monday/Lunes, December 11

8 am Daily Mass

9 am St. Vincent De Paul Society Meeting-Chartz D

4:45-6:45 Adoration Chapel

6:15 Our Lady of Guadalupe -Novena-Church

7 pm Our Lady of Guadalupe Special Mass

Tuesday/Martes, December 12

6 am Mañanitas Our Lady of Guadalupe

8 am Daily Mass

1 pm Women's Faith Sharing-Chartz D

6:15 Our Lady of Guadalupe -Novena-Church

7 pm Our Lady of Guadalupe Special Mass

Wednesday/Miércoles, December 13

12:15 pm Daily Mass

5 pm First Communion Family Classes

7 pm Young Adults Ministry-Chartz Hall

Thursday/Jueves, December 14

8:30 Daily Mass

9 –1 pm Adoration of the Eucharist in Church

5:30 Advent Reconciliation Service-Church/Chartz Hall/Chapel

Friday/Viernes, December 15

8:00 am Daily Mass

5:30 Marriage Encounter- Chartz Hall D

6:30 RCIA Spanish – Chartz Hall

7:00 pm Juan Rehearsal-Music Room

Saturday/Sábado, December 16

2:30 to 3:30 Reconciliation

4 pm Mass

5 pm BBQ Drive Through-Knights of Columbus

6 pm Latino Posada/Christmas Program-All Chartz Hall

Sunday/Domingo, December 17

8 am, 10 am & 12 pm Masses (English)

11:00 am High School Bible

2 pm (Spanish)

5 pm Simbang Gabi Mass/Celebration-Church/Chartz Hall



Fr. Bill will be undergoing open heart surgery on December 11th.

Please pray for a successful surgery and recovery.

Our Lady of Guadalupe

Question: Is Our Lady of Guadalupe only a cultural devotion?

Answer: You may be familiar with Our Lady of Guadalupe from devotions in Hispanic communities. There is a rich heritage originating in Mexico, the site of the apparition of Our Lady of Guadalupe. But Mary is for all of us! Our Lady of Guadalupe is, in fact, named the patroness of all the Americas, from the Chilean Patagonian mountains to the Arctic islands of Canada. After Mary appeared to St. Juan Diego as a young, mestizo woman, conversions to Catholicism began to grow exponentially throughout Latin America. Our Lady of Guadalupe has been meaningful to the Mexican people, and her image and devotions have been incorporated as broader symbols of culture.

This apparition inspires across lines of nationality and culture. Juan Diego, recipient of the apparition, was a poor laborer. The famous image of Our Lady of Guadalupe did not appear on silk or stone, but on the simple, natural woven fibers of Juan Diego's tunic. The apparition affirms the dignity of the poor and shows striking solidarity. Mary appeared as the people appeared. In the apparition, Mary is indeed radiant, with the sun behind her and a cloak of stars around her. But her dress is simple, and she is pregnant. This apparition also reminds us of the sanctity of life and the need for life's protection at all stages. Mary's moving words to Juan Diego are words for us all: "Am I not here who am your mother? Are you not under my shadow and protection? Are you not in the folds of my mantle, in the crossing of my arms?"



Please pray for the repose of the souls of / por los fieles Difunto

Michael Patterson, Tom Johnson, Antoinette Evan, and all deceased members and their families.



Please pray for / por los Enfermos

Ron Riippi, Carl Geraci, all ill in the parish, health care workers, military, fire protection, prison staff, prisoners, law enforcement, and their families.

MASS INTENTIONS December 11 to 17, 2023

Monday / Lunes: Dec 11

8:00 am George Gillemot (d) by Marie Gillemot

Tuesday / Martes: Dec 12

8:00 am Emma Christine Marion (S) by Matt & Lina Marion

Wednesday / Miércoles: Dec 13

12:15 pm Maribel Garza Gomez (4th Death Anniversary) by Baudelio Garza

Thursday / Jueves: Dec 14

8:30 am Esther Debono (Birthday) by Helen Rock

Friday / Viernes: Dec 15

8:00 am Maria Esther Palma (d) by Margarita Nevel

Saturday / Sábado: Dec 16

4:00 pm Camerina Castro (3rd Death Anniversary) by Armando Castro

Sunday / Domingo: Dec 17

8:00 am Keith Reed (d) by Skip & Jil Reed

10:00 am Crystal Briscoe (d) by Family & Friends

12:00 pm Antonio & Alicia Rubio (Wedding Anniversary) by Alicia Rubio

2:00 pm Gabriel Yataco (d) by Nidia Yataco

5:00 pm People of God by St Teresa of Avila Parish

Please note: There will be **no 12 pm Mass on December 24** in preparation for the Christmas Vigil Masses that afternoon! **no 12 pm Mass** On December 25th.

MINISTRY OPPORTUNITY

We need volunteers to serve as **Ushers** and **Extraordinary Ministers of Communion** at the 5:00pm Sunday Mass. Training is available. Will you please help us? Contact the parish office at 775-882-1968.

Library News

Our December library display will feature books by Matthew Kelly, Founder, and Dr. Allen Hunt, Senior Advisor, of Dynamic Catholic: *Life's Greatest Lesson*, *Rediscover Jesus*, *Holy Moments*, *Life Gets Messy*, and *I heard God Laugh*, among others. You are invited to check out any of our library books to enjoy at home.

Diocesan Conference

The Faith Formation office encourages you to join us at the Annual Diocesan Conference, January 5th and 6th, at the Nugget Casino Resort in Sparks. Early Registration is about to close. Please see registration details at the diocese website High Desert Catholic <http://highdesertcatholic.org/renodiocesanconference> as well as speaker biographies, session details, and full weekend schedule.

There are also hard copy brochures to review the information in the parish office if you prefer to register by mailing in a form to the diocese office. See the parish secretary or call the Faith Formation Office at 775-326-9439. Or email faithformation@catholicreno.org.

Religious Store News!

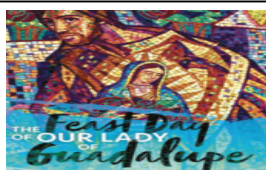
Are you ready for the Advent and Christmas Season? We are! We have unique Advent wreaths, Advent candles, Nativity statues, gifts, and Christmas bracelets. We even have Oplatki "Christmas wafers" for the first time.

For the children, we have memory match games, window clings, Advent calendars and books.

Come check us out!



Lunes, diciembre 11
rosario 6:15 pm, Misa 7 pm
Martes, diciembre 12
6 am Mañanitas Our Lady of Guadalupe
Rosario 6:15 pm, Misa 7 pm



Readings for the week of December 10, 2023

Sunday: Is 40:1-5, 9-11/Ps 85:9-10, 11-12, 13-14 (8)/2 Pt 3:8-14/Mk 1:1-8
Monday: Is 35:1-10/Ps 85:9ab and 10, 11-12, 13-14/Lk 5:17-26
Tuesday: Zec 2:14-17 or Rv 11:19a; 12:1-6a, 10ab/Jdt 13:18bcde, 19/Lk 1:26-38 or Lk 1:39-47
Wednesday: Is 40:25-31/Ps 103:1-2, 3-4, 8 and 10/Mt 11:28-30
Thursday: Is 41:13-20/Ps 145:1 and 9, 10-11, 12-13ab/Mt 11:11-15
Friday: Is 48:17-19/Ps 1:1-2, 3, 4 and 6/Mt 11:16-19
Saturday: Sir 48:1-4, 9-11/Ps 80:2ac and 3b, 15-16, 18-19/Mt 17:9a, 10-13
Next Sunday: Is 61:1-2a, 10-11/Lk 1:46-48, 49-50, 53-54 (Is 61:10b)/1 Thes 5:16-24/Jn 1:6-8, 19-28

Las Lecturas de la semana del 10 de diciembre de 2023



Domingo: Is 40, 1-5. 9-11/Sal 84, 9-10. 11-12. 13-14 (8)/2 Pe 3, 8-14/Mc 1, 1-8
Lunes: Is 35, 1-10/Sal 84, 9 y 10. 11-12. 13-14/Lc 5, 17-26
Martes: Zac 2, 14-17 o Ap 11, 19; 12, 1-6. 10/Jdt 13, 18. 19/Lc 1, 26-38 o Lc 1, 39-47
Miércoles: Is 40, 25-31/Sal 102, 1-2. 3-4. 8 y 10/Mt 11, 28-30
Jueves: Is 41, 13-20/Sal 144, 1 y 9. 10-11. 12-13/Mt 11, 11-15
Viernes: Is 48, 17-19/Sal 1, 1-2. 3. 4 y 6/Mt 11, 16-19
Sábado: Eclo 48, 1-4. 9-11/Sal 79, 2 y 3. 15-16. 18-19/Mt 17, 9. 10-13
Domingo siguiente: Is 61, 1-2. 10-11/Lc 1, 46-48. 49-50. 53-54 (Is 61, 10)/1 Tes 5, 16-24/Jn 1, 6-8. 19-28

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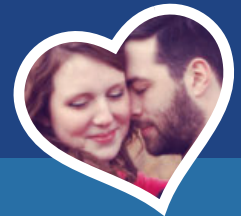


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