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Parochial Vicar

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Monday - Friday
9:00 am – 5:00 pm

Mass Times:

Horario de Misas:

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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3rd Sunday OF ADVENT



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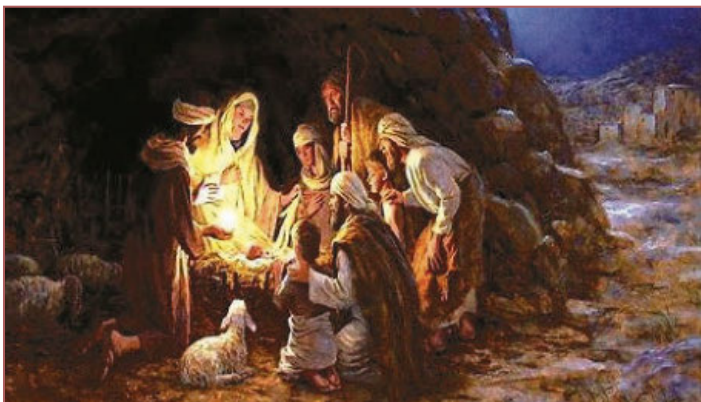
Dear Brothers and Sisters,

This blessed season of Advent has seen a great deal of activity within the parish. So many of you have contributed to the Christmas Giving Tree program, supporting the needy and the children of the parish, as well as the homeless in our community. Many also volunteer regularly in the office, or as catechists, lectors, ushers, and extraordinary ministers of communion. We always have projects in progress, and recently had to replace the parking lot lights here at the church. Without your generous offerings, we would be unable to take care of these many necessary needs of the church and facilities. We have already celebrated the feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe with a Rosary, Mass, and the Posadas for Christmas. All of this attests to the working of the Holy Spirit here at St. Teresa of Avila Catholic Community.

That Holy Spirit who conceived in the blessed Virgin Mary our Savior Jesus Christ, is now producing within us the work that Christ began at His first advent. We pray along with St. Teresa, 'We are your body, your hands, your feet, your eyes ... may we become what we receive' in the Blessed Sacrament. As we participate in the body of Christ, we prepare for the coming of the Lord, both at Advent and at His second coming. May our hearts continue to be stirred by the promise of His coming again as we give of ourselves, whether in preferential option for the poor and vulnerable (charitable giving) or in offering our resources, time, and energy in the various ministries of the Church.

May God continue to bless each of you and your families during this wonderful Advent Season. I wish you the JOY of Gaudete Sunday,

Fr. Tom



Third Sunday of Advent

December 17, 2023

From Deacon Gill



We move again in Isaiah toward the end of the book. Last week's reading talked about heralding the coming of the Lord. This week, the reading is about the herald. As in keeping with the later parts of Isaiah, this is somewhat less joyful than the 'return of the captives' passage last week. The herald is sent to the poor, the brokenhearted, the captive and prisoners. These all are us. The messenger of God is sent to the places we have that are dark or hidden. He announces a year of favor, a time when the Lord comes to resolve and heal us from our sorrows and to free us from our bonds.

The herald knows that he is proclaiming the word of the Lord. He rejoices in it. He knows that his words will yield justice and praise because the word of the Lord is the power of the Lord. We are the herald. By our lives expressing His words, we proclaim glad tidings and justice, and praise springs up before all.

Saint Nicholas

Possibly the real-life inspiration for the beloved Christmas character of Santa Claus, Saint Nicholas is not just the patron saint of children.



Saint Nicholas of Myra (c 270 – 343), also known as Nicholas of Bari, was an early Christian bishop of Greek descent from modern-day Demre, Turkey during the time of the Roman Empire. Because of the many miracles attributed to his intercession, he is also known as Nicholas the Wonderworker. Although his protection of and generosity to children were his standout traits, Saint Nicholas is also the patron saint of sailors, students, merchants, archers, repentant thieves, brewers, pawnbrokers, and the unmarried in various parts of the world. His legendary habit of secret gift-giving gave rise to the traditional model of Santa Claus ("Saint Nick") through the legendary Dutch figure of Sinterklaas.

HOLIDAY SCHEDULE 2023
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, **(no 12:00 pm)**
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

**One Church
Collection**

Diocese of Reno

We are promoting our new **One Church special second collection on Christmas**, which will benefit St. Peter Canisius Parish in Sun Valley this year. 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/>

PLEASE NOTE

There will be **no 12:00pm Mass on December 24** in preparation for the Christmas Vigil Masses that afternoon and **no 12:00pm Mass on the 25th.**

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.

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 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. 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!

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.

Women's Society Executive Board

The Women's Society Executive Board will meet on Saturday, December 30, 2023, at 9:00am in the music room next to the chapel. All members are welcome to attend.

Please contact Deb Hubbard (707) 498-1810 for more information.

UPCOMING PARISH EVENTS/ PRÓXIMOS EVENTOS December 18-24, 2023

Monday/Lunes, December 18

8:00am Daily Mass

4:45pm to 6:45pm Adoration

of the Blessed Sacrament — Chapel

6:30pm Bible Study — Chartz Hall A

7:00pm Cresimento Charismatic - Music Room

7:00pm Renovatio 1 Chapel

Tuesday/Martes, December 19

8:00am Daily Mass

4:00pm Memorial Mass - Maribel Garza Gomez — Chapel

6:00pm Religious Education Family Event

7:00pm Charismatic Mass — Chapel

Wednesday/Miércoles, December 20

12:15pm Daily Mass

Thursday/Jueves, December 21

8:30am Daily Mass

9:00am to 1:00pm Adoration

of the Blessed Sacrament — Church

5:00pm Jim's Choir Rehearsal — Church

6:00pm Alejandro Rehearsal — Music Room

Friday/Viernes, December 22

8:00am Daily Mass

1:00pm to 7:00pm Christmas Giving Tree Pick up — A-L Chartz Hall

Saturday/Sábado, December 23

9:00am to 3:00pm Christmas Giving Tree Pick up — M-Z Chartz Hall

2:30pm to 3:30pm Reconciliation

4:00pm Mass

Sunday/Domingo, December 24

FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

8:00am, 10:00am, (no 12:00pm), and 2:00pm (Spanish)

CHRISTMAS EVE MASS TIMES

4:00pm Family Mass, 6:00pm and

9:00 pm Vigil Mass

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.

STEWARDSHIP OF RESOURCES
December 3, 2023

Offertory	.....	\$19,593.35
Hispanic Charismatic Mass	.....	\$30.00
All Souls	.....	\$10.00
Christmas	.....	\$135.00
All Saints	.....	\$10.00
Immaculate Conception	.....	\$65.00
Votive	.....	\$321.24
School Second Collection	.....	\$5,107.59
Propagation of the Faith	.....	\$32.00
Retired Religious	.....	\$175.00
Seminary Education	.....	\$10.00
Catholic University of America	.....	\$22.00
Giving Tree	.....	\$1,440.00
Thanksgiving	.....	\$87.00
St. Vincent de Paul	.....	\$1,639.00
Youth Ministry	.....	\$1,030.00
Homeless Project — Deacon Craig	.....	\$530.00
Exchange Checks — FISH	.....	\$1,075.00
Prison Ministry	.....	\$30.00
Project Gabriel	.....	\$30.00

ONLINE GIVING — \$3,426.00

In gratitude for the gifts we have received, our parish family and friends made a joyful return to the Lord of \$ 25,889.18 and to special outreach of \$5,483.00.

**Please remember to fulfill your CSA pledges.
Thank you!**

MASS INTENTIONS
December 18 to 24
Monday / Lunes: Dec 18
8:00am Joe Leonard (d) by Lilly Leonard
Tuesday / Martes: Dec 19
**8:00am Frank & Cosette Pedlar (Anniversary)
by Cosette Rough and Frank Pedlar**
Wednesday / Miércoles: Dec 20
**12:15pm Lin Riippi (Birthday and Family
Blessings) by Lin Riippi**
Thursday / Jueves: Dec 21
**8:30am Betty White (d)
by Charlene Hembree and Family**
Friday / Viernes: Dec 22
**8:00am Cherriene Nevin Dean (d)
by Dan and Darlene Nevin and Family**
Saturday / Sábado: Dec 23
4:00pm Fr Jim Kelly (d) by Mary Kelly
Sunday / Domingo: Dec 24
**8:00am Maria Meza (d) by Monica Meza
10:00am Alicia Luna (d) by Lolita Lynn
2:00pm Barbara y Jesus Sepulveda (d)
by Luz Elena Villagrana
4:00pm Regulo Betonio (d) by Monaliza Castro
6:00pm Claudia Y. Ashmore (d)
by Schwedhelm Family
9:00pm Intentions of Our Blessed Mother Mary
by Kathy Jilk**


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

Maria Fotinakas, Ramey Maranan,
Olympia Rivera, and all deceased
members and their families.



Please pray for / por los Enfermos

Carl Geraci, Nancy Medina,
Esther Garcia Negrete, Gerardo
Magallon, Armando Garcia Franco,
Ryan Aragon, Emanuel Camilleri,
all ill in the parish, health care workers, military,
fire protection, prison staff, prisoners,
law enforcement, and their families.

For unto us
a child
is born,
To us
a son is given
Isaiah 9:6

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 on the diocese of Reno website High Desert Catholic at <http://highdesertcatholic.org/renodiocesanconference> along with speaker biographies, session details, and the 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.

THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

THE LORD, YOUR GOD, IS IN YOUR MIDST,
A MIGHTY SAVIOR;
HE WILL REJOICE OVER YOU WITH GLADNESS,
AND RENEW YOU IN HIS LOVE.

—ZEPHANIAH 3:17

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Readings for the week of December 17, 2023

Sunday: Is 61:1-2a, 10-11/Lk 1:46-48, 49-50, 53-54 (Is 61:10b)/1 Tes 5:16-24/Jn 1:6-8, 19-28

Monday: Jer 23:5-8/Ps 72:1-2, 12-13, 18-19/Mt 1:18-25

Tuesday: Jgs 13:2-7, 24-25a/Ps 71:3-4a, 5-6ab, 16-17/Lk 1:5-25

Wednesday: Is 7:10-14/Ps 24:1-2, 3-4ab, 5-6/Lk 1:26-38

Thursday: Sg 2:8-14 or Zep 3:14-18a/Ps 33:2-3, 11-12, 20-21/Lk 1:39-45

Friday: 1 Sm 1:24-28/1 Sm 2:1, 4-5, 6-7, 8abcd/Lk 1:46-56

Saturday: Mal 3:1-4, 23-24/Ps 25:4-5ab, 8-9, 10 and 14/Lk 1:57-66

Next Sunday: 2 Sm 7:1-5, 8b-12, 14a, 16/Ps 89:2-3, 4-5, 27, 29 (2a)/Rom 16:25-27/Lk 1:26-38

Las Lecturas de la semana del 17 de diciembre de 2023



Domingo: 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

Lunes: Jr 23, 5-8/Sal 71, 1-2. 12-13. 18-19/Mt 1, 18-25

Martes: Jue 13, 2-7. 24-25/Sal 70, 3-4. 5-6. 16-17/Lc 1, 5-25

Miércoles: Is 7, 10-14/Sal 23, 1-2. 3-4. 5-6/Lc 1, 26-38

Jueves: Cant 2, 8-14 o Sof 3, 14-18/Sal 32, 2-3. 11-12. 20-21/Lc 1, 39-45

Viernes: 1 Sm 1, 24-28/1 Sm 2, 1. 4-5. 6-7. 8/Lc 1, 46-56

Sábado: Mal 3, 1-4. 23-24/Sal 24, 4-5. 8-9. 10 y 14/Lc 1, 57-66

Domingo siguiente: 2 Sm 7, 1-5. 8-12. 14. 16/Sal 88, 2-3. 4-5. 27. 29 (2)/Rom 16, 25-27/Lc 1, 26-38

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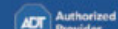


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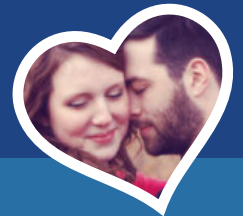


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