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Monday - Friday 9:00 am - 5:00 pm

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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

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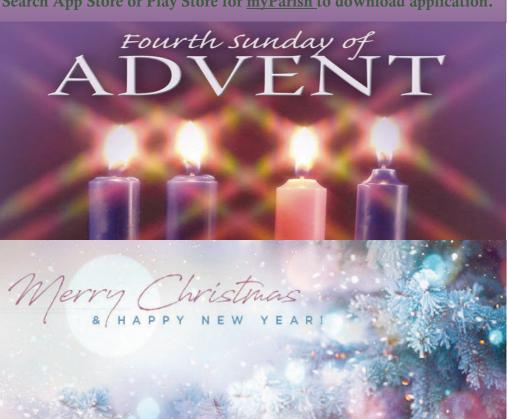
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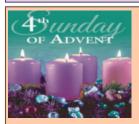
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Fourth Sunday of Advent

December 24, 2023 From Deacon Gill

For this fourth week of Advent, we leave the Book of Isaiah. Our reading comes from the second Book of Samuel. Our reading is the establishment of the Davidic Covenant. The Davidic Covenant is the covenant between God and David and all of us that the messiah will be a descendant of King David.

Israel had been surrounded by hostile nations from the time they returned during the Exodus, the time of the judges, until the time of David. During David's time and under his command, Israel found a time of peace. David was secure and his thoughts turned away from the immediate to the eternal. The tent which held the Ark of God was the place that Moses went to talk with God. It was David's desire to provide a place for God that would be a permanent house.

God's response was that David would not build a permanent house for God. God would build a permanent house of David. A son of David, sprung from his loins, a member of David's house, would not only be king but *The King*, whose kingdom would endure forever. Not a King like any known on earth before. A King to forever rule over all their kingdoms of earth and their princes. When we as people eventually left kings behind, he would be a Lord over all the nations no matter what kind and, always, a son of David.

Father Tom's Christmas Message

Dearly Beloved in Christ,

As we celebrate the birth of Christ this Christmas, let joy be born in our hearts not just this year but the whole year and our whole lives. Let us inspire this world that can seem so lost in darkness with the light of Christ in the light of our joy. Let us welcome family and friends. Let us welcome strangers and travelers in our midst who

may join with us to celebrate the Eucharist.

Make room in the pews; greet them with a welcoming smile and gracious hospitality like Mary and Joseph seeking room in the inn. Let us not send them away as if to be born in a manger like the infant Jesus.

If you are returning to Church today from a long absence, or even a short one, let the joy of this celebration fill you. Let the light of Christ into your lives and into your hearts that your hearts may grow "three sizes" this day and return to the joy of celebrating the Eucharist today and every week of the year.

My thanks to all of you who have been faithful parishioners, for all you do even through the tough times. It is with humble joy that we give thanks for the honor of serving as your Pastor. Thank you for all your support and prayers. "'Do not be afraid; for behold, I proclaim to you good news of great joy that will be for all the people. For today in the city of David a savior has been born for you who is Messiah and Lord. And this will be a sign for you: you will find an infant wrapped in swaddling clothes and lying in a manger.' And suddenly there was a multitude of the heavenly host with the angel praising God and saying: 'Glory to God in the highest and on earth peace to those on whom his favor rests.'" (Luke 2:10-14)

There are so many people who made this Christmas look joyful and festive in our Parish, and to every single person who has helped I thank you from the bottom of my heart!

May your hearts be filled with the Joy of Christ's birth and may you be missionaries of that joy, Amen. Merry Christmas to you and to all your loved ones!

As we start each new year, we often make resolutions about diet and other material concerns. This year, may our resolutions include faithful attendance at Mass, to be more Christ-like and have a true heart for the less fortunate.

Christ's joyful peace and love,

Fr. Tom Babu

HOLIDAY SCHEDULE 2023

Sunday, December 24th

Fourth Sunday of Advent Mass at 8am, 10am, and 2pm Spanish (no 12 pm)

Christmas Eve 4pm Family Mass, 6pm Vigil Mass, and 9pm Midnight Mass

Monday, December 25 — Office closed

Christmas Day Mass at 8am, 10am (no 12 pm), and 2pm Spanish

Tuesday, December 26 — Office closed Christmas observed — No Daily Mass

Wednesday, December 27

Fr Tom Babu 25th Anniversary of Ordination
— 5:30pm Mass and potluck in Chartz Hall.
(If you can help with the potluck, please contact Alicia in the church office.)

Sunday, December 31

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

Monday, January 1, 2024

Mass at 8am

Friday, January 5, 2024

Diocesan Conference Reno — Office closes at noon

Saturday, January 6, 2024

Diocesan Conference in Reno

January 8-12, 2024 Clergy Week



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/2023second-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!

I am happy to inform you that Deacon Rene Rodriguez-Huerta will be assigned to St. Teresa of Avila Parish in Carson City for his Vocational Synthesis (Diaconal Experience). His assignment will begin on December 22, 2023.

Congratulations to Dcn. Rene and thank you to Fr. Thomas Babu and the community of St. Teresa for welcoming him to their parish.

An announcement regarding Dcn. Rene's priesthood ordination will be made later in the spring when he receives his "Call to Orders." For now, I ask that you tentatively hold the dates of June 22 or 29, 2024 as possible dates for his priesthood ordination. Again, these are only tentative dates pending his formal Call to Orders later this spring.

With every best wish and an assurance of prayer, I remain,

Yours in Christ,

+Daniel Mueggenborg

STEWARDSHIP OF RESOURCES December 10, 2023

Offertory		\$21,124.11
Christmas	•••••	\$275.00
Cili istilias	• • • • •	
Immaculate Conception		\$2,993.78
Votive		\$261.83
School Second Collection		\$721.00
Coffee & Donuts		\$84.35
Catholic Relief Services		\$50.00
Retired Religious		\$4,291.27
Thanksgiving		\$20.00
St. Vincent de Paul		\$6,579.21
Religious Education		\$30.00
Exchange Checks—FISH		\$75.00
Giving Tree		\$1,495.00

ONLINE GIVING - \$6188.00

In gratitude for the gifts we have received, our parish family and friends made a joyful return to the Lord of \$ 25,480.07 and to special outreach of \$12,520.48.

Please remember to fulfill your CSA pledges.
Thank you!

MASS INTENTIONS December 25 to 31, 2023

Monday / Lunes: December 25

8 am Earl J. Raney Family by Mary Ellen Reed 10 am People of God by St Teresa of Avila Parish

2 pm Barara Orozco and Jesus Sepulveda (d) by Luz Villagrana

Tuesday / Martes: December 26

8 am Mass Canceled (Day After Christmas)

Wednesday / Miericoles: December 27

12:15 pm Alberto Banda Rubio (d) by Maria Banda

Thursday / Jueves: December 28

8:30 am Sharon and Tony Bracco (For Guidance) by Eileen Dana

Friday / Viernes: December 29

8 am Noelle Katrina DeLeon (d) by Susana Adolfo

Saturday / Sabado: December 30

4 pm Emma Christine Marion (S) by Matt & Lina Marion

Sunday / Domingo: December 31

8 am People of God by St Teresa of Avila Parish
10 am Lance Campbell (d)
 by Tom and Carol Ryan
12 pm Mary Caires & Mary Pestana (d)
 by Therese Rodrigues
2 pm All Souls by Lina Overland

5 pm Janice Klinke (d) by Anne Holbrook

Please pray for / por los Enfermos

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

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



Maria Fotinakas, John Adams, Ramey Maranan, Consuelo Rodrigues, Maria Rodriguez, Olympia Rivera, and all deceased members and their families.

A HUGE THANK YOU!

On behalf of the homeless brothers and sisters who stayed the nights at St. Teresa of Avila in November, Night Off The Streets (N.O.T.S.) thanks you for your support and caring of 'these least brothers of mine'. Without your support we could not have shared a warm space for those living on the streets of Carson City this past November.

We served 105 individuals totaling 909 beds of which 694 were male and 215 were female. We averaged 30 guests per night. With our support and referrals, three guests found fulltime jobs, four found permanent housing, two were reunited with family. Twenty-nine guests received new coats. Over 100 pairs of socks were given out and sixteen handwarmers plus many winter gloves. Two guests were helped to apply for Social Security and State identification cards, which are crucial for applying for jobs and other services.

Now we move on to First Presbyterian Church of Carson City for December. Please keep the homeless and N.O.T.S. volunteers in your prayers.

Thank you, and may God bless you for your support and all you do to help those in need in our community.

Deacon Craig, Pres. Board of Directors, N.O.T.S.

NIGHT OFF THE STREETS

Night Off The Streets (N.O.T.S.) is having its second annual fundraiser, FLANNEL AND FROST, and you are invited. Come in your best Flannel Attire! Hosted by the Carson City Elks Lodge Friday, January 26th. Doors open at 5:30pm at 515 N. Nevada St. Tickets: \$75 per Person. Includes Dinner and one beverage. Menu: BBQ Ribs, Mac and Cheese, Green Beans, Garlic Bread and Dessert. For tickets please call Deacon Craig 775-720-2218 or N.O.T.S. 775-600-2215. Get your tickets early! Only 100 tickets available. Exciting Raffle Prizes, Music and Karaoke! All proceeds benefit Night Off The Streets and their mission of helping people experiencing homelessness. N.O.T.S. is a 501(c)3 nonprofit.

PRÓXIMOS EVENTOS December 25-31, 2023

Monday/Lunes, December 25 CHRISTMAS DAY

Christmas Mass Times: 8 am, 10 am, and 2 pm Spanish PARISH OFFICE CLOSED

Tuesday/Martes, December 26

NO Daily Mass PARISH OFFICE CLOSED/ CHRISTMAS OBSERVED

Wednesday/Miércoles, December 27

9 am St Vincent De Paul Meeting - Chartz Hall D12:15 pm Daily Mass5:30 pm Fr Tom's 25th Anniversary of

Ordination Mass

Potluck in Chartz Hall to celebrate

Thursday/Jueves, December 28

8:30 Daily Mass

9 –1 pm Adoration of the Eucharist in Church

5 pm Jim's Choir Rehearsal - Church

6 pm Alejandro Rehearsal - Music Room

Friday/Viernes, December 29

8 am Daily Mass

PARISH OFFICE CLOSED

7 pm Juan Rehearsal - Music Room

Saturday/Sábado, December 30

9 am Women's Society - Music Room 2:30 to 3:30 Reconciliation 4 pm Mass

Sunday/Domingo, December 31

NEW YEARS EVE

8 am, 10 am and 12 pm Masses 11:00 am High School Bible Study - Chartz D 2 pm (Spanish) & 5 pm

Women's Society Executive Board

The Women's Society Executive Board will meet on Saturday, December 30, 2023, at 9:00 am in the music room next to the chapel. All members are welcome to attend. Please contact Deb Hubbard at (707) 498-1810 for more information.

Project Rachel, A Post-Abortion Healing Ministry

During Advent and Christmas, we pray for the many small deaths which occur over and over again in the lives of women and men who cannot accept the healing sacramental forgiveness of God. Where there is brokenness there can be healing. Where there are hearts of stone, there can be hearts of flesh (Ezekiel 36:26).

Please find out more about us at https://www.highdesertcatholic.org/. Click on *Our Works*, scroll down, then click on *Project Rachel*. You can also contact our confidential, non-judgmental help line at 775-324-4325 or email KarenM@Catholicreno.org.



Readings for the week of December 24, 2023

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

Monday: Vigil: Is 62:1-5/Ps 89:4-5, 16-17, 27, 29/Acts 13:16-17, 22-25/Mt 1:1-25 or 1:18-25 Night: Is 9:1-6/Ps 96: 1-2, 2-3, 11-12, 13/Ti 2:11-14/Lk 2:1-14 Dawn: Is 62:11-12/Ps 97:1, 6, 11-12/Ti 3:4-7/Lk 2:15-20

<u>Day:</u> Is 52:7-10/Ps 98:1, 2-3, 3-4, 5-6/Heb 1:1-6/Jn 1:1-18 or 1:1-5, 9-14

<u>Tuesday:</u> Acts 6:8-10; 7:54-59/Ps 31:3cd-4, 6 and 8ab, 16bc and 17/Mt 10:17-22

<u>Wednesday:</u> 1 Jn 1:1-4/Ps 97:1-2, 5-6, 11-12/Jn 20:1a, 2-8

<u>Thursday:</u> 1 Jn 1:5—2:2/Ps 124:2-3, 4-5, 7cd-8/Mt 2:13-18

<u>Friday:</u> 1 Jn 2:3-11/Ps 96:1-2a, 2b-3, 5b-6/Lk 2:22-35 <u>Saturday:</u> 1 Jn 2:12-17/Ps 96:7-8a, 8b-9, 10/Lk 2:36-

Next Sunday: Sir 3:2-6, 12-14 or Gn 15:1-6; 21:1-3/Ps 128:1-2, 3, 4-5 orPs 105:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 8-9/Col 3:12-21 or 3:12-17 or Heb 11:8, 11-12, 17-19/Lk 2:22-40 or 2:22, 39-40

St. Teresa School Soiree

You may already have received our annual request of underwriting for our largest fundraiser of the year. Our former "Crab Feed" has been renamed to the "St. Teresa School Soiree"! This year's event is themed as the "Gold Rush Gala". If you have not received your event letter with the underwriting form attached, please see the gathering space for additional forms.

If you wish to purchase tickets for our adults only soiree, view information about the event, or submit a credit card donation or an item of value for our silent or live auction, please visit our website at https://stts2024.givesmart.com or call (775) 882-2079. As always, your support is a cherished part of our event. We are blessed by our giving parish community.

Las Lecturas de la semana del 24 de diciembre de 2023



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

<u>Lunes: Vigilia:</u> Is 62, 1-5/Sal 88, 4-5. 16-17. 27. 29/ Hch 13, 16-17. 22-25/

Mt 1, 1-25 o 1, 18-25 Noche: Is 9, 1-6/Sal 95, 1-2. 2-3. 11-12. 13/Tit 2, 11-14/Lc 2, 1-14 Matutina: Is 62, 11-12/Sal 96, 1. 6. 11-12/Tit 3, 4-7/Lc 2, 15-20 **Día:** Is 52, 7-10/Sal 97, 1. 2-3. 3-4. 5-6/Heb 1, 1-6/Jn 1, 1-18 o 1, 1-5. 9-14

<u>Martes:</u> Hch 6, 8-10; 7, 54-59/Sal 30, 3-4. 6 y 8. 16 y 17/Mt 10, 17-22

<u>Miércoles:</u> 1 Jn 1, 1-4/Sal 96, 1-2. 5-6. 11-12/Jn 20, 2-

<u>Jueves:</u> 1 Jn 1, 5—2, 2/Sal 123, 2-3. 4-5. 7-8/Mt 2, 13-18

<u>Viernes:</u> 1 Jn 2, 3-11/Sal 95, 1-2. 2-3. 5-6/Lc 2, 22-35 <u>Sábado:</u> 1 Jn 2, 12-17/Sal 95, 7-8. 8-9. 10/Lc 2, 36-40 <u>Domingo siguiente:</u> Eclo 3, 2-6. 12-14 o Gn 15, 1-6; 21, 1-3/Sal 127, 1-2. 3. 4-5 oSal 104, 1-2. 3-4. 5-6. 8-9/ Col 3, 12-21 o 3, 12-17 o Heb 11, 8. 11-12. 17-19/ Lc 2, 22-40 o 2, 22. 39-40

ORGANIZATIONS (area code 775 unless otherwise noted)

Women's Society, President, Deb Hubbard, 707-498-1810

Boy & Girl Scouts, Marty Schwedhelm, 883-0570

St. Vincent de Paul Society, Ed Chocklek, 882-1968 x119

Knights of Columbus, G.K. Mark De La Torre

Altar Servers, Carol Tate, 224-2685

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