



St. Teresa of Avila Catholic Community

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Parish Office Hours/ Horario de la Oficina:

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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*"For my eyes have seen your salvation,
which you prepared in the sight of all the peoples."*
- Lk 2:30-31



*"Porque mis ojos han visto a tu Salvador,
al que has preparado para bien de todos los pueblos".*
- Lc 2, 30-31

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Dcn. Craig Lagier
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Dcn. Tony Carrasco

Thank you to all!

I extend my deepest gratitude to all the wonderful parishioners who have kept St. Teresa's as your second home and all the support you have given us this past year. I give thanks to our God for the wonderful staff at St. Teresa's who do so much work behind the scenes for every Mass, the many activities throughout the year and especially during this beautiful sacred time of year. Thank you also to all who give their time and gifts of talent at our daily and weekend Masses.

Happy Feast of the Holy Family, and may God grant you and your families a healthy and a blessed 2024!

Fr. Tom

A Special Thank You for the Christmas Giving Tree

I would like to take a moment to express our sincere gratitude to St. Vincent de Paul and all the volunteers for their generosity and thoughtfulness that made such a difference in the lives of many this Christmas. Your selfless dedication and the hours you invested not only enhanced our community's ability to serve but also left an indelible mark on the individuals assisted.

Volunteering often requires personal sacrifice. Your commitment may at times go unnoticed, but it forms the backbone of countless endeavors. Volunteer work is not merely an expression of goodwill. It is the very experience of Christ: He came not to be served, but to serve. And it is the perfection of the human spirit since it is a reflection of God's own nature.

To all those who donated financially, we know you have many choices when it comes to your charitable giving. We are grateful that you chose to donate to the Christmas Giving Tree and Food Drive programs here at the St. Teresa of Avila Community. Our promise to you is to be responsible stewards of your donations and your trust. There is a lot of work to do, and your generous donations help us get that important work done. This Christmas, families were fed and children gave thanks to God for His love and work through you.

I would like also to bring to your attention the many volunteers, ministry leaders, and staff family who have helped with the Advent and Christmas preparations, Masses and liturgy, cleaning etc. Many thanks to all!

St. Teresa School Soiree!

The new year is upon us and that means there are only 68 days until our largest fundraiser yet! It may sound far away but in reality it's just around the corner. If you would like to attend the community event, please visit our website at <https://stts2024.givesmart.com> or call (775) 882-7029 for ticket purchasing. If you have a group who would like to sit together at a reserved table we have a **Friends/Family Reservation Table of eight for \$850.00**. This ensures that your party enjoys the evening together! If you are a business and would like to sponsor, we have **four sponsor options available**.

- ◆ **Ultimate Sponsor (\$3,500)** This sponsorship is for the business who wants to sponsor all St. Teresa School fundraising events: St. Teresa's School Soiree (formally Crab Feed), Jog-A-Thon, and Turkey Trot. Your business logo will be placed on a 3'x5' banner and displayed at every event and on the various apparel for the event. At our largest event, you will receive the following benefits:
 - Reserved parking at the event
 - Reserved table for 10 (premium location)
 - Recognition in all event publication
 - Recognition in school publications
 - Unlimited beer and wine for table guests
 - Waited staff for drink refills
- ◆ **Platinum Sponsor (\$2,500)**
 - Reserved table for 10 (premium seating)
 - Recognition in all event publication
 - Recognition in school publications
 - 3'x5' banner at event and on school fence
 - Unlimited beer and wine for table guests
- ◆ **Gold Sponsor (\$2,000)**
 - Reserved table for 10 (premium seating)
 - Recognition in all event publication
 - Recognition at event as Gold Sponsor
 - 3'x5' banner at event and on school fence
 - 2 bottles of premium wine for table
- ◆ **Silver Sponsor (\$1,700)**
 - Reserved table for 8 (premium seating)
 - Recognition in all event publication
 - Recognition at event as Silver Sponsor
 - 3'x5' banner at event and on school fence
 - 1 bottle of premium wine for table

January 1 Solemnity

As you may know, January 1st is normally a Holy Day of Obligation which requires Catholics to attend Mass on the Solemnity.

However, in 1993 the US Bishops, in accord with the Holy See, formally abrogated the obligation to attend Mass on this Solemnity when January 1st falls on a Saturday or a Monday (as it does this year).

Therefore, January 1st remains a Solemnity but the faithful are not obligated to attend Mass. We will be having our regular Mass at 8 am.

**HOLIDAY SCHEDULE****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

— Communion Services

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

Soon our diocese will take up the Collection for the Church in Latin America. For more than 50 years, this collection has given Catholics in the United States an opportunity to share faith in unity with our brothers and sisters in Christ throughout Latin America and the Caribbean islands. The work of evangelization is carried out by Christians who meet people where they are — not only in a geographical sense but also in the context of culture. Though the Gospel is unchanging, we have many ways to make it relevant to people of all cultural, ethnic, and linguistic backgrounds.

Your participation in the collection truly becomes a way to share your faith and support evangelization efforts among all peoples. For more information on the Church in Latin America and the many projects funded by the collection, please visit www.usccb.org/latin-america. This collection will be taken up the weekend of January 6-7, 2024. With every best wish and an assurance of prayers, I remain,

Yours in Christ,
Most Reverend Daniel H. Mueggenborg
Bishop of Reno

Attend the 41st Annual Diocesan Conference and celebrate your faith as a Catholic!

**January 5-6, 2024
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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!

St. Vincent de Paul Society

The St. Vincent de Paul Society (SVDPS) will be speaking at the 2024 Diocesan Conference on Friday, January 5, from 1:15 pm - 2:30 pm (Session #204) to explain how easy it is to form this ministry at your parish.

The benefits of having an active SVDPS Conference in your parish community will be discussed, and the initial steps needed to start up a new SVDPS Conference will also be presented. This session is recommended for religious leaders and lay Catholics who desire to put their Faith in the Eucharist into Action.

Yours in Christ,
Deacon Joseph Bell

STEWARDSHIP OF RESOURCES

December 17, 2023

Offertory	.....	\$22,137.58
Christmas	.....	\$1,050.00
Assumption of Mary	.....	\$1.00
Immaculate Conception	.....	\$132.00
Solemnity of Mary	.....	\$5.00
Votive	.....	\$410.69
School Second Collection	.....	\$395.00
Coffee & Donuts	.....	\$35.75
Propagation of the Faith	.....	\$20.00
Retired Religious	.....	\$292.00
Pastors' Charity	.....	\$175.00
St. Vincent de Paul	.....	\$835.00
Religious Education	.....	\$75.00
Our Lady of Guadalupe	.....	\$7,517.46
Giving Tree	.....	\$85.00
Pro-Life	.....	\$25.00

ONLINE GIVING — \$1,896.00

In gratitude for the gifts we have received, our parish family and friends made a joyful return to the Lord of **\$31,684.48** and to special outreach of **\$1,507.00**.

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

MASS INTENTIONS

January 1 to 7, 2024

Monday / Lunes: Jan 1

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

Tuesday / Martes: Jan 2

8:00 am Family & Friends, living & deceased, of Debbie Lundberg by Debbie Lundberg

Wednesday / Miércoles: Jan 3

12:15 pm St Jude Thaddeus (For Prayers Answered) by Mary Ellen

Thursday / Jueves: Jan 4

8:30 am Lugene Boyd (d) by Robert Chlechi

Friday / Viernes: Jan 5

8:00 am The Repose of the Souls of Rolando Sr, Susana & Jona Kathrine Panesa by Anna Panesa

Saturday / Sábado: Jan 6

4:00 pm Rose Carnazolla (d) by Leslie Conti

Sunday / Domingo: Jan 7

8:00 am Eric Skulstad (d) by Pat & Ginny Holingsworth

10:00 am William Brownlee (d) by Barbara Brownlee

12:00 pm People of God by St Teresa of Avila Parish

2:00 pm Fernando Santiago (Sanacion Interior) by Obdula Banuelos

5:00 pm Rose Carlson (S) by Richard Whiting



Please pray for / por los Enfermos

Michael Giovanni (surgery), Rob Romer, Cecilia Forero, 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



Sandy Hermosillo, Consuelo Rodrigues, Robin Weseen, Phyllis Dugan, Lidia Mezquita, John Adams, and all deceased members, and their families.

Feast of the Holy Family

On the first Sunday after Christmas we celebrate the Feast of the Holy Family.

In this world that increasingly devalues family life, we embrace the Holy Family by emulating their love and sacrifice as a model for us. Though trials within families are inevitable, faith, hope, and love will support us just as they did the Holy Family through hardships, death threats, and even refugee status in a foreign land. Mary's faith, Joseph's humility, and Jesus' love all serve as examples for our family life. Devotion to the Holy Family means prayerful adoption of their attitudes and dispositions, however imperfectly.



Christmas Giving Tree and Holiday Dinner Basket Update

"Whatsoever you do to the least of my brothers and sisters, that you do unto me." Our generous and loving parishioners have donated \$8,024 for the Holiday Dinner baskets, and the gifts/presents for more than 450 children are filling up the church office every day.

We estimate that 120+ volunteers will have given a couple hours of their time this month to support the Christmas Giving Tree and Holiday Dinner basket community outreach project. Helping our Neighbors in Need have a brighter Christmas season is the true meaning of Christmas. After the holidays, we will provide our donors with a summary report. Thank You!

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

UPCOMING PARISH EVENTS/ PRÓXIMOS EVENTOS January 1-7, 2024

Monday/Lunes, January 01

Solemnity of Mary, The Holy Mother of God

Parish Office Closed

8:00 am Daily Mass

Tuesday/Martes, January 02

8:00 am Daily Mass

6:30 pm Charismatic Group—Chapel

Wednesday/Miércoles, January 03

12:15 pm Daily Mass

7:00 pm Charismatic meeting—Chapel

7:00 pm Knights of Columbus—Meeting

Thursday/Jueves, January 04

8:30 Daily Mass

**9:00 – 1:00 pm Adoration of the Eucharist
in Church**

5:00 pm Jim's Choir Rehearsal—Church

6:30 RCIA - Chartz Hall/Church

6:00 pm Alejandro Rehearsal-Music Room

Friday/Viernes, January 05

Reno Diocesan Annual Conference

8:00 am Daily Mass

6:30 RCIA Spanish – Chartz Hall

7:00 pm Juan Rehearsal-Music Room

Saturday/Sábado, January 06

Reno Diocesan Annual Conference

8:30 am 1st of the Month Mass—Chapel

9:00 am Rosary

9:00 am XV Class-Chartz Hall

2:30 to 3:30 Reconciliation

4:00 pm Mass

Sunday/Domingo, January 07

8:00 am, 10:00 am 12:00 pm (English)

2:00 pm (Spanish) 5:00 pm (English) Masses

St. Teresa of Avila Women's Society

The St. Teresa of Avila Women's Society will hold its regular monthly meeting on Saturday, January 13, 2024, at 9am, in Chartz Hall.

Breakfast will be served. All women of the parish are welcome to join. Call Deb Hubbard at 707-498-1810 for more information.

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. The event will be hosted at 515 North Nevada Street by the Carson City Elks Lodge on **Friday, January 26th**.

Doors will open at 5:30pm, and tickets are \$75 per Person. Includes Dinner and one beverage. Menu: BBQ Ribs, Mac and Cheese, Green Beans, Garlic Bread and Dessert.

For tickets 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.

**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 those 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).

For more information, please visit 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 31, 2023**

Sunday: Sir 3:2-6, 12-14 or Gn 15:1-6; 21:1-3/Ps 128:1-2, 3, 4-5 or Ps 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

Monday: Nm 6:22-27/Ps 67:2-3, 5, 6, 8 (2a)/Gal 4:4-7/Lk 2:16-21

Tuesday: 1 Jn 2:22-28/Ps 98:1, 2-3ab, 3cd-4/Jn 1:19-28

Wednesday: 1 Jn 2:29—3:6/Ps 98:1, 3cd-4, 5-6/Jn 1:29-34

Thursday: 1 Jn 3:7-10/Ps 98:1, 7-8, 9/Jn 1:35-42

Friday: 1 Jn 3:11-21/Ps 100:1b-2, 3, 4, 5/Jn 1:43-51

Saturday: 1 Jn 5:5-13/Ps 147:12-13, 14-15, 19-20/Mk 1:7-11 or Lk 3:23-38 or 3:23, 31-34, 36, 38

Next Sunday: Is 60:1-6/Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 10-11, 12-13 (see 11)/Eph 3:2-3a, 5-6/Mt 2:1-12

**Las Lecturas de la
semana del 31 de
diciembre de 2023**



Domingo: Eclo 3, 2-6. 12-14 o Gn 15, 1-6; 21, 1-3/Sal 127, 1-2. 3. 4-5 o Sal 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

Lunes: Nm 6, 22-27/Sal 66, 2-3. 5. 6. 8 (2)/Gal 4, 4-7/Lc 2, 16-21

Martes: 1 Jn 2, 22-28/Sal 97, 1. 2-3. 3-4/Jn 1, 19-28

Miércoles: 1 Jn 2, 29—3, 6/Sal 97, 1. 3-4. 5-6/Jn 1, 29-34

Jueves: 1 Jn 3, 7-10/Sal 97, 1. 7-8. 9/Jn 1, 35-42

Viernes: 1 Jn 3, 11-21/Sal 99, 1-2. 3. 4. 5/Jn 1, 43-51

Sábado: 1 Jn 5, 5-13/Sal 147, 12-13. 14-15. 19-20/Mc 1, 7-11 o Lc 3, 23-38 o 3, 23. 31-34. 36. 38

Domingo siguiente: Is 60, 1-6/Sal 71, 1-2. 7-8. 10-11. 12-13 (ver 11)/Ef 3, 2-3. 5-6/Mt 2, 1-12

ORGANIZATIONS (area code 775 unless otherwise noted)

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

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The Gabriel Project Coordinator, Kate Schwedhelm, 250-9565

Boy & Girl Scouts, Marty Schwedhelm, 883-0570

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

Holy Innocents, Ray & Sandy Mazy, 246-0322

Religious Store, Diane Horvath, 350-7212

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