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NOVEMBER 9, 2025 | THE DEDICATION OF THE LATERAN BASILICA

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MONDAY TO SATURDAY 8:30AM
TUESDAY TO FRIDAY 12 Noon

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SACRAMENTS

BAPTISMS

Designated Sundays at 1:30 Please call the rectory to check dates and to meet with a priest or deacon.

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THE DEDICATION OF THE LATERAN BASILICA

NEXT SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 16 THIS SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 9 DO WHATEVER HE TELLS YOU! 4:00PM Kagdis Family 4:00PM Gloria Marino 7:30AM Rosemary Cusimano, Ann 7:30AM Theodore and Sara Lewis, Span, Gladys Viscuso and Rosalie Ernest and Theresa Hicks Sr. Valenti 9:00AM Deceased Members of the 9:00AM For the People of Our Parish Tighe Family 10:30AM Helen Przbyl 10:30AM Pat Pappalardo 12:30PM Bernard Bowden 12:30PM Grace Ward 5:00PM Raymond Balzomo 5:00PM Arielle Newman TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 11 MONDAY, NOVEMBER 10 WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 12 8:30AM Dennis Mattei 8:30AM Gennaro Chiarello 8:30AM Ignacia Esnos Father Kallattil will return at the end of November. Noon Masses Tuesday to Friday will begin again on Tuesday December 2. **THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 13** FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 14 **SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 15** 8:30AM James Donovan 8:30AM Jose Luis Rementeria 8:30AM Charles Wagenstein

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PLEASE PRAY FOR OUR PARISH COMMUNITY

Your prayers are requested for all who are sick in our parish and community, especially: Grace Agalo-os, Bethany Armstrong, Bernadette, Karen Bertuzzi, Michael Borik, Vincent Borzumato, Rosemary Callenberg, Eileen Carroll, Libby Cugini, Carina DeGiulio, Kevin Dunne, Patricia Dunne, Joanie Edwards, Augustine Ferrer, Mark & Arlene Fileccia, Michael G., Josephine Greco, Edward Gross, Elaine Guarlino, Ricky Gundacker, David Hall, Barbara Harris, Vincent Hicks, Barbara Hicks, Buddy Jarrel, Pat Jarrell, Jennifer Johnson, Fred Kabat, Donnalyn Lawton, Catherine Leone, Edward Lewis, Josephine Linton, Lomando, Linda Mahoney, Paul Mahoney, Janet Massa, Judy C. Mc., Marie McMillen, Christine Momole Susan Morris, Josephine Nastasi, Joseph Pastore, Ryan Pizzaro, Joanny Pizzuti, Sal Prestigiacomo, Gerry Pye, Edwin Rodriguez, Marty Rose, Ronald Rothmund, Jerry Scattaglia, Cheryl Spinelli, David Valle, Tita Valonzo, Michael Walsh, Jerry Yannaci Sr.,

Pray for Our Parishioners in the Military

Sergeant Michael R. Mazzuki, Jr. U.S. Army, Fort Stewart, GA
Staff Sergeant Connor M. O'Brien, U.S. Marine Corp., Camp Lejeune, NC

NEXT SUNDAY'S SCHEDULE OF MASSES FOR PRIESTS

Monsignor Belford 4pm, 7:30am, 9am, 10:30pm, 12:30pm Father Challman 5pm Dear Parishioners and Friends of Saint Teresa Church,

If you are reading this in church on Sunday morning, or even if you have already gone home, let me entice you to come back for our <u>BOY SCOUT TROOP 37 ANNUAL PANCAKE BREAKFAST AND RAFFLE</u>. It is happening in our gym <u>8AM to 2PM today</u>. You can see details on the next page. Give yourself a treat, and enjoy a big tasty breakfast prepared by our Scout leaders and served by our Boy Scouts. A ten dollar entrance fee—or just seven dollars with this bulletin!—will help them raise money for their important and memorable scouting trips, and provide necessary new equipment. Come over, or come back, till 2pm, and enjoy all the pancakes, sausages, coffee, desserts, etc.

On another subject: people have been asking when they can make their reservation to sponsor one of our fifty beautifully illuminated Christmas Trees. These will be set up for all to see on our prominent corner of Victory Boulevard and Slosson Avenue. This annual display proclaims our faith in God and our joy that in God's plan His Son was born to the Virgin Mary. Jesus began earthly life in the town of Bethlehem, and then lived quietly in Nazareth until he began his public ministry. One final time he went up to Jerusalem for the Passover feast. This led to his Good Friday crucifixion, to Easter Resurrection, to our salvation! The beginning of this is why we do a lot to celebrate Christmas.

So we have a great holiday tradition in our parish. The men of our Holy Name Society order, set up, and decorate with bright lights fifty beautiful Christmas trees. This project depends on sponsors who contribute two hundred dollars for each tree. They can have a plaque with their name hung on their tree, and can add to the decorations. You can find details on the reservation form on page 6. Many people coming home in the evening wait at this intersection, and tell us that they look forward to seeing these trees and what they represent. And everyone is welcome to join us for Mass and a festive Tree Lighting, with singing and cocoa, that will follow the 4pm Mass on Saturday December 13.

Then be sure to look at page 4, for something else that is important to all of us: requesting prayers for dozens of our parishioners who will be receiving the Sacrament of Confirmation this coming Friday.

Now in their eighth grade, they have been receiving appropriate religious education every year since first grade. Whether in our Catholic school—Saint Teresa-Saint Rita STREAM Academy—with daily prayers, religion classes, and one 8:30am Mass as a class each week, or in our Religious Education Program on Tuesday afternoons, all of these eighth graders have been studying and preparing for this grace-giving and necessary completion of their religious foundation. The three Sacraments of Initiation began with Baptism, has been nourished by receiving Holy Communion, and now will be sealed and strengthened by the Holy Spirit of God with the graces of Confirmation,

Indicating the importance of this event, it is our privilege and custom to invite a Bishop—a Successor of the Apostles—to administer this sacrament to our parishioners. So we are very happy and honored that former pastor Bishop John O'Hara will be coming to us to administer this sacrament to our parishioners.

Sacramental moments like these can be opportunities for old memories and new appreciation of how important our sacraments are. You can use this opportunity of this Confirmation, with names on banners on our walls, to think back to your Confirmation. Maybe look for pictures of that day to jog your memory, and see whether you are building your life on these foundations. And think about the people who were with you on that day. Pray for them, or to them if they are in heaven, and be sure to ask them to pray for you.

So congratulations to our all Confirmation recipients of 2025! And to their parents, for fulfilling the promises that parents made on the day when holy water was poured across the heads of their children at Baptism. They and Godparents made promises to God to raise their children in our Catholic Faith, to pray for them and to give good example, to help them grow close to Jesus by bringing them to Mass on Sundays, by being sure that they receive religious education every year, and will reach their milestones: making their First Confession, and then First Holy Communion. And now—their Confirmation.

But—don't think of this as a graduation, or the end of religious education, or of coming to Mass and receiving Holy Communion. Each of these sacraments are gifts from God—valuable, almost essential, for developing our appreciation for Jesus Christ our Savior, our awareness of right and wrong in our lives, and our cooperation with God's plan to help us have peace on earth—and reach the greater happiness of eternal life in heaven.

Yours in Christ our Savior, Msgr. William Belford

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As they do on every third Sunday of the month, members of the **Legion of Mary** are receiving Holy Communion together at the 12:30 pm Mass next Sunday. If you would like to know more about the Legion of Mary, visit their pamphlet rack in the vestibule, or speak to one of the Legion Members after Mass.

Thank you for your faithful weekly donations to God for our Parish Support.

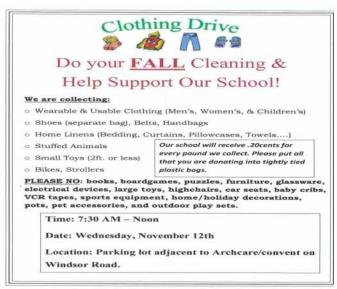
WeShare online amount was \$3,140.

Parishioners brought envelopes to Mass with contributions of \$6,935.

A PRAYER FOR THIS WEEK

That God will inspire adults to be good examples to younger people, let us pray to the Lord...









Please keep in your prayers this week all the members of our parish who will receive

THE SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION

Fríday, November 14, 2025

Administered by Bishop John O'Hara

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ST. TERESA'S HOLY NAME SOCIETY CHRISTMAS TREE REMEMBRANCE

LIMITED SUPPLY - ONLY 50 TREES WILL BE ORDERED

St. Teresa's Holy Name Society is proud to once again sponsor this annual event that will turn our Parish grounds into a WINTER WONDERLAND! You can purchase one of the brightly lit trees that will adorn our prominent corner on Victory Boulevard & Slosson Avenue as a way to express your joy that Christ our Savior is born! Your Christmas tree will be yours to decorate and comes with a customized plaque to honor the memory of lost loved ones or simply spread holiday greetings. All trees will be lit on **December 13th** and will shine throughout the Christmas Season.

Holy Name Society Christmas Tree Reservation Form

	Yes, I would like a Christmas Tree Please have my plaque read as follows:
Your NameAddress	check for \$200 payable to the
Phone Number	<u>Note</u> : Multiple Families may join to purchase a single tree.
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