



SAINT THERESA CATHOLIC CHURCH *Alive in Christ*

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NEW PARISHIONERS: Welcome to Saint Theresa's Parish. Please register at the Parish Office on the second floor.

BAPTISM: Contact Father Thien or Deacon Gagliani for catechesis and arrangement for celebration of the sacrament.

MARRIAGE: Marriage preparation takes about one year. Couples who wish to marry at Saint Theresa's should see Father Thien or Deacon Gagliani as soon as possible.

RECONCILIATION/PENANCE: Saturday at 3:00 to 3:40 p.m. in the confessional or by appointment.

ANOINTING OF THE SICK: Please call for a hospital visit or anointing of the sick.

HOLY HOUR: Friday evening after the 6:30 Mass.

ROSARY: After the weekday morning Mass.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION: Sundays, September to May. Kindergarten through Grade 10. Session begins at 8:15 a.m. and ends after Mass at 10:30 a.m.

FOOD PANTRY: The food pantry is located in the Thrift Shop. Open Mon., Tues., Wed., and Sat., 9 a.m. to 11 a.m. **Donations are always accepted.** "Got Food? Sunday" Collection is the last weekend of each month.

THRIFT SHOP: Open Mon., Tues., Wed., and Sat., 9 a.m. to 11 a.m. Donations of clothing are accepted Monday through Friday 8:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday, 4 p.m. Vigil

Sunday, 9:30 a.m.

Monday, NO Mass

Tuesday, 6:30 p.m.

Wed. & Thurs., 7:30 a.m.

Friday, 6:30 p.m. followed by

Benediction

Holiday Schedule

See Bulletin

CONFESSIONS

Saturday at 3 p.m.

ADORATION

Friday after 6:30 Mass

ROSARY

After weekday morning Mass

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Is 35:1-10; Ps 85:9-14; Lk 5:17-26

Tuesday: Gn 3:9-15, 20; Ps 98:1-4; Eph 1:3-6, 11-12; Lk 1:26-38

Wednesday: Is 40:25-31; Ps 103:1-4, 8, 10; Mt 11:28-30

Thursday: Is 41:13-20; Ps 145:1, 9-13ab; Mt 11:11-15

Friday: Is 48:17-19; Ps 1:1-4, 6; Mt 11:16-19

Saturday: 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, or any readings from the Common of the Blessed Virgin Mary, nos. 707-712

Sunday: Zep 3:14-18a; Is 12:2-3, 4, 5-6; Phil 4:4-7; Lk 3:10-18



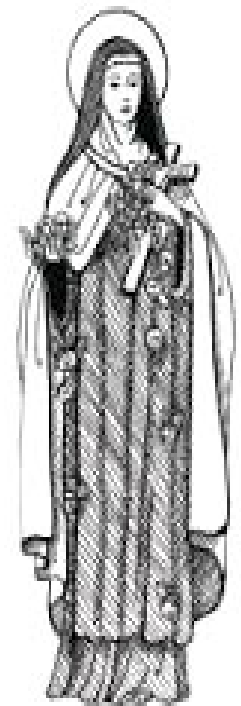
THE SECOND
SUNDAY OF
ADVENT
DECEMBER 6,
2015

**Sunday, December 6, 2015 ✕ The Second Sunday of Advent
Mass Intentions**

Saturday	Dec 5	4:00 p.m.	Roger Parenteau by Steve & Deborah Champeau
Sunday	Dec 6	9:30 a.m.	Joe DiPietro and Good Health by a Parishioner
Monday	Dec 7	6:30 p.m.	
Tuesday	Dec 8	7:30 a.m.	Brendon & Tot DeOrsey by Sandy Castiglioni
Wednesday	Dec 9	7:30 a.m.	For all St. Theresa's Parishioners
Thursday	Dec 10	7:30 a.m.	Richard Berard (2nd Anniversary) by Family
Friday	Dec 11	6:30 p.m.	For the Souls in Purgatory by a Parishioner
Saturday	Dec 12	4:00 p.m.	Constance Trudeau by Robert & Josephine Laliberte
Sunday	Dec 13	9:30 a.m.	Claire Giguere by her Family

*** If possible, we would like members of the family who requested the Mass to bring up the gifts at the appropriate time.

December 12 & 13	Altar Servers	Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion	Lectors
Saturday 4:00 p.m.	D. Cardone	C. & J. Brillon M. Cardone C. Martinelli H. Trottier	R. Turcotte
Sunday 9:30 a.m.	A. & B. Putman M. Hreczuch	M. Costanzo E. & J. McNamara D. Plouffe	G. Lavoie



*Hear me,
Lord Jesus
listen as I pray:
"Lead me from night
to never ending day.
Fill all the world
with love
and grace divine.
And glory, laud
and praise
be ever thine."*

THIS WEEK'S ACTIVITIES

DAILY	Mon-Sat	Noon	12 Golden Steps Meeting	Father Lamothe Center
Sunday	Dec 6	After Mass	Coffee And...	Fr. Lamothe Center
Tuesday	Dec 8	9:30 a.m.	Prayer Shawl Group	Father Lamothe Center
Wednesday	Dec 9	7:00 p.m.	Choir Rehearsal	Church
Thursday	Dec 10	9:00 a.m.	Prayer Shawl Group	Father Lamothe Center
Friday	Dec 11	6:30 p.m.	Benediction after Mass	Chapel
Saturday	Dec 12	3:00 p.m.	Confession	Confessional

Last Sunday's Collection

Total Stewardship: \$ 2,224.50
 Fuel: \$ 2.00
 Catholic Campaign: \$ 20.00
 Capital Improvements: \$ 10.00
 Thank you for your continued support of St. Theresa's!

**St. Michael's Vigil Lights: Burns in honor of All
Military Members in Harms Way**

Upcoming Holy and Holiday Masses

Vigil for the Immaculate Conception 12/7 at 6:30 p.m.
 The Immaculate Conception 12/8 at 7:30 a.m.
 Christmas Eve Vigil Mass 12/24 at 4:00 p.m.
 Christmas Midnight Mass 12/25 at 12:00 a.m.
 Christmas Mass at Dawn 12/25 at 9:30 a.m.

SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

“And this is my prayer: that your love may increase ever more and more in knowledge and every kind of perception, to discern what is of value...” (Philippians 1:9-10) Glittery holiday ads can blind us to our stewardship values and distort our needs and wants. It is important that during this season of endless buying we remember that each of us also has the need to give back to God and to those that are in need.

PUT ON JOY

Today, Baruch speaks of the splendor that lies ahead for the city of Jerusalem and for all of us, regardless of where home is for us. Throw off strife, he tells us, and put on joy. Like a favorite old sweatshirt, joy fits, and how warm it keeps us, even when the winds blow cold.

Paul knows of this joy as he pens his letter to the Philippians, praying that they may grow in their ability to discern what is righteous and good. And Luke speaks to us of John, who was foretold by Isaiah and who sings a similar song—“Prepare the way of the Lord,” for salvation is at hand.

A man ahead of his time, Baruch spent his days joyfully awaiting a distant glory. On this Second Sunday of Advent, Paul and John know that this glory is upon

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Food Pantry: Thank you to everybody that has or are continuing to donate any food items. We are still in need of donations, so we can help provide to all the families who come to our Church for a food basket. In the month of November 59 families came and were given food baskets.

Religious Education Update

Learning, Living, Loving in Christ

The Religious Education program will be holding their 2nd annual Christmas Celebration "Happy Birthday Jesus" on December 20th during our classroom session timeline. Notices will be going home with your children for future details. To contact the Religious Education office, you may call [508-883-7206](tel:508-883-7206) ext. #5 or call Toni @ [508-254-3440](tel:508-254-3440).



Children's Choir: On Sunday December 20th, please join us in Christmas Caroling! We will start at 6:30 p.m. from the Fr. Lamothe Center, Carol around the neighborhood, and return

to the Fr. Lamothe Center for cookies and hot chocolate. Please wear warm clothes and bring a flashlight.

FORGIVENESS

God forgives like a mother who kisses the offense into everlasting forgiveness. —Henry Ward Beecher



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The Christmas Giving Tree is set up and there are 80 tags hung. If you would like to help a family at Christmas, please take a

tag, from the tree, purchase and wrap the gifts suggested (substitutions are acceptable if you think the gift listed is too expensive) and attach the tag to the gift. Thank you!

TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

By now, trees are beginning to appear in living rooms throughout the parish. To a complete outsider to our culture, it must seem an odd thing indeed. The “roots” of this custom are in liturgical drama: religious plays performed in the churches and town squares of medieval Europe. The favorite theme for this time of year was the “Paradise Play,” a dramatic history of the human race from the Garden of Eden to the birth of Jesus in Bethlehem. The language and music varied from place to place, but one feature was always in place: a great tree decorated with apples. As a prop, it provided lots of material for the actors: the temptation, shelter for the manger, and a reminder of the wood of the cross. Soon people began to bring “paradise trees” into their homes, decorating them with gifts and lighted candles.

Many Germans give credit to Martin Luther for transforming the “Paradise Tree” into the evergreen Christmas tree. Walking home on a starry Advent night, he was so awed by the beauty of the night that he hauled a pine tree inside and decorated it with lighted candles. Americans were holdouts. It took until 1856 for the Commonwealth of Massachusetts to decriminalize Christmas decorations, the old Puritan dislikes falling before the waves of Irish and German immigrants with traditions firmly in hand!—Rev. James Field, Copyright © J. S. Paluch Co.

From the office: At the Craft/ Vendor Fair that was held on November 21st, a person with the name of N. Rivard won the 50/50 raffle. I have tried to call the number that was written on the ticket and the number is invalid. If there is any information on who this might be please call the office. Thank you, Jill