



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: 1 Jn 3:22 — 4:6; Ps 2:7bc-8, 10-12a; Mt 4:12-17, 23-25

Tuesday: 1 Jn 4:7-10; Ps 72:1-4, 7-8; Mk 6:34-44

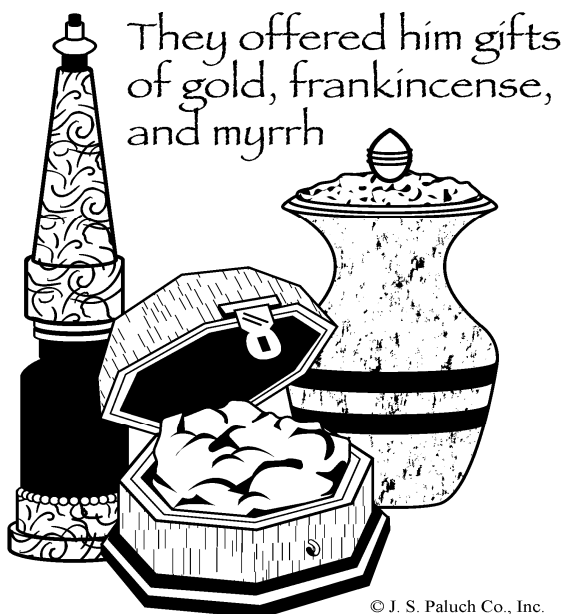
Wednesday: 1 Jn 4:11-18; Ps 72:1-2, 10, 12-13; Mk 6:45-52

Thursday: 1 Jn 4:19 — 5:4; Ps 72:1-2, 14, 15bc, 17; Lk 4:14-22a

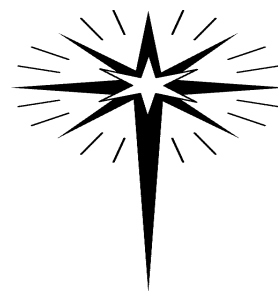
Friday: 1 Jn 5:5-13; Ps 147:12-15, 19-20; Lk 5:12-16

Saturday: 1 Jn 5:14-21; Ps 149:1-6a, 9b; Jn 3:22-30

Sunday: Is 42:1-4, 6-7 or Is 40:1-5, 9-11; Ps 29:1-4, 3, 9-10 or Ps 104:1b-4, 24-25, 27-30; Acts 10:34-38 or Ti 2:11-14; 3:4-7; Lk 3:15-16, 21-22



They offered him gifts
of gold, frankincense,
and myrrh



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THE EPIPHANY
OF THE LORD
JANUARY
3, 2016

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**Sunday, January 3, 2016 ✕ The Epiphany of the Lord
Mass Intentions**

Saturday	Jan 2	4:00 p.m.	Michael Ryan
Sunday	Jan 3	9:30 a.m.	Claire Giguere by her Family
Monday	Jan 4		No Mass
Tuesday	Jan 5		No Mass
Wednesday	Jan 6		No Mass
Thursday	Jan 7		No Mass
Friday	Jan 8		No Mass
Saturday	Jan 9	4:00 p.m.	Laurette Bessette by Mr. & Mrs. Charles Bessette
Sunday	Jan 10	9:30 a.m.	Chet Stokloza by Rick & Claire Oliver

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

January 9 & 10	Altar Servers	Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion	Lectors
Saturday 4:00 p.m.		M. Aubin R. & C. Perreault H. Trottier	J. DiPietro
Sunday 9:30 a.m.		R. Costanzo E. & J. Mcnamara	G. Lavoie

THIS WEEK'S ACTIVITIES

DAILY	Mon-Sat	Noon	12 Golden Steps Meeting	Father Lamothe Center
Sunday	Jan 3	After Mass	Coffee And...	Fr. Lamothe Center
Tuesday	Jan 5	9:30 a.m.	Prayer Shawl Group	Father Lamothe Center
Wednesday	Jan 6	7:00 p.m.	Choir Rehearsal	Church
Thursday	Jan 7	9:00 a.m.	Prayer Shawl Group	Father Lamothe Center
Friday	Jan 8	6:30 p.m.	Benediction after Mass	Chapel
Saturday	Jan 9	3:00 p.m.	Confession	Confessional

Last Sunday's Collection

Total Stewardship:	\$2,187.50
Fuel:	\$ 912.00
Share in the Care:	\$ 30.00
Immaculate Conception:	\$ 29.00

Thank you for your continued support of St.
Theresa's!

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

**Mary's Vigil Lights burn in the Memory of : Connie
Rivard**



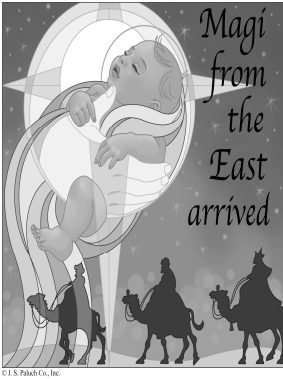
*Hear me,
Lord Jesus
listen as I pray:
"Lead me from night
to never ending day.
Fill all the world
with love
and grace divine.
And glory, laud
and praise
be ever thine."*

Upcoming Social Committee Meetings

January 12, 2016 @ 7 p.m. in the Father Lamothe Center – To set the 2016 Agenda
February 2, 2016 @ 7 p.m. in the Father Lamothe Center

**Save the Date! St. Theresa's Annual Beer & Dynamite ... & Root Beer TOO!!! Is on Saturday,
February 6th.**

There will be more details to come!



LOOKING IN THE RIGHT PLACES

“Appearances can be deceiving,” as the saying goes. As we celebrate the *epiphania*, the “appearing” of the eternal Word of God on earth, this is still true.

What rapturous foresight must have filled Isaiah as he wrote the words we hear today. How, for four hundred years, they must have filled the hearts of the people of

Israel with hope for the day when God’s glory would shine on them. How deceived some must have felt when the glory of God came to them in the lowliest and humblest of human lives. We have many expectations about how the divine presence will appear among us. But we can also set ourselves up, through these expectations, to miss the divine glory when it truly appears. We get caught up in looking for the star, forgetting that the star is not the divine sign, the babe is. It may take a persistent journey for us to come upon the true appearance of God’s glory in our lives: Jesus Christ.

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Food Pantry/Thrift Shop: The food pantry and thrift shop are open Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, and Saturday 9 a.m. to 11 a.m. **Thank you to all who donate food during the month.** For the month of November the food pantry served 59 families. Donating to the food pantry can be easy and affordable by shopping the weekly specials. Any (non-perishable) items will be greatly appreciated. Come visit the thrift shop. There are quality clean clothes available at very reasonable prices.

Altar Server Notice

On Sunday, December 13th during Religious Education class session, Fr. Thien began his training with our new to be Altar Servers. There will be a 2nd training for these students and any others who wish to become Altar Servers. The 2nd training for these students will be held in January. So it is not too late to sign up and be trained! If you have made your First Communion and would like to be an Altar Server, you may contact Fr. Thien, Toni Harvey, or the parish office to be added to the Altar Server 2nd training session.

TODAY’S READINGS

First Reading — Rise up in splendor, Jerusalem! The LORD shines upon you and the glory of the Lord appears over you (Isaiah 60:1-6).

Psalm — Lord, every nation on earth will adore you (Psalm 72).

Second Reading — The mystery has been made known that the Gentiles are coheirs, copartners in the promise in Christ Jesus through the gospel (Ephesians 3:2-3a, 5-6).

Gospel — Magi from the east arrived, saying, “Where is the newborn king of the Jews?” (Matthew 2:1-12).

Confirmation Retreat— This year’s 10th grade Confirmation retreat will be held at the Fr. Marot CYO Center on 53 Federal St. Woonsocket R.I. On **January 9, 2016**. Remember this retreat is a **required** part of confirmation program. You are required to have your own transportation and must arrive at the CYO Center before **10:00 a.m.** and picked up at **5:00 p.m.** There will be lunch served and you can bring extra money for soda, snacks, and games. I do not want anyone to leave early, if you must I need a note from a parent. I will be at the retreat most of the day. The CYO Center is behind the YWCA. Take Social St. turn after the YWCA onto Federal St. right side look for sign on door. Call me if you have any questions or I can help in any way. Do not worry it will be fun! Contact Don Dalpe @ 508-883-9492 if you have any questions. Thank you.

Children's Choir: Next rehearsal is on January 10th @ 6:30 p.m. New members welcome!

TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

Over the next few weeks, if you were to stroll around Prague or Budapest or Kraków, you might see curious graffiti scratched in chalk over some doorways: “20 + C + M + B + 16.” The families dwelling behind those doors have celebrated the Epiphany door blessing. They have gathered before the feast-day meal, probably after Mass, and the head of the family has traced the sign of the cross on the piece of chalk. Standing on a ladder, the leader traces the numbers for the new year, and the letters C M B for *Christus Mansionem Benedicat*, Latin for “May Christ bless this house.” The letters also point to the names that tradition has assigned to the mysterious magi, Caspar, Melchior, and Balthasar—although scripture tells us nothing of their number, their country, or their names.

The blessing speaks of journeys ended and journeys begun at the doorway, and prays that all journeys be as satisfying as was the magi’s. It prays that the house beyond the door have the quality of love and peace that the magi marveled at when they at last arrived in Bethlehem. In some countries where the Soviet Union tried to impose a harsh atheism, the vigor of this household custom survived all efforts to erase Christian customs. In the years of struggle, the chalked blessings were a pervasive sign of defiance, and now in the light of new freedoms, they are a sign of the resilience of our tradition and the fulfillment of the

20+C+M+B+16