

Saint Therese Parish

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ELEMENTARY RELIGIOUS ED.	286-4605
MINISTRY CENTER	286-4605
YOUTH MINISTRY	977-4576

PARISH OFFICE HOURS

Conferences with the priests or deacons are by appointment. The Parish Office is open for business from 8:30 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.. Monday - Friday. Call at any time, day or night, in an emergency.

MASSES

SUNDAY

5:00 p.m. on Saturday (Sunday Liturgy) and 7:00, 9:00, 11:00 a.m., and 5:00 p.m.

Children's Liturgy of the Word During 11:00 Mass.

WEEKDAY

Monday through Friday

6:20 a.m. (convent) & 7:30 a.m.

Saturday:

7:30 a.m. & 5:00 p.m.

CONFESSIONS

Saturday: 4:00-4:50 & 7:30-8:00 p.m.

BAPTISMS

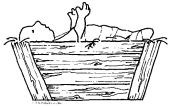
Classes for parents and sponsors are scheduled monthly. Pre-registration is required. Please contact the Ministry Center at 286-4605 to register.

WEDDINGS

Arrangements must be made at the Parish Office at least nine months prior to the prospective wedding date.

Visit us on line at: www.StThereseParish.org

**Third Sunday of Advent
December 18th, 2011**



"The child to be born will be called holy,
the Son of God."

— Luke 1:35

DEAR FELLOW PARISHIONERS

As I write this column the rain is *tanking* down, as my cousin, Kate, in West Sussex, England, likes to say. My dad loved the rain, the more the better; me, on the other hand, I can only handle it for so long then I find it depressing. One thing I don't find depressing is the new roof. Let it rain, let it rain, let it rain!

As you read this column we will be lighting, or have lit the last purple candle on our advent wreath. All four candles of our wreath are now ablaze, reminding us in a most poignant way that Christmas is a mere week away. But even though the hour is late, it is not too late to prepare your heart for the coming of the Christ-child this Christmas. The only thing that God asks of you is that you say yes to his invitation to draw close, to draw close in wonder and awe. Your Savior is near at hand now.

As I predicted in a previous column, we have heard literally hundreds of confessions as we've traveled the deanery penance service circuit, including here at St. Therese. Fr. Dan and Fr. Bruce traveled up the mountain Saturday night to hear confessions at our Confirmation Retreat at Whispering Winds in Julian this weekend. It has not been without rewards. We have caught some big fish this year. The kind that makes a priest's heart jump and sing for joy. We will close our scheduled pre-Christmas confessions this Saturday with our regularly scheduled times of 4:00 - 4:50 p.m., and 7:30 - 8:00 p.m. No Confessions on Christmas Eve. Emergencies only between now and Christmas, please.

For me personally, this final week in preparation for Christmas will largely be spent at doctor's offices. Between my own (Eye doctor) and my brother's appointments, I'm becoming quite the expert in filling out forms and finding obscure parking spaces and buildings. But I try to never forget just how lucky I am, how quickly health can be lost, and how painfully difficult it can be to regain. My brothers, Patrick and Michael, are my heroes. Together they provide me all the inspiration I need to bear the small crosses God has given me with gratitude. I am not unaware that God has blessed us with another Christmas together. One year ago, that didn't appear likely.

Many of you will begin your Christmas journeys to family and friends this week. Please travel carefully. We await your safe return, even as I entrust you to the safety and protection of the Blessed Virgin Mary. Remember, if you want your casserole or goodies to arrive at the rectory before Christmas, you only have one more week left. Be assured of my prayers for you everyday. Finally, it's not too late to bake, it's not too late to cook, and it's definitely not too late to turn your heart to Christ. Pray for me.

PRAYERS OF THE FAITHFUL: After three weeks, the names will be sent to the Adoration Chapel.

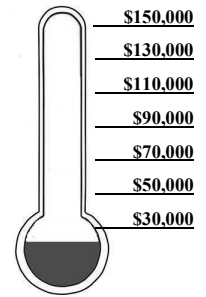
Please pray for: William Creamer, Trixie Witkowski, Dolores Krcmaric, Deborah Dilloway, Michael & Patrick Stevenson.
Please pray for the soul of: Jean Grimm

RECTORY REPAIRS:

As of December 11th, we have received \$26,688.00.

We need your help to make the needed repairs.

"THANK YOU" to all who have given!



A PILGRIMAGE TO THE HOLY LAND & EGYPT under the Spiritual Direction of Fr. Bruce Orsborn. 15 Days: April 10-24, 2012. If you've never visited The Holy Land or walked in the footsteps of Jesus, take this opportunity to do so. Flyers are available in the vestibule.

SACRIFICIAL GIVING: The collection for **Sunday, Dec. 11th:** Plate: \$1,099.95 Envelopes: \$14,932.79
Holy Day of Obligation - December 8th: \$1,855.95
In the first reading, God promises King David that his house and his kingdom will endure forever. It is through Mary's "Yes" - "I am the handmaid of the Lord. Let it be done to me as you say." - that the promise finds fulfillment.

CHRISTMAS EVE

4:00 p.m. Children's Liturgy
6:00 p.m. Mass/Contemporary Choir
8:00 p.m. Mass/Cantor
10:00 p.m. Solemn Concelebrated Mass/Choir

*Christmas Carols will begin 15 minutes before the 8:00 & 10:00 p.m. masses.

CHRISTMAS DAY

9:00 a.m. Mass/Choir
11:00 a.m. Mass/Contemporary Choir
NO 5:00 p.m. MASS ON CHRISTMAS DAY!

ALL PARISH OFFICES WILL BE CLOSED

Monday, December 26th

ADORATION CHAPEL: We have a need for New Buddies: Sun. 12:00 p.m.; Mon. 8:00 a.m.; Tues. 12:00 & 8:00 p.m. Wed. 12:00, 3:00 & 11:00 p.m.; Thurs. 5:00 p.m.; Fri. 3:00, & 9:00 p.m.; Sat. 2:00, 3:00 & 10:00 p.m.
URGENT NEED: Sun. 12:00 p.m. & Wed. 11:00 p.m.

Substitutes are needed at all times, especially during the night! Call Pat at **589-9002** to let her know when you are available to spend an hour or two with our Lord.

THE ADORATION CHAPEL WILL BE CLOSED from Sat., Dec. 24th, at 7:30 a.m. until Tues., Dec. 27th, after the 6:20 a.m. mass, and from Sat., Dec. 31st, at 7:30 a.m. until Tues., Jan. 3rd, after the 6:20 a.m. mass.

† Around The Diocese †

NEW YEAR'S EVE CELEBRATION: Friday, Dec. 31st, 9:00 p.m. - 2:00 a.m. at Our Lady of the Rosary Catholic Church, 1629 Columbia St., S.D. For Young Adults, 18-39. For info. contact Carrie Giebel, **858-490-8260**.

ADULT SPIRITUAL GROWTH OPPORTUNITIES

Ministry Center: 286- 4605

BIBLE STUDY: Will Resume in February
RCIA - Christian Initiation of Adults: For adults who would like to become Catholic or Catholics who need First Communion/Confirmation. Wednesday, Jan. 4, at 7:00 p.m.
MOMS: A place to connect kindred hearts, to engage with one another in sharing. Will Resume in January.
Centering Prayer: A meditative approach to improving prayer life. Saturdays, 10:00 a.m.

ELEMENTARY RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Ministry Center: 286- 4605

Religious Ed: Sunday: Grades 1 & 2, 10:00 - 11:00 a.m.
Religious Ed: Wednesday, Jan. 4th, 4:00 - 5:15 p.m.
Children's Liturgy of the Word: Sunday during the 11:00 a.m. mass for children ages 5-11.

"A YEAR OF PROMOTING OUR FAITH"

This week's Evangelization Tip:

Use Christmas decorations that focus on Christ's birth.

THE ST. THERESE KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS would like to wish you and your loved ones a "Merry Christmas" and a "Happy New Year". We invite you to Murray Hall after Sunday masses, January 8th, for coffee and donuts.

RETIREMENT FUND FOR RELIGIOUS: By 2019, it is projected that retired religious will outnumber wage earning religious by nearly four to one. Your gift to the Retirement fund for Religious helps ensure that elderly Catholic sisters, brothers, and religious order priests receive the care they so richly deserve, now and in the future. Please Share in the Care & give generously. Envelopes are in the pews.

PARISH DIRECTORIES can be picked up at the Parish Office Monday - Friday, 9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. & Saturday 10:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.

YOUTH MINISTRY NEWS

Youth Office: 582- 4615; stygsandiego.com

Life Mass: Sundays, 5:00 p.m. in the church.
Jr. High: "EDGE", a middle school ministry for 6, 7, and 8th graders on Wednesday, 7:00 - 8:30 p.m.
 For more information, e-mail stygsandiego@gmail.com, call Sarah at 619-746-1718 or Jen at 619-977-4576.

ST. THERESE ACADEMY

Office: 583-6270

Thank you for your support of your Parish school. The staff and families of St. Therese Academy wish you a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!

ITALIAN CATHOLIC FEDERATION - DID YOU KNOW:

We wish you a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year! We, the members of the ICF, would like to thank the St. Therese community for your support. We encourage you to join our organization. New Members are always welcome! Contact Irene Zens 619-287-4149.



55+ CLUB: Our Christmas Luncheon will be December 21st in the Social Center, 11:15 a.m., with gifts, door prizes and entertainment. Reservations are needed prior to Dec. 17th, so call Pam, 462-5254. Waiting List Only for the Palm Springs Follies trip on Dec. 28th; call Ginny, 287-0394, for details. The bus will depart from the church parking lot at 8:00 a.m. New members are always welcome!

ULTREYA: Third Saturday of every month. Annette & Tom Moore, 619-697-6338.

BOOK DISCUSSION: The next meeting is on Monday, January 9th, in the Ministry Center at 7:00 p.m. If you have any questions, please contact Carol Chan, 582-2464.

***2012 CALENDARS** are available in the vestibule. One per family, please.

WEEKLY CALENDAR

Sun., Dec. 18	Mon., Dec. 19	Tues., Dec. 20	Wed., Dec. 21	Thur., Dec. 22	Fri., Dec. 23	Sat., Dec. 24	Sun., Dec. 25
10: 00 a.m. - Religious Ed Grades 1 & 2 5:00 p. m. - Life Mass - Church 	8:30 a.m. - St. Therese Sodality - Church 1:00 p.m. - Legion of Mary - M.C.	8:30 a.m. - Rosary-Church	8:30 a.m. - Rosary-Church 11:15 a.m. - 55+ Club Luncheon - Social Center	8:30 a.m. - Rosary-Church	8:30 a.m. - Rosary-Church 9:30 a.m. - Bereavement Workshop - Ministry Center	8:30 a.m. - Rosary-Church 10:00 a. m. - Centering Prayer - Ministry Center	

MASS SCHEDULE & INTENTIONS

7:00 a.m. + William Montpagano 9:00 a.m. + Rollie Webber 11:00 a.m. + Luigi LaCava 5:00 p.m. Int. of Parishioners	6:20 a.m. + Ken Cyr 7:30 a.m. Int. of the Fischer Family	6:20 a.m. + Vertus Reinicke 7:30 a.m. + Marilee Fauche	6:20 a.m. + Mary Kankowski 7:30 a.m. + William C. Stevenson	6:20 a.m. + Trudy Hoffman 7:30 a.m. + Ursula Gallmeyer	6:20 a.m. + Sr. Damien Peters, FDC 7:30 a.m. + Regina Polk	7:30 a.m. + Loretta Connelly 4:00 p.m. Children's Liturgy 6:00 p.m. Mass/Contemporary Choir 8:00 p.m. Mass/Cantor 10:00 p.m. Solemn Concelebrated Mass/Choir	9:00 a.m. Mass/Choir 11:00 a.m. Mass/Contemporary Choir
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PROGRAMS

ADULT EDUCATION MINISTRY	
Director:	286-4605
ELEMENTARY RELIGIOUS EDUCATION	
Director:	286-4605
YOUTH MINISTRY JR. & SR. HIGH	
Director: Ms. Jen Bedison	977-4576
ST. THERESE ACADEMY	
Principal: Mr. Mark Sperrazzo	583-6270
MUSIC MINISTRY:	
Contemporary Choir: Mr. Mark Faulk	265-0732
Choir Director: Mr. Michael Ruhl	770-7125
Organist: Mr. Tony Gril	546-4665
Youth: Ms. Jen Bedison	977-4576

PARISH ORGANIZATIONS

ADORATION CHAPEL	
Mrs. Pat Kankowski	589-9002
ALTAR SERVERS	
Mr. Juan Orozco	286-5434
55 PLUS SOCIAL CLUB	
President: Ms. Ginny Connable	287-0394
FRIENDS OF THE MISSION	
Ms. Carla Scafani	602-8575
LEGION OF MARY	
President: Ms. Betty Montoya	644-8906
MARTHA & MARY LEAGUE	
Ministry Center	286-4605
MINISTRY OF MOMS SHARING	
Mrs. Katie Grauerholz	358-9525
PARENT TEACHER GROUP	
President: Mrs. Christi Laumakis	460-8836
PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL	
President: Ms. Jane Hernandez	229-0830
PRO-LIFE COORDINATOR	
Mrs. Anne Redlinger	583-9312
ST. THERESE CHARITIES	
President: Mrs. Rebecca Montee	582-3716
VOCATIONS COMMITTEE	
Mr. Jerry Usher	888-8858

PARISH RELATED ORGANIZATIONS

CURSILLOS	
Representatives: Joe & Pat Gilbreath	741-6038
ITALIAN CATHOLIC FEDERATION	
President: Mrs. Irene Zens	287-4149
KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS	
Grand Knight: Mr. Dave Backensto	464-0508
MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER	
Mike and Anita Barletta barfive@cox.net	866-473-7730
MEALS-ON-WHEELS needs volunteers pfrosio@meals-on-wheels.org	295-9501

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