

## *Sacraments & Sacramentals*

### **Confessions**

Confessions are typically heard before all Masses: at least 45 minutes before Sunday Masses and 30 minutes before weekday Masses.

### **Baptism**

Baptisms are by appointment. At least one parent as well as the sponsor(s) must be practicing traditional Roman Catholics. For further information please phone Father for arrangements.

### **Confirmation**

The Sacrament of Confirmation is administered every year by Bp. Mark Pivarunas, CMRI.

### **Holy Matrimony**

If you are contemplating marriage, please make an appointment to speak with Father before setting a date.

### **Blessing of Expectant Mothers**

2nd Sunday of the month immediately following Holy Mass.

### **Funerals**

Simply call Father before calling the funeral director. Father will help you make all the necessary arrangements.

### **Last Rites and Sick Calls**

Father serves a wide area and must often travel far to administer these sacraments. Please do not put off making arrangements until the last moment. Let us know if a church member is sick, hospitalized or in danger of death.

### **Mass Intentions**

Envelopes for Mass requests are available in the vestibule. Please request particular dates for Masses at least one month in advance.

### **First Holy Communion**

First Holy Communions will typically be made once a year.

### **Blessing of Religious Articles**

1st and 3rd Sundays of the month immediately following Holy Mass.

*More Information can be found  
on our web site:*

StThereseCMRI.org



St. Therese the Little Flower Catholic Church  
TRADITIONAL LATIN MASS



## *Saint Theresita the Little Flower Roman Catholic Church*

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*December 17, 2017  
Third Sunday of Advent*

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StThereseCMRI.org

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# The Roman Catechism

Part II: The Sacraments — The Holy Eucharist (cont'd.)

The Eucharist Strengthens Against Temptation

There is, furthermore, such a power in the sacred mysteries as to preserve us pure and unsullied from sin, keep us safe from the assaults of temptation, and, as by some heavenly medicine, prepare the soul against the easy approach and infection of virulent and deadly disease. Hence, as St. Cyprian records, when the faithful were formerly hurried in multitudes by tyrants to torments and death, because they confessed the name of Christ, it was an ancient usage in the Catholic Church to give them, by the hands of the Bishop, the Sacrament of the body and blood of our Lord, lest perhaps overcome by the severity of their sufferings, they should fail in the fight for salvation.

It also restrains and represses the lusts of the flesh, for while it inflames the soul more ardently with the fire of charity, it of necessity extinguishes the ardour of concupiscence.

The Eucharist Facilitates The Attainment Of Eternal Life

Finally, to comprise all the advantages and blessings of this Sacrament in one word, it must be taught that the Holy Eucharist is most efficacious towards the attainment of eternal glory. For it is written: He that eateth my flesh, and drinketh my blood, hath everlasting life, and I will raise him up on the last day. That is to say, by the grace of this Sacrament men enjoy the greatest peace and tranquillity of conscience during the present life; and, when the hour of departing from this world shall have arrived, like Elias, who in the strength of the bread baked on the hearth, walked to Horeb, the mount of God, they, too, invigorated by the strengthening influence of this (heavenly food), will ascend to unfading glory and bliss.

How The Effects Of The Eucharist May Be Developed And Illustrated

All these matters will be most fully expounded by pastors, if they but dwell on the sixth chapter of St. John, in which are developed the manifold effects of this Sacrament. Or again, glancing at the admirable actions of Christ our Lord, they may show that if those who received Him beneath their roof during His mortal life, or were restored to health by touching His vesture or the hem of His garment, were justly and deservedly deemed most blessed, how much more fortunate and happy we, into whose soul, resplendent as He is with unfading glory, He disdains not to enter, to heal all its wounds, to adorn it with His choicest gifts, and unite it to Himself.

## Upcoming Meetings & Important Dates

**Adult Doctrine Class:** TBD.

**Confraternity of Christian Mothers:** Third Wednesday/Thursday of the month (alternates).  
Next: Wednesday, Dec. 20, at 7:00 pm. See Amanda Straight for details.

**Society of St. Joseph:** First Saturday of the month. Next: Saturday, Jan. 6. Contact John Wright for details (513-850-1596).

**Board of Trustees Meeting:** Sunday, Dec. 17, after the morning Mass, upstairs.

**All-Night Adoration:** Friday, Jan. 19, 7:00 pm - Saturday, Jan. 20, 9:00 am.

**Next Holyday of Obligation:** Christmas Day: Monday, Dec. 25, 9:30 am.

**Decorating the church for Christmas:** Sunday, Dec. 17, after the morning Mass.

### Altar Server Schedule

**Sunday, December 17**  
Stephen Williamitis, Michael Ribar

**Sunday, December 24**  
Michael & Andrew Ribar

**Monday, December 25**  
Clayton & Daniel Wright,  
Thomas & Stephen Williamitis

# Mass Schedule & Liturgical Calendar

**Sunday, Dec. 17 - Third Sunday of Advent (St. Lazarus, BC)**

8:15 am Confessions  
9:00 am Holy Rosary  
9:30 am Low Mass (*Pro Populo*)

**Monday, Dec. 18 - Ferial Day (Expectation of the Bl. Virgin Mary)**

*No Mass at St. Therese*

**Tuesday, Dec. 19 - Ferial Day (St. Urban V, PC)**

*No Mass at St. Therese*

**Wednesday, Dec. 20 - Ember Wednesday (St. Dominic of Silos, Ab)**

**DAY OF FAST & PARTIAL ABSTINENCE**

*No Mass at St. Therese*

**Thursday, Dec. 21 - St. Thomas, Ap (St. Severin, BC)**

*No Mass at St. Therese*

**Friday, Dec. 22 - St. Frances Xavier Cabrini, V (Ember Friday; St. Demetrius, M)**

**DAY OF FAST & COMPLETE ABSTINENCE**

*No Mass at St. Therese*

**Saturday, Dec. 23 - Ember Saturday (St. Victoria, VM)**

**DAY OF FAST & PARTIAL ABSTINENCE**

*No Mass at St. Therese*

**Sunday, Dec. 24 - Fourth Sunday of Advent (Ss. Adam & Eve)**

5:15 pm Confessions  
5:30 pm Holy Rosary  
6:00 pm Low Mass (Intention of Fr. James McGilloway, CMRI)

## Announcements

Today is the Third Sunday of Advent, also called "**Gaudete Sunday**" because the first word of today's Collect is *Gaudete*, "Rejoice."

After Holy Mass today, we will need volunteers to help put up the **Christmas decorations** in the church. The more people join, the faster it will go for everyone. Bonus: Free food will be provided! Also, there will be a brief meeting for the **Board of Trustees** at the same time, upstairs.

This week are the **Ember Days** of Advent, with the usual fast and abstinence requirements. Please note that as Dec. 24 falls on the Fourth Sunday of Advent this year, there will be *no* fast or abstinence for the Vigil of Christmas.

Envelopes are available in the vestibule for your special **Christmas Mass intentions**. Please fill them out and put them in the collection basket no later than Dec. 24. Donations are optional.

This year, **Christmas** falls on a Monday. Fr. James McGilloway, CMRI, will visit us and offer the evening Mass for the Fourth Sunday of Advent and a Christmas Day morning Mass at 9:30 am.

Fr. Trough is currently accepting Mass stipends.

**Last Sunday  
(12/10/17)**

Attendance: 70  
Collection: \$872.73

**Immaculate  
Conception**

Attendance: 36  
Collection: \$625.00