



# St. Therese the Little Flower Roman Catholic Church

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## January 8<sup>th</sup>, 2023 Holy Family Sunday

### **Sunday, January 8 – Holy Family Sunday**

8:00 am Low Mass (RIP Anton Frank from Dave & Bina Huebsch)  
Server: Jacob Sellers  
9:35 am Holy Rosary  
10:00 am Low Mass (Pro Populo)  
Server: Michael Peck

### **Monday, January 9 – Feria (Ss. Julian & Basilica, Mm)**

**\*\*NO MASS SCHEDULED\*\*** (Mike Williamitis from Williamitis family)

### **Tuesday, January 10 – Feria (St. William, BC)**

7:30 am Low Mass (RIP Marcella Ley from Joe & Betty Larkey)

### **Wednesday, January 11 – Feria (St. Hyginus, PM)**

7:30 am Low Mass (RIP Marcella Ley from Joe & Betty Larkey)

### **Thursday, January 12 – Feria (St. Aelred, Ab)**

7:30 am Low Mass (Poor Souls in Purgatory from Steve Mader family)

### **Friday, January 13 – Commemoration of the Baptism of Our Lord (St. Potties, M)**

7:30 am Low Mass (Poor Souls in Purgatory from Steve Mader family)

### **Saturday, January 14 – St. Hilary, BCD (St. Felix, PrM)**

8:30 am Low Mass (Poor Souls in Purgatory from Steve Mader family)

### **Sunday, January 15 – 2nd Sunday after Epiphany (Our Lady of Prompt Succor; St. Paul, Hermit, C)**

8:00 am Low Mass (Poor Souls in Purgatory from Steve Mader family)  
Server: Aiden Sellers  
9:35 am Holy Rosary  
10:00 am High Mass (Pro Populo)  
Server: Clayton Wright

# Announcements

† There are **extra 2023 calendars** for those who wants to purchase them. The cost for each calendar is \$6. They are in the library.

† Father will be doing the **Epiphany Home Blessing** from **1/6 to 1/13**. Those who wish to have their home blessed, please contact Father to make arrangements.

**Feast of the  
Circumcision  
(1/1/23)**  
Attendance: 28-56  
Collection: \$1345

† There is **Epiphany water** in the holy water dispenser. Blessed chalks (at the stable) are used to mark the top of the doors that leads to the outside. The characters to be used: **20 + G + M + B + 23**. The letters represent the first letter of the names of the Three Kings, the crosses represent the protection of Christ, and the numbers are the year.

† **Blessed Candles** will be blessed for the **Feast of the Purification** on February 2nd. Please let Father know if you wish to purchase a pair of blessed candles. The cost per pair is \$6.

**Reflection:** *Book 2: Chapter 12 On the Royal Road of the Cross: "Anyone who wishes to follow Me must deny self, take up the cross, and follow Me (Mt 16:24). Many think this is a hard saying; but it will be far harder if, on the day of judgment, a person hears those terrible words: "Depart from Me, you accursed, d into the eternal fire (Mt 25:41)." They who gladly accept and follow the word of the cross now will not then dread that sentence of eternal damnation. This sign of the cross shall appear in the heavens when our Lord comes to judge the world. Then all the servants of the cross, who made themselves like Christ Crucified, will go with great confidence before Christ, their Judge. 2. Why are you afraid to take up your cross, since it is the only way to the kingdom of heaven? In the cross is salvation and life; in the cross is defense against our enemies. Through the cross heavenly sweetness is poured into our souls, our minds are strengthened and we experience spiritual joy. In the cross is the height of virtue and the perfection of all sanctity. Without the cross there is no salvation for our souls, nor hope of life eternal. Take your cross, then, and follow Jesus, and you will go into everlasting life. Remember that Jesus has gone before you bearing His cross and has given His life for you upon that cross, so that you may Baer your own cross and long to die on it for love of Him. For if you die with Him, you will also live with Him; and if you have shared His suffering, you will also share His glory. 3. Behold how in the cross there is all and how all depends on our dying there; for there is no other way to life and interior peace except by way of the cross and by daily mortification. You can go anywhere you will, seek whatever you wish, but you will not find a higher road above nor safer road below than the road of the holy cross. No matter how you plan things and arrange them to your liking, you still will find something to suffer, either willingly or unwillingly, and so you will always find the cross. Either you will suffer bodily pain, or you will endure in your soul tribulation of spirit. 4. Sometimes God will leave you to your own devices and sometimes your neighbor will irritate you; and what is worse, you will often be a trouble to your own self. No remedy or comfort can free you from this affliction or make it easier for you to bear; you simply have to bear your cross as long as God wills it. God wants you to learn to suffer tribulation without comfort and, submitting yourself entirely to Him, to grow in humility through tribulation. No one so deeply feels what Christ endured as one who has had to suffer as He did. The cross is always ready and waits everywhere for you; you cannot escape it no matter where you turn. Wherever you go, you take yourself with you and you will always meet yourself face to face. Look upward or downward, within yourself or without; everywhere you will find the cross. And everywhere you must be patient if you desire interior peace and to merit a crown in heaven..." —Imitation of Christ*

**Confessions:** 45 minutes before Sunday Masses. 30 minutes before weekday Masses. Father will stop hearing confessions 10 minutes before Mass. Confessions could be heard after Mass as well.

**Baptism:** Please call Father to make arrangements. At least one parent and the sponsors must be practicing traditional Catholics. It is a serious obligation for Catholics to have their newborns baptized within two weeks.

**Matrimony:** For practicing registered parishioners only. Please contact Father at least six months before the wedding date for marriage instructions.

**Mass Intentions** may be submitted for a stipend of \$25.00. Mass intention envelopes are available in the vestibule.

**Sunday Catechism Classes** for children: Please see Sister Mary Theresa, C.M.D.

**Blessing of Religious Articles:** Please bring item(s) up to Communion Rail after Holy Mass.