



St. Therese the Little Flower Roman Catholic Church

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January 15th, 2023 2nd Sunday after Epiphany

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 Made family)

Server: Aiden Sellers

9:35 am Holy Rosary

10:00 am High Mass (Pro Populo)

Server: Clayton Wright

Monday, January 16 – St. Marcellus I, PM (Ss. Bernard & Comp., Mm)

****NO MASS SCHEDULED**** (Carmen Ramos Abad from Carmelita Benson)

Tuesday, January 17 – St. Anthony, Ab

7:30 am Low Mass (Matthew & Stephanie Blanchard from Daniel Peck)

Wednesday, January 18 – St. Peter's Chair at Rome (St. Prisca, VM)

7:30 am Low Mass (RIP Marcella Ley from Arlin & Dana Wertish)

Thursday, January 19 – Feria (Ss. Marius & Comp., Mm; St. Canute, KM)

7:30 am Low Mass (St. Joseph Seminary faculty from Arlin & Dana Wertish)

Friday, January 20 – Ss. Fabian P, & Sebastian, Mm

7:30 am Low Mass (ICA & faculty from Arlin & Dana Wertish)

Saturday, January 21 – St. Agnes, VM

8:30 am Low Mass (Conversion of sinners & of America from Monica Fischer)

Sunday, January 22 – 3rd Sunday after Epiphany (Ss. Vincent & Anastasius, Mm)

8:00 am Low Mass (Conversion of sinners & of America from Monica Fischer)

Server: Andrew Smith

9:35 am Holy Rosary

10:00 am Low Mass (Pro Populo)

Server: Xavier Wright

Announcements

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

† **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.

Holy Family
(1/8/23)

Attendance: 23-53
Collection: \$690

Reflection: *Book 2: Chapter 12 On the Royal Road of the Cross:* “5. If you carry the cross willingly, it will carry you and bring you to your longed-for end, where there will be no more suffering—though this will not happen on earth. If you carry it grudgingly, it will become a burden and a heavier weight for you to carry, and yet you must bear it. If you reject one cross, be sure that you will find another perhaps, heavier one. 6. Do you think you can escape that which no human being has been able to avoid? What Saint in this world was ever without the cross and without suffering? Certainly our Lord, Jesus Christ, as long as He lived on earth, was never one hour without sorrow and anguish. “*What it not necessary that the Messiah,*” He said, “*should suffer these things and so enter into His glory?*” (Lk 24:26). 7. Christ’s whole life was a cross and martyrdom; and do you expect pleasure and enjoyment for yourself? You make a grave mistake if you look for anything other than suffering; for this mortal life of ours is full of misery and surrounded with crosses. The higher persons advance in the way of perfection, the heavier will they often find crosses to be. This is because the more their love of God grows, the more painful is their exile from God. 8. However, though such persons are afflicted in many ways, they do not lack entirely the relief of consolations; for they are aware of the great reward they reap by bearing their cross. And when they willingly submit themselves to it, their burden of suffering is turned into confidence that they will receive consolation from God. The weaker the flesh becomes through affliction, the stronger the spirit is made by inward grace. And so it often happens that these persons gain so much strength through their desire of adversity and affliction in order to be conformed to the Crucified Christ, that they are unwilling to be without such sorrow and affliction. They are convinced that the more they can bear for love of Christ, the more pleasing they will be in God’s eyes. It is not by their own strength, but through the grace of Christ—which can and does have such a powerful effect on human frailty—that human beings can choose and even love that which by nature they hate and reject. 9. It is not the tendency of human beings to bear the cross and to love it, to chastise the body and to subdue it, to flee honors and to put up with reproaches, to despise themselves and to wish others to despise them, to bear all opposition and losses and not to desire any prosperity in this world. If you trust in yourself, you will never accomplish this; but if you put your trust in God, you will be given strength from heaven, and the world and the flesh will be made subject to your command. If you are armed with faith and marked with the cross of Christ, you will not fear your enemy, the devil; for he will have no power over you. 10. Steel yourself, as a faithful servant of Christ, bravely to bear the cross of your Lord, Who out of love for you was nailed to the cross. Prepare yourself, then, to suffer all kinds of adversities and inconveniences in this wretched life; for you cannot avoid them no matter where you go, and they will find you no matter where you hide. So it is in life, and there is no avenue of escape but to keep yourself in patience. If you desire to be our Lord’s dear friend and to share what is His, then you must drink heartily of His chalice. As for consolations, leave those to His will and He will arrange them as He sees best for you. But be you prepared to suffer tribulations and to consider them the greatest comforts, saying with St. Paul: “*I consider that the sufferings we presently endure are minuscule in comparison with the glory to be revealed in us*” (Rom 8:18), even though you alone were able to endure it all...14. Be sure of this, that you must lead a dying life; and the more you die to yourself here, the more you will begin to live to God. No one is worthy to understand heavenly things unless that person has first learned to bear afflictions for Christ...Therefore, when we have read and searched out all things, we come to the final conclusion, that “*It is necessary for us to undergo many hardships before we enter the kingdom of God*” (Acts 14:22). And may our Lord, Jesus Christ bring us there.” —*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.