



St. Therese the Little Flower Roman Catholic Church

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January 22nd, 2023 3rd Sunday after Epiphany

Sunday, January 22 – 3rd Sunday after Epiphany (Ss. Vincent & Anastasia's, 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

Monday, January 23 – St. Raymond of Pinafore, C (St. Emerentiana, VM)

8:30 am Low Mass (Paul & Kathy Fischer from Monica Fischer)

Tuesday, January 24 – St. Timothy, BM

****NO MASS SCHEDULED**** (Poor souls, unborn, all children from Monica Fischer)

Wednesday, January 25 – Conversion of St. Paul, Ap

****NO MASS SCHEDULED**** (Poor souls, unborn, all children from Monica Fischer)

Thursday, January 26 – St. Polycarp, BM

****NO MASS SCHEDULED**** (RIP Marcella Ley from Rebecca Larkey)

Friday, January 27 – St. John Chrysostom, BCD

5:30 pm Low Mass (Poor souls from Ruth MacGaren)

Saturday, January 28 – St. Peter Nolasco, C

8:30 am Low Mass (RIP Thomas Marty from Ruth MacGaren)

Sunday, January 29 – 4th Sunday after Epiphany (St. Francis de Sales, BCD)

8:00 am Low Mass (Mike Williamitis from Williamitis family)

Server: Steve Williamitis

9:35 am Holy Rosary

10:00 am Low Mass (Pro Populo)

Server: Patrick Bohman

Announcements

† Father will be out of town from the 23rd to 26th. **Mass time on Friday (1/27)** will be at **5:30 pm**.

† **Christmas decorations** will need to be taken down after the 10 am Mass on January 29th. Volunteers to help will be greatly appreciated!

**2nd Sunday after
Epiphany
(1/15/23)**

Attendance: 37-56
Collection: \$1236

Reflection: *Book 3: Chapter 1 On Interior Conversation: "I will hear what the Lord God will speak within me" (Ps 85:9),* says a devout soul. Blessed is that soul who hears the Lord speaking within, and from His lips receives the words of comfort. Blessed are the ears that heed the inner whisperings of the Lord, and pay no attention to the deceitful murmurings of this world; and blessed indeed are the ears which do not listen to the loud voices from outside, but instead are attentive to Him Who inwardly teaches the truth. Blessed also are the eyes which are closed to things outside, but gaze intently on things within. Blessed are they who acquire virtue and labor, by spiritual and corporal works, to receive daily more and more God's inward inspirations and teachings. They also are blessed who determine to serve God alone, ridding themselves of every hindrance from the world. Listen, O my soul, to what has been said, and close the door of your senses that you may hear inwardly what the Lord Jesus speaks within your soul. 2. This is what your Beloved says: I am your salvation, your peace, and your life; keep close to Me, and in Me, you will find peace. Abandon the love of passing things and seek those that are everlasting. What else are the things of time but deceptive? And how can any creature help you if your Lord abandons you? Therefore, leaving all creatures and worldly things behind you, do your best to make yourself pleasing to Him, so that after this life you may come to life everlasting in the kingdom of heaven."

Chapter 2: How God speaks within Us without Sound of Words: "Disciple: Speak, Lord, for Your servant is listening (1 Sam 3:9). I am Your servant and beg You for the understanding to know Your commandments (Ps 119:36), that they may seep into my soul as dew seeps into the grass (Deut 32:2). In ancient times the Israelites said to Moses: "*Speak to us yourself and we will listen; but do not have God speak to us or we will die" (Ex 20:19).* But, Lord, this is not the way I pray; rather, with the Prophet Samuel, I humble implore You: *Speak, Lord, for Your servant is listening (1 Sam 3:9).* Let not Moses not any other Prophet speak to me, but only You, Lord, the inward inspirer and enlightener of all the Prophets. You alone can fully instruct me, whereas they, without You, will avail me nothing. 2. They may speak Your words, but they do not give the spirit to understand them. They utter beautiful language, but if You keep silence, my heart is not set on fire. They express the letter, but You reveal the meaning. They do all outwardly, but You instruct and enlighten the heart. They water only outwardly, but You give the inward growth. They cry aloud in words, but You give understanding to those who hear. 3. Therefore, do not let Moses speak to me, but only You, Lord Jesus, the eternal Truth; otherwise I may die and be fruitless, warmed outwardly, but not inflamed within. Then would I receive severe judgment, for I would have heard You word and not obeyed it, known it and not loved it, believed it and not kept it. *Speak to me Yourself, Lord, for Your servant is listening (1 Sam 3:9). You alone have the words of eternal life (Jn 6:69)..." —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.