



# St. Therese the Little Flower Roman Catholic Church

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## February 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2025 Purification BVM

### **Sunday, February 2 – Purification BVM**

8:00 am Low Mass (RIP Tommy Williamitis from The Williamitis Family)

Server: Issac Smith

9:35 am Holy Rosary

10:00 am High Mass w/blessing of Candles & Procession (Pro Populo)

Servers: MC: Paddy Omlor. Thurifer: Peter Creighton. Acolytes: Clayton & Xavier Wright

### **Monday, February 3 – Feria (St. Blaise, BM)**

**\*\*NO MASS SCHEDULED\*\*** (RIP Tommy Williamitis from The Williamitis Family)

### **Tuesday, February 4 – St. Andrew Corsini, BC**

7:00 am Low Mass (RIP Tommy Williamitis from The Williamitis Family)

### **Wednesday, February 5 – St. Agatha, VM (Martyrs of Japan)**

7:00 am Low Mass (RIP Tommy Williamitis from The Williamitis Family)

### **Thursday, February 6 – St. Titus, BC (St. Dorothy, VM)**

6:00 pm Low Mass (RIP Tommy Williamitis from The Williamitis Family)

### **Friday, February 7 – St. Romuald, Ab**

6:00 pm Low Mass w/Holy Hour & Simple Benediction (RIP Tommy Williamitis from The Williamitis Family)

### **Saturday, February 8 – St. John of Matha, C**

8:30 am Low Mass (RIP Tommy Williamitis from The Williamitis Family)

### **Sunday, February 9 – 5th Sunday after Epiphany (St. Cyril of Alexandria, BCD)**

8:00 am Low Mass (RIP Tommy Williamitis from The Williamitis Family)

Server: Alex Sellers

9:35 am Holy Rosary

10:00 am Low Mass (Pro Populo)

Server: Michael Peck

## Announcements

† **First Friday Devotion** this Friday to make **reparation** to the **Sacred Heart of Jesus**. **Mass** will be at **6 pm** followed by Holy Hour and Simple Benediction. **“Can you not watch one hour with Me?”**

† There will be **Catechism for the children** on **February 9th** and **23rd** before and after each Mass. If you have any questions, please contact Sr. Josepha at 719 342 9131.

† **Christmas decorations** will need to be taken down today after the 10 am Mass. We would appreciate any help. Thank you!

† Please keep in your **prayers** the sick and those who Father goes to see: Jackie Kroger & Connie Sellers.

† **The blessing of throats** will be given after each Mass next Sunday 2/9. Please approach the Communion Rail to receive the blessing.

† **March 16th** will be the **Parish Talent Show** after the 10 am Mass. The location will be at at the American Legion Post. The address is 620 N. Broadway St, Lebanon 45035. If you are planning to perform, please clear it with Father first. Please bring a **main dish to share!**

† **14 DAY SANCTUARY LAMP:** is burning for the weeks of (1/25 to 2/8) for the **INTENTIONS** of **Peter Creighton**. **Next INTENTIONS** will be for **Ann Williamitis**. If you would like to donate to light the 14 day sanctuary candle for your intention, please let Father know. The **donation** for each candle is **\$25** (candles generally last 14 days, but sometimes they burn faster than expected).

**Reflection:** *The Catechism Explained By Stories and Examples by Fr. Francis Spirago. Second Lesson: On God And His Perfections.*

**Question:** Can God do all things?

**Answer:** God can do all things, and nothing is hard or impossible to Him.

**A Spider’s Web Saves A Man’s Life:** It is a divine prerogative to render assistance when need is greatest, by employing the most insignificant means. The saintly priest Felix of Nola (310), when flying from his enemies whose purpose was to put him to torture, sought shelter in a hollow place formed by a ruined wall. No sooner had he concealed himself there than a spider spun a web over the hole through which he had crept into his hiding place. When his pursuers came up, they were going to search the cavity, but on perceiving the spider’s web they desisted, as they deemed it impossible that any one could have taken refuge there. Thus God knows how to make use of the humblest, simplest instruments to effect His purposes without working a miracle. This is beautifully expressed by St. Paulinus: “When God helps us, a spider’s web becomes a protecting wall; without His help, a wall is no more protection than a spider’s web.”

**Question:** Is god just, holy, and merciful?

**Answer:** God is all just, all holy, all merciful, as He is infinitely perfect.

**The Emperor Joseph II Incognito:** The knowledge of God is essential to uprightness of life. The Emperor Joseph II (1790) was in the habit of frequently moving among the people, in order to acquaint himself thoroughly with their circumstances and particularly with their needs. One year, when there was a famine in Bohemia, he sent a large quantity of corn to be distributed to the poor class of inhabitants. Almost immediately after this consignment had been sent off, he hastened to Bohemia himself, in order to convince himself that his instructions concerning the relief of the poor had been followed. Journeying incognito, he stopped at one of the small towns where he found several wagons loaded with corn standing before the town hall. The emperor entered into conversation with some of the bystanders, and from them he learned that the wagons had been waiting there for hours because the official charged with the distribution of the grain had not put in an appearance. Thereupon the emperor in his civilian’s dress went to the residence of the official in question, and called him to account for keeping the people waiting so long. The man replied: “You have no business to teach me my duty; I know very well what I have to do.” Then the emperor unbuttoned his coat, and, showing the decorations on his breast, said: “I, who speak to you, am your emperor. By my imperial authority you are disposed from your post, and you have nothing more to do with the distribution of the corn.” Calling another official, the emperor appointed him to fill the place of the man who was deposed and who turned pale with terror and dismay. Would that man have been so insolent to the emperor if he had known who he was? Assuredly not. Nor would men offend God as they do by mortal sin, did they realize how great and how holy He is.

**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 Maria Josepha, C.M.D.

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

**Adult Catechism:** Every Wednesday at 6 pm. Please see Father for more information.

**3rd Sunday after  
Epiphany  
(1/26/25)  
Collection: \$1204**