



St. Therese the Little Flower Roman Catholic Church

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December 1st, 2024 1st Sunday of Advent

Sunday, December 1 – 1st Sunday of Advent (Bl. Edmund Campion, M)

8:00 am Low Mass (Clergy, religious, & increased vocations from Jamie Kennedy)

Server: Aiden Sellers

9:35 am Holy Rosary

10:00 am High Mass (Pro Populo)

Servers: Clayton & Xavier Wright

Monday, December 2 – Advent Feria (St. Bibiana, VM)

****NO MASS SCHEDULED**** (Ann Williamitis from Mary Disalvo)

Tuesday, December 3 – St. Francis Xavier, C

****NO MASS SCHEDULED**** (Poor Souls in Purgatory from Jamie Kennedy)

Wednesday, December 4 – St. Peter Chrysologus, BCD (St. Barbara, VM)

7:00 am Low Mass (Poor Souls in Purgatory from Roni)

Thursday, December 5 – Advent Feria (St. Sabbas, Ab)

7:00 am Low Mass (V. Jones from Cleo Speckert)

Friday, December 6 – St. Nicholas, BC

6:00 pm Low Mass w/Holy Hour & Simple Benediction (Poor Souls in Purgatory from Jamie K.)

Saturday, December 7 – St. Andrew, BCD (Vigil of Immaculate Conception)

****DAY OF FAST & ABSTINENCE****

8:30 am Low Mass (Special Intention from Cleo Speckert)

Sunday, December 8 – 2nd Sunday of Advent (St. Marcarius, M)

8:00 am Low Mass (Donald Bowman from Cleo Speckert)

Server: Issac Smith

9:35 am Holy Rosary

10:00 am Low Mass (Pro Populo)

Server: Michael Peck

Announcements

† **St. Nicholas** will be giving out candy for the children after each Mass on **Sunday, December 8th** in the upstairs classroom.

† **Feast of the Immaculate Conception:** “The feast of the Immaculate Conception falls on Sunday this year, and since all the Sundays of Advent in duplex of the first class, the festivity will be celebrated on Monday, December 9, both in the Office and in the Mass. **The obligation of attending Mass is not transferred to Monday**, however. Any “double obligation” (in use a phrase) incident upon both Sunday and the Immaculate Conception falling on the same day, will be satisfied by the one attendance at Mass on Sunday, December 8” (from the Homiletic and Pastoral Review, 1957).

**Last Sunday
after Pentecost**
(11/24/24)
Collection: \$1365

† **December 7th** is a day of **Fast & Abstinence**.

† **No Mass** scheduled on **Monday** (12/2) and **Tuesday** (12/3).

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

† **St. Therese Academy** will be putting on a **Christmas play** on Sunday, **December 15th**, after the 10 am Mass. All are invited to attend! There will be a potluck as well. Please bring a **main dish** to share! The address is American Legion Post **620 North Broadway St.**, Lebanon, OH 45036.

† **14 DAY SANCTUARY LAMP:** 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. First Lesson: On The End of Man.*

Question: Why did God make you?

Answer: God made me to Know Him, to love Him, and to serve Him in this world, and to be happy with Him forever in the next.

The Fish Out of Water: Without the knowledge of God the heart has no true peace. A certain fisherman one day caught a great number of fish. As he was a good sort of man, he picked out the largest fish to take as a present to his parish priest. The fish was still alive when he brought it to the presbytery and laid it on the ground. All at once it began to flap with its tail, to flounder and twist itself about incessantly. The priest made use of the occasion to draw a lesson for the bystanders. “See,” he said, “how that unfortunate creature wriggles and flounders about; it wants to return to its element, which is water. It cannot be happy unless it is in the water. So it is with us men. We are made for God, and as soon as we depart from God we are unhappy and ill at ease.” St. Augustine says truly: “Our heart cannot rest until it rests in Thee, O God.”

The Blasphemer and the Monk: No one can be saved without exertion on his part. Some foolish people assert that no man can influence his destiny. A Franciscan monk, Duns Scotus by name, was one day walking alongside a field where a laborer was at work, cursing and swearing all the time. The monk begged him to desist, telling him if he used such bad language he would surely go to hell. The man answered; “If God has decreed that I shall go to hell, no prayers will avail me anything; if He has decreed that I shall go to heaven, I shall be saved, however much I curse and swear.” “If so,” the priest rejoined, “I cannot understand why you are plowing this field. For if God has decreed that you shall have a good crop, you will have one although you do not cultivate your land: but if He has decreed that the harvest shall fail, all your labor will be in vain.” The peasant replied that if he did not till the ground there would certainly be no harvest. The priest smiled, and said: “There, you have just reversed your former argument.” Thus the man’s eyes were opened to the falsity of fatalism.

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.