

St. Teresa of Avila Catholic Church and School

November 30, 2025

Mass Intentions for the week of November 30th to December 7th

1st Sunday of Advent	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday
7:30 AM Tinh-Pham (Teresa) † by the family	7:00 AM Special Intentions for Yuskewich children by their mom	7:00 AM Raul & Maria Ruiz † by the family	7:00 AM Oscar Palma † by Ruiz-Alvarez family
9:30 AM Tiffany Meldrum † by Joyce Farabaugh	8:30 AM Delisa Aguirre † by Joe & Delisa Zippilli	8:30 AM John Brieske † by his wife, Mary Brieske	8:30 AM Dolores & William Nitsch † by Greg & Dot- tie
11:30 AM Joseph Murtha † by his wife, Martha	<i>Now is the hour to awake from sleep. The Son of man will come at an hour you least expect.</i>		

LITURGY OF THE WORD

Second Sunday of Advent Thinking about the Readings

1. What is my part in god's vision of the world/How do I feel about my role?
2. When was the last time I learned something from a child? What was it?
3. When have I felt out of place or like I didn't belong? What was that sensation like? When did I feel more welcome? Who helped me find a place?

Readings for Second Sunday of Advent December 7, 2025

First Reading: Isaiah 11:1-10

The wolf shall be a guest of the lamb.

Second Reading: Romans 15:4-9

God, the source of patience, enables us to live in harmony.

Gospel: Matthew 3:1-12

Prepare the way of the Lord

DEVOTIONS

Liturgy of the Hours (Morning Prayer) at 8:10am (before the 8:30 mass), Mon.-Thu. (unless no school on Fri.)
 Recitation of the Rosary: Mon. – Sat., 9am in the Chapel.
 Novena – Our Lady of Perpetual Help Tuesday, after the 8:30am Mass.
 Spanish Adoration & Prayer Group, Thursdays 6:00pm
 Holy Hour 9-10 – Thurs. (except holidays) after the 8:30 Mass, Divine Mercy, Rosary, Silent Prayer, Benediction.
 Holy Days – Same as Sundays (7:30am, 9:30am & 11:30am)
 Holy Day Vigil – 7:00pm
 Litanies—After the 8:30am Mass

For Reflection:

Awaken!

Remember that God comes! Not yesterday, not tomorrow, but today, now! The one true God, "the God of Abraham, Isaac and Jacob", is not a God who is there in Heaven, unconcerned with us and our history, but he is the-God-who-comes.

*"Therefore, stay awake!
For you do not know
on which day your
Lord will come."*

Today's good news

There will be signs in the . . . (heavens). . . and upon the earth, distress of nations. . .
 They will see the Son of Man coming. . . lift up your heads, because your redemption is at hand"

For Catholics, the new Liturgical Year commences with the *first Sunday of Advent*. In this new liturgical year, the Church not only wishes to indicate the beginning of a period, but the beginning of a renewed commitment to the faith by all those who follow Christ, the Lord. This time of prayer and path of penance that is so powerful, rich and intense, endeavors to give us a renewed impetus to truly welcome the message of the One who was incarnated for us. In fact, the entire Liturgy of the Advent season, will spur us to an awakening in our Christian life and will put us in a 'vigilant' disposition, to wait for Our Lord Jesus who is coming.

The **Season of Advent** is therefore a season of vigilant waiting, that prepares us to welcome the mystery of the Word Incarnate, who will give the 'Light' to the womb of the Virgin Mary, but essentially this time prepares us not only to welcome this great event but to incarnate it in our lives. We could say that the true light enters the world through the immaculate womb of Mary but it does not stay there. On the contrary, this light flows out into our dark, obscure, sinful lives to illuminate them, so that we can become the light that illuminates the world.

For this reason, let us live this time of waiting not only to celebrate a historical memory but to repeat this memory in our lives and in the service of others. To wait for the Lord who comes, means to wait and to watch so that the Word of Love enters inside us and focuses us every day of our lives.

First Sunday of Advent

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Thursday	Friday	Saturday	2nd Sunday of Advent
7:00 AM Special Intentions for Eileen Herrin by Jim & Kathleen	7:00 AM Special Intentions for Vicki Shoemaker by a friend	8:30 AM Special Intentions for David & Louis Alvarez by the family	7:30 AM George Thomas Duffy † by his wife
8:30 AM Stella Salisbury † by Carole & Brian McKenown	8:30 AM In prayer for Father Chris	5:00 PM Richard Polivka † by his Sister-in-law, Margaret	9:30 AM David Graves † by Chris Hardesty
Sanctuary Lamp is lit this week for our parishioners as we enter the Season of Advent preparation			11:30 AM Deceased members of the Jones & Zolfaghari families

STEWARDSHIP

Stewardship Thought: The Son of Man will come at an hour you do not expect. Good stewards know that they are accountable to God for all they have and are, and they strive to live in readiness for His coming.

Parish Sacrificial Giving (Regular Sunday Offering) In gratitude for the gifts we have received from God, the parishioners and visitors gave (will be reported next week) for the ministries of St. Teresa. Thank you for your continued support and generosity. God bless.

QUESTION OF THE WEEK?

If the parish were to view itself on a spiritual pilgrimage, how would its celebration of Advent be different?

First Friday

The first Friday of the month will be **December 5th**.

We will have exposition of the Blessed Sacrament in the Chapel all day. Please plan to spend some time in prayer with our Lord.



First Saturday

This Saturday is the first Saturday of the month, **December 6th**. Special prayers will be prayed after the 8:30 AM Mass. Please join us.

Eucharistic Adoration

We will have an all day Eucharistic Adoration **December 4th from 9am to 6:30pm** in the Chapel.

There will be the **Spanish Holy Hour and Exposition from 5:30-6:30pm**.

If anyone would like to sign up for an hour, please call Cheryl Kassack at: 321-383-1312 (H) 321-795-1456 (C)

SCHOOL NEWS



Give, Go, Grow Annual Campaign

The St. Teresa School community would like to thank our previous donors to our annual Give, Go, Grow Campaign. Your never ending generosity does not go without notice nor appreciation. Your continued generosity will benefit every child in the school. Thanks, in advance, for your donations.

Science Fair Volunteer Judges Needed

We are once again looking for volunteers to judge this year's science fair. Our third through eighth grade students work very hard on their experiments and can hardly wait to share their results.



This year's science fair is **Thursday, January 29th at 8am** until approximately noon.

You do not need a science background to judge, just an interest in the school and willingness to help. Please reach out to the school at 321-267-1643 or email info@stteresa-titusville.org if interested



Thank you to everyone who donated to the **Thanksgiving Food Drive**, our **5th Grade Monthly Service Project**! Your generosity will help replenish the **Cor Jesu Food Pantry** and support families in need. We are grateful for our wonderful school community!



Make the Annual School Christmas Pageant part of your Christmas preparation. The students and teachers work to make it a spiritual way to prepare for the **BIRTH of CHRIST**.

Thursday
December 18th
At **10AM** and
6:30PM
In the church

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FAITH FORMATION

Religious Education (CCD)
Religious Education Classes (CCD) this
Wednesday, December 3rd, in the school at
6:15 pm.



First Holy Communion Prep Classes
Prep Session for 3rd Grade Students (School and Religious Ed.)
will be **Wednesday, December 3rd from 6:15pm to 7:30pm** in Avila Hall. If you have any questions contact the
Faith Formation office.

OCIA
OCIA No meeting this week. Meetings will resume **December 7th**. If you would like further information please contact the
Faith Formation office at 321-349-5445 (voice or text) or by
email at faithformation@stteresa-titusville.org

"O"ur Catholic Nugget
A Quote from Pope Francis "Advent is a journey towards Beth-
lehem. May we let ourselves be drawn by the light of God made
man."

Adult Bible Study
Fall Bible study has completed watch the bulletin for infor-
mation on our winter classes starting in **January 2026**. If you
have any questions contact the Faith Formation office at 321-
349-5445 (voice or text) or by email at faithformation@stteresa-
titusville.org.

Breakfast Buffet
Save the Date for our next Breakfast Buffet **January 18, 2026**
after each Mass in the Parish Center. Omelets made to order,
pancakes, as well as Sausage, Bacon, Scrambled Eggs, Biscuits
and Gravy! Suggested donation: Adults: \$12, Children 5-12 \$6.
Proceeds will be used to reduce the cost of the Youth Travelers
on our Italy Youth Pilgrimage 2026.

Youth Group Summer Camps
Camp Veritas. **June 9th – 14th** Lake Placid, Florida
Ava Maria Youth Conference 2026 **July 10th – 12th**; Ave Ma-
ria University. f you are interested in attending either or both of
these summer events, please contact the Faith Formation Office.
Cell: (321) 349-5445 (voice or text) Email: faithfor-
mation@stteresa-titusville.org

Italy Pilgrimage 2026, Fund Raisers

Fund Raiser	Dates
50/50 Raffles	Monthly, ticket sale after each Mass, Drawing at the end of each month.
Breakfast Buffet	Monthly, see announcements and Bulletin for dates.
Restaurant Spirit Nights	Culvers 5:00pm – 8:00pm ; January 5 th , February 2 nd , April 20 th , June 1 st
Tacos	January 10 th and 24 th Parish Center
Italian Dinner Night	TBD

For information please contact the Faith Formation office at 321-
349-5445 (voice or text) or by email at :
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Bereavement /Grief Support Group

A Grief, Prayer, Support Group has been orga-
nized for anyone that has lost a loved one or is
interested in participating.
You do not need to be a member of the Parish
to participate.



Meetings will be held on **Thursdays from 4:30-6:30PM.**

All are welcome. For additional information, please contact
the Parish Office @321-268-3441

Blue Army Rosary

Blue Army Rosary and Chaplets

The St. Teresa Chapter of the Blue Army is host-
ing, in the Chapel, a **weekly:**
Rosary and Chaplet of Divine Mercy on **Monday** nights at
6pm



There will be a Pot Luck dinner

Choir Rehearsal

Contemporary choir rehearses every
Tuesday at 7pm in the church.

Traditional choir rehearses every
Wednesday at 7pm in the church



Food Pantry Cor Jesu

The Food Pantry is in need of Ramen noo-
dles, peanut butter & canned ravioli.

They are also in need of **Gift cards** to
use for turkeys for Thanksgiving and the Christ-
mas holiday. They can be placed in the box outside
the gift shop. So good for meat or perishable items.

If you chose to send a check please make out to Cor Je-
su. Grocery store gift cards are always welcome for per-
ishables. They can be placed in the box outside the gift
shop.

Thank you for your weekly generosity.



Moms of Tiny Saints

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moms can find community
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raising tiny saints.



Join us at one of our upcoming events.

Contact Kasey at (321) 289-6399 for any
questions.

Dec. 9	10AM	Sand Point Park	Playground Meet Up
Dec. 18	7PM	Text Kasey for address	Just-for- Moms Night

First Sunday of Advent

The Season of Advent

The season of Advent is a time of expectation, when we prepare our home and our hearts to celebrate the birth of Jesus on Christmas Day. The word Advent is derived from the Latin word *adventus*, which means “coming”.

Advent is a season of hope, a time to nurture peace and experience joy in anticipation for the love that is made incarnate with the birth of Jesus.

Keep this purpose ever in mind as you make your plans to prepare for Christmas. Everything will make sense or become senseless in relation to this purpose. If baking cookies helps you achieve this purpose, bake away. Sitting quietly on a park bench, taking long walks in quiet places, visiting your church each day, reading, singing, serving others...whatever it is that helps you achieve the purpose of Advent, give yourself to those activities.

Wake up each day with this purpose in your heart and on your mind. Purpose has a way of transforming the way we live our lives. Allow the purpose of Advent to transform you.

Heavenly Father, your son, Jesus, is your greatest gift to us, a great sign of your love. Guide us as we strive to walk in that love together as a family this Advent. As we prepare our hearts for Christmas, bring us closer to each other and to your son. Give us the grace and strength we need every day. Help us to always trust in you. Come, Lord Jesus, lead all people closer to you. Come and dispel the darkness of our world with the light of your love. Amen.



Advent Giving Project

On the evergreen trees on either side of the doors in the Narthex will be tags with the sex and ages of children from 3 months to teen years. Please take a tag or two and purchase a toy for the children that come to our Food Pantry. Do NOT wrap the gifts, but attach the tag to it and put it in the wagon by the Chapel. Thank you for your generosity in meeting the needs of our brothers and sisters who are less fortunate.

Altar Advent Wreath Lighting

Please consider signing up to process in and light the Advent candles for each weekend and the Feast of the Immaculate Conception. Directions are listed on the sign-up clipboard sheet. This can be done as an individual, a couple or as a family. You will be part of the beginning Processional with the Reader and Presider. After the blessing or prayer of the Advent Wreath, the candle (s) will be lit by you. Please consider being part of this tradition.



Advent

The Gift Shop will have all the Advent wreaths, Advent calendars for children and Advent candles. Please come in and shop. Your one-stop shop for those special items.

Christmas Concert

This year's Christmas Concert will be held on **December 7th from 4-5PM** in the church.

A Christmas Dinner **will follow**. All are invited to attend.

Christmas Concert Dinner
Ham, Turkey, Gravy, Roasted potatoes, Stuffing, Roasted vegetables -Desserts, coffee, water

Suggested Donation:

Adults \$17 Kids aged 12 & under \$7 .



Saint Nicholas

On the weekend of **Dec. 7-8**, St. Nick will be outside after all Masses to hand out treats to all children. Look of him outside the main doors



Here are a few powerful feast days that Catholics celebrate throughout Advent:

December 6: Feast of St. Nicholas

December 8: Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception

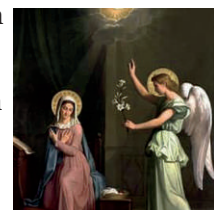
December 12: Our Lady of Guadalupe

December 13: Feast of St. Lucy



The Angelus reminds us of the Annunciation, when the angel Gabriel appeared to Mary with great, (if somewhat startling), news! As we read in Chapter One of Luke's Gospel, (Luke 1:26-38) God wished Mary, truly a Speaking of God's word, the Angelus completes its short summary of the Incarnation with the moving reference to our Lord from John's Gospel: **"And the Word was made flesh, and dwelt among us"** (John 1:14).

As we read in the letter to the Hebrews, Christ was like us in all things but without sin (Heb 4:15). model of humility, to be the mother of His Son, our Lord Jesus Christ!





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Romans 13:11-14

Alarm Clock

People act differently at night than they do in the day. In the day we are busy with personal responsibilities, but nights invite relaxation. On some nights, we relax too much. Some people let their guard down at night. In the dark we are more prone to commit crime and enter sin, as if no one can see.

When the hour comes to wake from sleep, we are filled with expectation and remorse. We look forward to the promise of the coming day, but we regret the sins of the past.

Advent is here. The alarm has just gone off. St. Paul says, “It is the hour now for you to awake from sleep.” Paul is not talking about the dawn of another weekday. He speaks of the dawn of an eternal day. Our salvation is near at hand. The risen Christ longs to enter our hearts and dwell there by faith.

Stay awake!

For you do not
know on which
day your Lord
will come.

Matthew 24:42

We have to quit acting like it is night. We should behave as if it were eternal day. Our responsibilities as Christians continue in every circumstance—when we are at work or at play, when we are active or at rest. The faithful Christian remains vigilant at all hours, so that we will be ready for Christ when he comes.

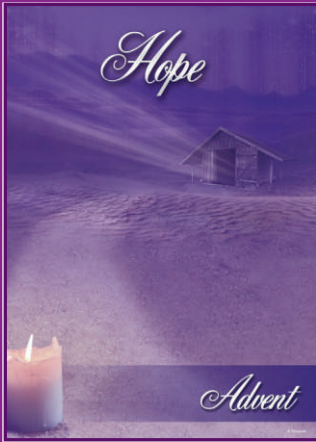
Christ is coming soon. Our salvation is near at hand. Let us spend this Advent doing the deeds of day, and avoiding the deeds of darkness.

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First Sunday of Advent

Advent



The Advent season is filled with preparation and expectation. Everyone is getting ready for Christmas — shopping and decorating, baking and cleaning. Too often, however, we are so busy with the material preparations that we lose sight of the real reason for our activity: the Word made flesh coming to dwell among us. Christians are urged to preserve the spiritual focus of Christmas amidst the prevailing secular and consumer-driven society.

In the midst of the hustle and bustle of the season, let us strive to keep Advent a season of waiting and longing, of conversion and hope, meditating often on the incredible love and humility of our God in taking on flesh of the Virgin Mary. In our shopping and baking, let us remember to purchase and prepare something for the poor.

When we clean our homes, let us distribute some of our possessions to those who lack many necessities. While we are decking the halls of our homes, let us not forget to prepare a peaceful place in our hearts wherein our Savior may come to dwell.

There are always four Sundays in Advent, though not necessarily four full weeks. The liturgical color of the season is violet or purple, except on the Third Sunday of Advent, called *Gaudete* or Rejoice Sunday, when optional rose vestments may be worn. The Gloria is not recited during Advent liturgies, but the Alleluia is retained.

The prophecies of Isaiah are read often during the Advent season, but all of the readings of Advent focus on the key figures of the Old and New Testaments who were prepared and chosen by God to make the Incarnation possible: the Blessed Virgin Mary, St. John the Baptist, St. Joseph, Sts. Elizabeth and Zechariah.

The expectancy heightens from December 17 to December 24 when the Liturgy resounds with the seven magnificent Messianic titles of the O Antiphons.

I am the voice of one crying in the wilderness, make straight the way of the Lord.

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