



St. Teresa of Avila Catholic Church and School

The Epiphany of the Lord

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Saturday Vigil:.....5:00 p.m.
Sunday:.....7:30 a.m., 9:30AM
& 11:30 am
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Saturday:.....8:30 am

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Epiphany of the Lord

*Rise up in splendor, Jerusalem!
Your light has come, the glory of
the Lord shines upon you.*

ISAIAH 60:1



January 4, 2026

Mass Intentions for the week of January 4th to January 11th

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday
7:30 AM Tinh-Pham (Teresa) † by the family	7:00 AM Special Intentions for the Yuskevich children	7:00 AM Special Intentions for Alvin & Agnes Nevalga by a friend	7:00 AM For Special Intentions of Lynn Kay
9:30 AM Anthony James Amato † by the family	8:30 AM Special Intentions for Lance Lussier by Bob & Bonnie Truett	8:30 AM Paul Hackimer † by Debbie Hackimer	8:30 AM Diana Strittmatter † by Laura Silva & Steven Torres
11:30 AM New Year blessings, Patrick † by his wife, Greta			<i>They presented gifts of gold, frankincense and myrrh</i>

LITURGY OF THE WORD

**Baptism of the Lord
Thinking about the Readings**

1. When was I baptized? Do I know who my Godparents are?
2. What memories do I have of baptisms I have celebrated?
3. Have I ever felt overcome by water? In a storm? On a boat?

**Readings for the Baptism of the Lord
January 11, 2026**

First Reading: *Isaiah 42:1-4, 6-7*
Here is my servant.

Second Reading: *Acts 10:34-38*

God anointed Jesus with the Holy Spirit and power
Gospel: *Matthew 3:13-17*
The spirit of God descends like a dove.

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:

The Lord and ruler is coming; kingship is his, and government and power." With these words the Church proclaims that today's feast brings to a perfect fulfillment all the purposes of Advent.



Today's good news

The feast of the Epiphany, which was kept in the East and in certain Western Churches before being observed in Rome, seems to have been originally a feast of the nativity; January 6, for those churches where it was kept, was the equivalent of Christmas (December 25) in the Roman Church. The feast was introduced at Rome in the second half of the sixth century and became the complement and, so to say, the crown of the Christmas festival.

Epiphany means manifestation. What the Church celebrates today is the manifestation of our Lord to the whole world; after being made known to the shepherds of Bethlehem He is revealed to the Magi who have come from the East to adore Him. Christian tradition has ever seen in the Magi the first fruits of the Gentiles; they lead in their wake all the peoples of the earth, and thus the Epiphany is an affirmation of universal salvation. St. Leo brings out this point admirably in a sermon, read at Matins, in which he shows in the adoration of the Magi the beginnings of Christian faith, the time when the great mass of the heathen sets off to follow the star which summons it to seek its Saviour.

That is the meaning, too, of the wonderful prophecy from Isaias which the liturgy appoints to be read in the first nocturn at Matins and at the Epistle of the Mass. This same thought of universal redemption the Church returns to as she sings, in the antiphon to the Magnificat at 2nd Vespers, applying the words to herself, of the union with Christ typified by the wedding feast at Cana, by the baptism of her children foreshadowed by that of Christ in the waters of the Jordan. Formerly the Epiphany was an additional day for solemn baptisms.

Epiphany is a large celebration, especially in Spanish speaking countries. Things look different around the household: the infant Jesus in the manger now has a small gold crown and is wearing regal robes. The figures of the wise men have reached Bethlehem, completing the nativity scene.

The Church extends itself on Epiphany to the homes of the faithful. The custom of blessing the home on this day probably originated from these words in the Gospel, "And entering into the house, they found the Child with Mary, His Mother, and falling down they adored Him." The priest blesses the house if he can be present, but if not, the father of the family may do so.

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Mass Intentions for the week of January 4th to January 11th

Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
7:30 AM Deacon Boland †	7:00 AM Special Intentions of Yara Aldana	8:30 AM Marjorie Barnhard † by Gloria Kenkel	7:30 AM For the People of the Parish
9:30 AM Special Intentions for Marg Hatina	8:30 AM Special Intentions of Kathleen Weldon	5:00 PM Bill Ruesewald, Jr † by the Eriksen family	9:30 AM James Webster † by the family
			11:30 AM Louis Ragosta † by the Eriksen family

Blessed New Year to all from Father Chris

STEWARDSHIP

Stewardship Thought: : Today we remember the three wise men from the East who came to pay homage to the infant Jesus, bringing Him rich gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh. The gifts we bring — our time, service, and some share of what we earn for the work we do — are equally precious in His sight

Parish Sacrificial Giving (Regular Sunday Offering) In gratitude for the gifts we have received from God, the parishioners and visitors gave \$13,991.00 for the ministries of St. Teresa. Thank you for your continued support and generosity. God bless.

QUESTION OF THE WEEK?

Has the church experienced an epiphany of God?
How has this influenced the life of the parish?

First Friday

The first Friday of the month will be **January 2nd**. 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, **January 3rd**. Special prayers will be prayed after the 8:30 AM Mass. Please join us.

Eucharistic Adoration

We will have an all day Eucharistic Adoration - **Thursday, January 8th 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



Making Christmas beautiful
through a
Christmas
Pageant &
Music



Thankyou to Ms McCrory
and the teachers of St
Teresa School for
preparing the children to
all participate in the
Christmas activities.
It is a memory they will
keep in their hearts
forever.



Highlights of the Month of January

In the first part of January we continue to rejoice and celebrate Christ's coming at Bethlehem and in our hearts. We have the wonderful feasts of Mary, Mother of God, where we honor Mary's highest title, and then we follow the Magi to the crib as they bring their gifts of gold, frankincense and myrrh on Epiphany.

Finally we reach the culmination of this season with the Baptism of Our Lord by St. John the Baptist. With a touch of sadness we take down our decorations and enter into the liturgical period known as Ordinary Time where we will devote ourselves to the mystery of Christ in its entirety.

This is a time of growth and an opportunity to allow the dignity of Sunday to shine forth prolonging the joy of Easter and Pentecost.

FAITH FORMATION

Religious Education (CCD)

No Religious Education Classes (CCD) this week. Classes will resume on **January 7, 2026**. Happy New Year.



OCIA

No OCIA meeting this Sunday. Our next meeting will be **January 11, 2026**. Happy New Year!

“O”ur Catholic Nugget

A Quote from St. Teresa of Calcutta “It is **Christmas** every time you let God love others through you... yes, it is **Christmas** every time you smile at your brother and offer him your hand.”

Adult Bible Study

Winter Bible study will begin January 2026.

Monday morning and Tuesday evening classes will be, The Prophets: Messengers of God’s Mercy. This session will run for 10-weeks. Classes will begin **Monday, January 19th or Tuesday, January 20th**.

Wednesday mornings class will be, The Chosen Season 5, The Last Supper. This session will run for 8 sessions. Classes will begin **Wednesday January 21st**.

All classes will be held in Avila Hall. If you have any questions or would like to register contact the Faith Formation office at 321-349-5445 (voice or text) or by email at faithformation@stteresa-titusville.org. Space is limited.

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 Maria University

If 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: faithformation@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

Baptism

To schedule a Baptism or a Preparation Class contact the Faith Formation Office 321-349-5445 (voice or text) or by email at faithformation@stteresa-titusville.org. The Preparation class will be held on the date and time you schedule in the Faith Formation Room in Avila Hall.

Bereavement /Grief Support Group

A Grief, Prayer, Support Group has been organized 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 hosting, in the Chapel, a **weekly**: Rosary and Chaplet of Divine Mercy on **Monday** nights at **6pm** .

We would like to announce the second annual Blue Army **New Year’s Day potluck** in honor of the Solemnity of Mary. **Where:** Avila Hall

When: New Year’s Day **after the 11:30 am Mass**

All parishioners are invited to join in with a breakfast or lunch dish.

Drinks and tableware will be provided.

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

Food Pantry is in need of canned fruit, cookies and small packages of instant oatmeal,



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

Thank you for your weekly generosity, especially during the holidays.

Your donations and gift cards made a difference for many.

The Food Pantry is **asking for Volunteers**—even one day a month if possible.



Pope Leo’s Intention for January

For Prayer With The Word Of God

Let us pray that praying with the Word of God be nourishment for our lives and a source of hope in our communities, helping us build a more fraternal and missionary Church.



Moms of Tiny Saints

A Catholic ministry where moms can find community in the messiness and joy of raising tiny saints. Join us at one of our upcoming events.

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



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Thank you to all that made the **Christmas** season a special event. It takes many hands to lighten the responsibilities to make it a spiritual event. The *decorations* made the church beautiful. The *music* from the choir helps to bring the **JOY** of the season. All the work by Matt and his assistants to *setup* and *takedown* the special settings for the events of the season and the *Homilies* presented by Father Chris and all those that work to *make* the altar a beautiful place to worship.



The School Christmas Pageant under the Direction of Ms Jamie Stanifer was a beautiful Presentation for the true meaning of the season



Choir Director
Ina Smith
and
School Choir
Cynthia Mawn
'Our Ladies of
Music'



"Don't be afraid, Mary.
You have found
favor with God"



Mary (Fatima) and Joseph (Logan) Presented Baby Jesus to the people

Thanks to
Lynn for
keeping
Mary
surrounded
by flowers



Celebrating
Father Chris' Birthday



Mass Intention book

The Mass book is available for masses of family or loved ones. Call the Office to make sure someone is here and can take your request. There are many dates still available.
321-268-3441

Reminders:

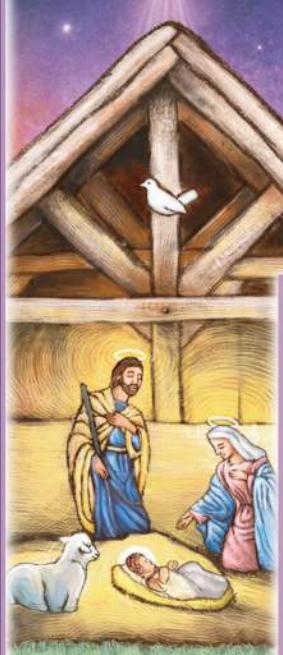
- ◆ If you **move**—please let us know as envelopes are still printed and sent but then returned to the church office
- ◆ If you are in **need** of Sacrament of the Sick—please don't wait, as the priests may be busy, on a call or attending to a Funeral Service
- ◆ If you are a patient in the hospital, call the Office and **give** the room number (the hospital may not give out private information)
- ◆ Think about **ON-LINE** donations (They automatically get saved for a tax time report) and you **SAVE** 52 + checks per year (that's often TWO books of checks).
- ◆ When you are **requesting** copies of Certificates for birth or the Sacraments received at St Teresa, a two week notice is advised. It often takes a period of time, especially if dates are unknown.

Annual Parish Calendars

The Annual calendar is available in the church narthex. If you have not picked up a calendar yet—please do so now. Please take **ONE** per family till we make sure that all families have received the calendar. Thank you

The first eleven days of **January** fall during the liturgical season known as **Christmas** which is represented by the liturgical color white (and gold) — the color of light, a symbol of joy, purity and innocence (absolute or restored).

The remaining days of January are the beginning of liturgical season known as *Tempus per Annum* or **Ordinary Time** (formerly *Time After Epiphany*), which is represented by the liturgical color green. Green is a symbol of hope, as it is the color of the sprouting seed and arouses in the faithful the hope of reaping the eternal harvest of heaven, especially the hope of a glorious resurrection. The liturgical color green is worn during prayer of Offices and Masses of Ordinary Time.



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Ephesians 3:2-3a, 5-6

Secret Plan

The birth of Jesus became the worst kept secret in the history of the world. All along, people knew God had a plan. God had told everyone from Adam and Eve, to Abraham and Sara, to Moses and Miriam, to David and Bathsheba, to Hosea and Gomer, to Mary and Joseph that there was a plan. Nobody fully understood it. Nobody knew how God would bring the plan to fulfillment. But they all believed. They had seen God work mighty deeds in their lives, and they believed that one day the promise of redemption would be fulfilled.

Jesus was God's secret. When Jesus was born in humble surroundings outside of royalty and pageantry, only a handful of people even began to realize what God had done.

But the secret got out. Angels appeared in the sky. Shepherds showed up. And Magi traveled from a faraway land. Everyone was finding out God's two great surprises: Jesus was born as the promised Messiah, and he came not just for his own race, but for all the people of the world.

The Letter to the Ephesians says, God's mystery "was not made known to people in other generations as it has now been revealed to his holy apostles and prophets by the Spirit." Jesus was born, and he came to save each of us, no matter what family we came from, what we believed, or how we behaved. The mystery of God's love is open now to the whole world. That is the epiphany, the revelation of God's secret.

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Feast of the Epiphany January 5th



They followed the bright star

The Feast of the Epiphany of Our Lord Jesus Christ is one of the oldest Christian feasts, though, throughout the centuries, it has celebrated a variety of things. *Epiphany* comes from a Greek verb meaning "to reveal," and all of the various events celebrated by the Feast of the Epiphany are revelations of Christ to man. Epiphany celebrates the visit of the three kings or wise men to the Christ Child, signifying the extension of salvation to the Gentiles.

The date of Epiphany, one of the oldest Christian feasts, is January 6, the 12th day after Christmas. However, in most countries, including the United States, the celebration of Epiphany is transferred to the Sunday that falls between January 2 and January 8 (inclusive). Greece, Ireland, Italy, and Poland continue to observe Epiphany on January 6, as do some dioceses in Germany. The word *epiphany* means "appearance," "manifestation," or "revelation" and is commonly linked in Western Christianity with the visit of the wise men (Magi) to the Christ child (Matthew 2:1-12).

Epiphany originally celebrated four different events, in the following order of importance: the Baptism of the Lord; Christ's first miracle, the changing of water into wine at the wedding in Cana; the Nativity of Christ; and the visitation of the Wise Men or Magi.

Each of these is a revelation of God to man: At Christ's Baptism, the Holy Spirit descends and the voice of God the Father is heard, declaring that Jesus is His Son; at the wedding in Cana, the miracle reveals Christ's divinity; at the Nativity, the angels bear witness to Christ, and the shepherds, representing the people of Israel, bow down before Him; and at the visitation of the Magi, Christ's divinity is revealed to the Gentiles—the other nations of the earth.

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