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ST TERESA OF AVILA

DECEMBER 1, 2024

1ST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

MASS SCHEDULE

Daily

7:00 am Church 

Saturday

8:30 am Church 

Confessions follow

4:00 pm (Vigil) Memorial Hall

Sunday

7:30 am Church

9:00 am (Family) Memorial Hall*

10:30 am Church 

12:00 pm (Spanish) Church

5:00 pm Church

 = Mass also available via livestream

CHURCH HOURS

Monday - Friday

6:45 am - 4:00 pm

Saturday

8:00 am - 9:30 am

Sunday

7:00 am - 1:00 pm

and

4:45 pm to 6:00 pm

OFFICE HOURS

Appointments requested

Monday - Thursday

10:00 am - 4:00 pm

Friday

By appointment only

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stteresaofavilaschool.org

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st-teresa.org/cemetery



"prayer leads us forward in hope"

Pope Francis

Mass + Intentions

To request a Mass intention, please visit st-teresa.org/mass-intentions.



Stewardship Reflections...

“But when these signs begin to happen, stand erect and raise your heads because your redemption is at hand.” (LUKE 21:28)

We celebrate Advent each year in preparation for the birth of Jesus, His first coming, as we await His second coming. What will you do differently this Advent season to grow in friendship and love with Jesus? How will you inspire others to do the same? Start by sharing your God story with others, especially those that are closest to you. Invite and accompany them on their faith journey this Advent.

“Cuando todo esto comience a suceder, enderócense y levanten la cabeza, porque ya saben que está muy cerca la hora en que Dios los liberará.” (LUCAS 21:28)

Cada año celebramos el Adviento en preparación para el nacimiento de Jesús, Su primera venida, mientras esperamos Su segunda venida. ¿Qué haría usted en forma diferente esta temporada de Adviento para hacer crecer su amistad y amor a Jesús? ¿Como inspirará a los demás a hacer lo mismo? Comience por compartir su historia con Dios con otros, especialmente con aquellos más cercanos a usted. En este Adviento, invítelos y acompañelos en su viaje de fe.



May the souls of all the faithful departed rest in peace.



“A Time to be Healed”

PARISH SICK:
Cosimo Mammone
Helen Lynaugh

Saturday, November 30	8:30 AM	† John Halligan † Sister Marilyn Zaino, SC † Ronald Anthony Pellecchia † Hildegard E. Olbrich † Linda Colandrea † Margaret R. Bergen † Scott Massengill † Thomas Edward Cohan
	4:00 PM	† Ida Patricia Confroy
Sunday, December 1	7:30 AM	† Dario Basilone
	9:00 AM	† Thomas L. Miller † Mindy Williams
	10:30 AM	† Rose Scala
	12:00 PM	† Roger Bernard
	5:00 PM	† Albert F. Gargiulo
Monday, December 2	7:00 AM	† Edward Kosecki
Tuesday, December 3	7:00 AM	† Ramon J. Builes
Wednesday, December 4	7:00 AM	† The Soccodato Family
Thursday, December 5	7:00 AM	† Andrew, Angelo and Wilma Gage † Theodore Higginson
Friday, December 6	7:00 AM	† Leoba Dempsey † Judy Leone
	8:30 AM	† Rosario LaCorte
Saturday, December 7	4:00 PM	† Theodore Higginson
	7:30 AM	† Dario Giorgio Elda Basilone † Carmela Attanasio
	9:00 AM	† James Aurelio
	10:30 AM	† Carlos and Eneida Jimenez † Carmela Attanasio
	12:00 PM	† Ramon Builes
Sunday, December 8	5:00 PM	† John Donohoe, Jr.



Inmaculada Concepción (Tiepolo 1767-1769)
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The Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary

December 8 is the Second Sunday of Advent.

The Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary is transferred to **Monday, December 9**, a Holy Day of Obligation.

Mass will be celebrated at **7 am and 12:10 pm**

2024 ADVENT *Giving Tree*



SUN, DEC 1 | WED, DEC 4 | FRI, DEC 6 | SAT, DEC 7 | SUN, DEC 8

The need is great every year, thank you for your generosity!

How to Participate



**Volunteer
Advent Giving
Tree Helper**

**Gift Giving
Sign Up**



Please review the available slots available on the sign-up webpage. The sign up includes families and individuals. Note there is a specific drop off time associated with each recipient. Please try not to select an individual or a family if you are unable to drop off the gifts at the selected time.

Family groups state individual's first name, M or F (male or female), size and in most cases wished for item. The items listed are wishes and may be replaced with a similar item. They are meant to give you an idea of what the individual likes. We do ask that each child is given at least one clothing item and one fun item. Please note that some organizations only ask for gift cards. Please ensure that each individual in those groups receive a minimum of one \$25 gift card. For those individuals purchasing for a family with wishes, if for some reason you are unable to purchase a wished for item, please include a gift card or similar item instead. If no size is stated hat, scarf or gloves are perfect.

All gifts must be new items; marked with the name and number as it appears on the sign up ie. #1-25 Mary or Girl Grade 5 #345. If there are multiple items for one recipient, items must be placed in a bag with recipient name and number taped securely on the outside of the bag.

To package Family gifts please unless otherwise indicated Wrap gifts, then package all gifts for each individual and clearly mark the individuals name, than place recipient gifts in a large bag with the Family Name or Unit Number and the Family Number. Mark each bag indicating how many bags are group ie. Smith Family #120 1 of 3, 2 of 3, 3 of 3.

We ask that you do not return gifts before or after Mass, nor to the School or Parish Office.

Please place all gifts in the trunk of your car, drive up to the side of Memorial Hall during your predetermined drop off time, and helpers will remove the packages as you drive up.

**ALL GIFTS SHOULD BE WRAPPED UNLESS OTHERWISE INDICATED.
ADDITIONAL RECIPIENTS WILL BE ADDED UP UNTIL DECEMBER 5.**

**Many thanks for your help this year and feel free to
contact Margaret Strong with any questions:**

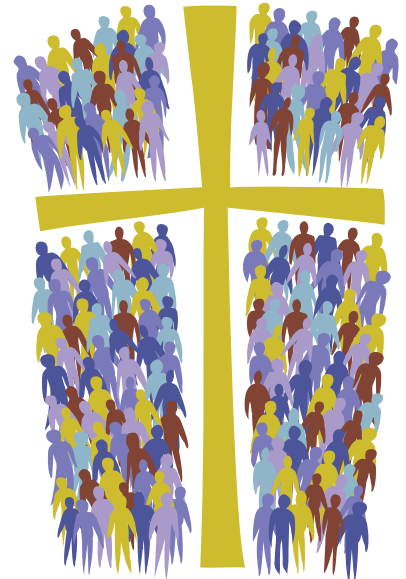
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Gift Sign-Up Link:

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0E4EACAE2AA0FE3-53266349-advent>

Volunteer Link:

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0E4EACAE2AA0FE3-53354773-advent#/>



**WE ARE HIS
WITNESSES**

Congratulations to the newly appointed members of our Parish Pastoral Council! We thank you for your commitment to help make St Teresa of Avila the BEST SPIRITUAL HOME it can be today, tomorrow, and for generations to come!

**BRIAN CASH
CARMINE COSCIA
MARY GORMAN
BILLY GOUVEIA
CATALINA KOWAL
CATHERINE LIGOURI
TONY PEREIRA
MATTHEW PETRI
GLORIA RON-FORNES
CLAIRE TOTH
JOAN TULLY**

Thank you to all who applied for the member at large seats! The applicants will be reviewed, voted on, and selected by the council.

Let us keep the members of our Parish Pastoral Council in our prayers.

SECOND ANNUAL



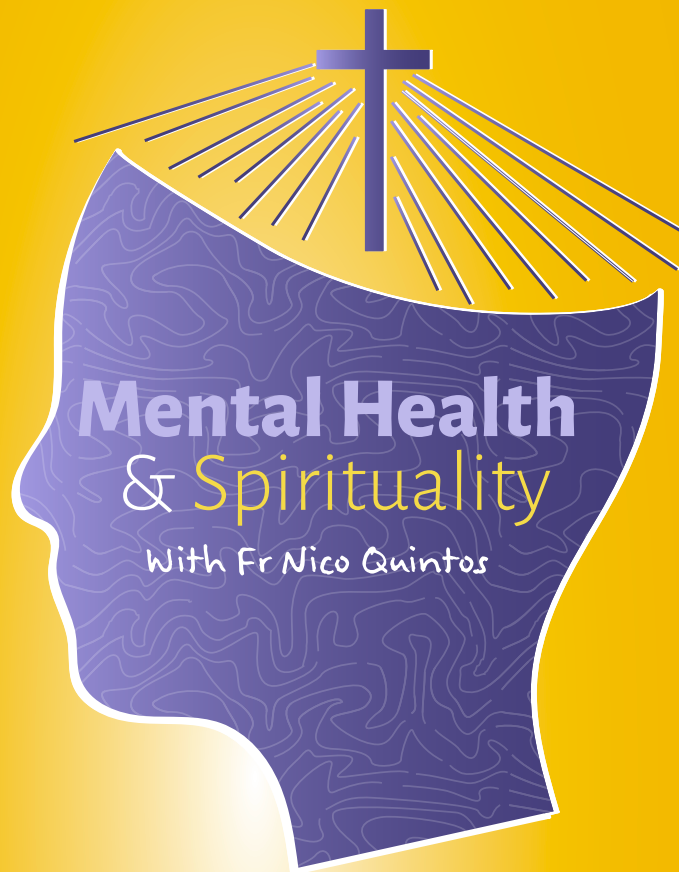
Senior Friendsgiving November 19, 2024

A special thank you to Kevin Moulton who provided the perfect music, our STA teens for helping set up, clean up and serve food, and all of those who joined us for our second annual Senior Friendsgiving! A wonderful time was had by all!



DECEMBER 3 AND 10

Advent Retreat



Looking for ways to integrate your *faith* with your *mental well-being*?

Join our special series on Mental Health and Spirituality, led by Father Nico Quintos, offering guidance, support, and practical steps to integrate mental health practices with our Catholic faith.

SESSION

1

Tuesday, December 3

7 PM | CHURCH

Understanding Mental Health
in the Light of Catholic Teaching

SESSION

2

Tuesday, December 10

7 PM | MEMORIAL HALL

Spiritual and Mental Health:
Practical Steps for Daily Well-being

RSVP by December 1 to office@stteresaavila.org



There are 24 chapters
in the Gospel of Luke.

Starting December 1,
read one chapter per night.

By Christmas Eve, you will
have read a full account of
the life of Jesus.

Come Christmas morning,
know WHO and WHY
we celebrate!



Prepare your hearts for Christmas, with a good confession!

Please note the following
opportunities for receiving the
Sacrament of Reconciliation
during Advent:

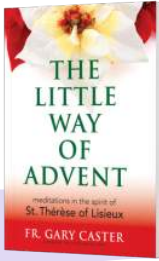
Saturday, December 7

Saturday, December 14
immediately following
the 8:30 am Mass

Advent Penance Service

Tuesday, December 17 | 7 pm

THE ADVENT Bookshelf:



- ← "personal"
- ← "meaningful"
- ← "simple"

The Little Way of Advent
Meditations in the Spirit of St Thérèse of Lisieux
 Fr Gary Caster | Dynamic Catholic

This timeless book will help you walk through Advent with St Thérèse of Lisieux. Fr Caster provides an inspirational reflection for each day and a quote from St Thérèse that helps to shed light on the reflection.



- ← "a gift"
- ← "immersive"

Find Peace in Advent!
4 Weeks to Worrying Less at Christmas
 Gary Zimak | Ave Maria Press

Is it really possible to find peace during one of the busiest and stress-filled times of the year? Catholic author and self-described "recovering worrier" Gary Zimak offers a practical, scripture-based approach to Advent so we can make room for Jesus in our chaotic, busy, and fast-paced lives.



- ← "comfort"
- ← "depth"
- ← "rich resource"

Let Heaven and Nature Sing
Daily Prayers for Advent and Christmas 2024
 Josh Noem | Ave Maria Press

In just a few minutes each day, immerse yourself in prayer and reflection, guided by the lyrics and music of such seasonal hymns as "O Come, O Come, Emmanuel," "Ave Maria," "La Guadalupeana," "O Come, Divine Messiah," "Dona nobis pacem," "Silent Night," "O Come, All Ye Faithful," "What Child Is This?," and "Go Tell It on the Mountain."

MINISTRY Board



Don't miss "American River", a documentary about the Passaic River, playing at the Summit Free Public Library at 12:30 pm and 6:30 pm on Monday, December 2. Register at <https://summitlibrary.libcal.com/event/11598026>.

If you cannot make it to the movie, a DVD of the film is available to rent.

A GALA CHRISTMAS Concert



SUN | DEC 15 | 3PM

Featuring a variety of soloists, Adult Choir, Children's Choir, with guest choristers from Oak Knoll School Girls Choir and a 12 piece orchestra. Under the direction of Matthew Still, the program consists of a variety of traditional and contemporary choral arrangements.



Concert details!



DECEMBER 1 IS WORLD AIDS DAY



Heavenly Father, we come before You with hearts filled with compassion and love for those living with HIV/AIDS. We remember how Your Son, Jesus, reached out to the sick and marginalized, bringing healing and hope. We pray for spiritual upliftment for those facing this illness. May they find solace in Your presence, experience Your love, and discover the peace that surpasses all understanding. Grant them the strength to endure, the courage to face each day, and the assurance of Your unfailing love.
 Amen.

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