

ST TERESA OF AVILA

DECEMBER 15, 2024

3RD 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 ទិ

12:00 pm (Spanish) Church

5:00 pm Church



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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PRESENTS



SUNDAY! DECEMBER 15 3PM

Kindly consider your meaningful contribution to a free-will offering allowing us to continue this event every year.

Support the parish Loaves and Fishes Food Pantry by donating non-perishable goods at the concert.



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

Saturday, December 14	8:30 AM	† Louis R. Papale
	4:00 PM	† Albert Entwistle
Sunday, December 15	7:30 AM	† John Donohoe, Jr.
	9:00 AM	† Veronica Woodfull
	10:30 AM	† Michael Louis Rossi
	12:00 PM	† Tiffany Uribe
	5:00 PM	† Joseph Guidi
Monday, December 16	7:00 AM	† Sophie Callaghan
Tuesday, December 17	7:00 AM	† MaryLou Avagliano
Wednesday, December 18	7:00 AM	† John T. Cain
Thursday, December 19	7:00 AM	† Lorenzo Federico † Thomas McFadden
Friday, December 20	7:00 AM	† Mary Ann Maher
Saturday, December 21	8:30 AM	† Mary Lou Avagliano
	4:00 PM	† Margaret Schroeder and Donald Ferry † Lope & Modesta Garde
Sunday, December 22	7:30 AM	† Margaret & Edward Filippone
	9:00 AM	† Altagrace Dorce
	10:30 AM	† Lucia & Nicola Biello † Angela Parisi
	12:00 PM	† Predo Manuel Ramirez
	5:00 PM	† Joseph Guidi



SECOND COLLECTION:

Christmas Flowers

The second collection this weekend is budgeted toward our Christmas decorations of wreaths, trees, poinsettias and nativity scenes.

Thank you for your generosity!



"Have no anxioty at all, but in everything, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, make your requests known to God." (PHILIPPIANS 4:6)

St. Paul reminds us that God is an abundant God – He is the ultimate giver of gifts. He promises to give us all that we need. Remember, that we are created in God's image and likeness. We, too, are made to be generous with all of our gifts as well. Placing our trust in God frees us from being a slave to possessions. It allows us to gratefully and generously share ourselves and our goods with others.

"No se preocupen por nada, más bien pídanle al Señor lo que necesiten y agradézcanle siempre." (FILIPENSES 4:6)

San Pablo nos recuerda que
Dios es un Dios abundante - Él
es el máximo dador de dones.
El promete darnos todo lo que
necesitemos. Recuerde, fuimos
creados a imagen y semejanza de
Dios. Nosotros también, fuimos
hechos para ser generosos con
todos nuestros dones. Poner
nuestra confianza en Dios nos
libera de la esclavitud de los
bienes materiales. Eso nos permite
compartirnos a nosotros mismos
y a nuestros bienes con los demás
agradecida y generosamente.



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

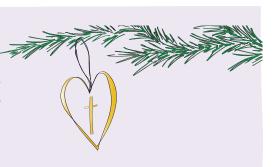
Mario F. Ferraro, Jr Joan Dolores Diesso



PARISH SICK: Cosimo Mammone Helen Lynaugh Prepare your hearts for Christmas, with a good confession!

ADVENT PENANCE SERVICE

Tuesday, December 17 | 7 pm





CHRISTMAS EVE

Tuesday, December 24

4:00 pm

(Memorial Hall & Church)

6:00 pm

(Memorial Hall & Church)

10:00 pm

(With 9:30 pm Candle-light carols, Bilingual)



Wednesday, December 25

7:30 am

(Church)

9:00 am

(Church)

10:30 am 窄

(Church)



Doors will open 30 minutes before Mass.

No admittance after the Fire Code occupancy limit has been reached.

How you can help:

PARKING: Consider parking off site, walking, carpooling, or a ride service to leave more room in our parking lot.

SEATING: If you arrive early, sit closer to the center aisle in order to leave room for others by the side aisles. Please arrive together and do not save seats.

PATIENCE
KINDNESS
and
COMPLIANCE
are
appreciated.







Our STAND teens gathered together for a group social night in celebration of the Christmas Season! Gingergread houses were enjoyed by all.



















WHAT ARE THE "O" Antiphons?

The "O" Antiphons begin with different Old Testament references to the hope for the Messiah. Then, the second line is a plea for the Messiah to come. Of course, the Lord has already come at the first Christmas.

Yet, during every Advent we have the opportunity to grow in our longing for the Lord who has come, who is coming, and who will come again. These antiphons are a way to sanctify Advent and increase our longing for the Lord as we approach Christmas Eve.

DECEMBER 17

O Sapientia
O Wisdom, coming forth from the mouth of the Most High, reaching from one end to the other, mightily and awardly ardering all things. and sweetly ordering all things:

Come and teach us the way of prudence.

DECEMBER 18 O Adonai

O Adonai, and leader of the House of Israel, who appeared to Moses in the fire of the burning bush and gave him the law on Sinai: . Come and redeem us with

an outstretched arm.

DECEMBER 19 O Radix Jesse

O Root of Jesse, standing as a sign among the peoples; before you kings will shut their mouths, to you the nations will make their prayer:

Come and deliver us, and delay no longer.

DECEMBER 20 O Clavis David

O Key of David and sceptre of the House of Israel; you open and no one can shut; you shut and no one can open:

Come and lead the prisoners from the prison house, those who dwell in darkness and the shadow of death.

DECEMBER 21

O Oriens

O Morning Star, splendour of light eternal and sun of righteousness: Come and enlighten those who dwell in darkness and the shadow of death.

DECEMBER 22

O Rex Gentium

O King of the nations, and their desire, the cornerstone making both one: Come and save the human race, which you fashioned from clay.

DECEMBER 23

0 Emmanuel

O Emmanuel, our king and our lawgiver, the hope of the nations and their Saviour:

Come and save us, O Lord our God.

Excerpted from The O'Antiphons: Learn Them And Pray Them by Will Wright https://catholic-link.org/the-oantiphonslearn-them-pray-them/

Loaves & Fishes CHRISTMAS FOOD DRIVE

Our Goal: 400 complete Christmas dinner baskets and supplemental monetary support for local families in need.



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HOLIDAY TRIMMINGS:

13 oz Can or Jar of Turkey Gravy 13 oz Box of Instant **Mashed Potatoes**

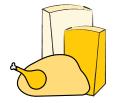
15 oz Can of Cranberry Sauce 6 oz Box of Stuffing Mix 40 oz Can of Yams 15 oz Can of Corn

15 oz Can of Green Beans 15 oz Canned Fruit

Package of Cookies 48 oz Bottled Juice

DROP OFF:

Turkeys & Non-perishables can be dropped off at the side entrance of Memorial Hall



Thursday, December 19 5:00 pm-7:00 pm

Saturday, December 21 8:30 am-10:00 am

Additional drop off opportunities:

TURKEYS: WEDNESDAY **DECEMBER 11 & 18** from 7:30 am to 8:00 am **NON-PERISHABLES:**

On the parish office front porch during office hours OR in the Loaves and Fishes bins at the doors of the Church any time.

MONETARY DONATIONS:

Each bag costs approximately \$50

- Visit st-teresa.org/donate and select "Loaves and Fishes"
- Text the donation amount and "food" to 84321 (eg "250 food")
- Checks payable to St Teresa of Avila Loaves and Fishes can be dropped off in the church collection basket or parish office Thank you for your ongoing generosity!



VOLUNTFFR:

Volunteers are needed to pack baskets and assist with distribution in Memorial Hall.



Volunteers must sign up at this link or by scanning the QR code.



SORT FOOD/PREPARE BAGS:

Thursday, December 19

5:00 pm-7:00 pm

DISTRIBUTION:

Saturday, December 21 8:30 am-10:00 am

https://www.signupgenius.com/go/60B0A49ACA92BA46-53650900-christmas#/



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For questions, please call Volunteer Leader Vinny Candela at 908-463-1026 or the parish office 908-277-3700.

Before the Advent Penance Service this Tuesday at 7pm,

take some time to reflect with this Examination of Conscience based on the Ten Commandments

I. I AM THE LORD YOUR GOD: YOU SHALL NOT HAVE STRANGE GODS BEFORE ME.

Have I treated people, events, or things as more important than God?

II. YOU SHALL NOT TAKE THE NAME OF THE LORD YOUR GOD IN VAIN.

Have my words, actively or passively, put down God, the Church, or people?

III. REMEMBER TO KEEP HOLY THE LORD'S DAY.

Do I go to Mass every Sunday (or Saturday Vigil) and on Holy Days of Obligation?

Do I avoid, when possible, work that impedes worship to God, joy for the Lord's Day, and proper relaxation of mind and body?

Do I look for ways to spend time with family or in service on Sunday?

IV. HONOR YOUR FATHER AND YOUR MOTHER.

Do I show my parents due respect?

Do I seek to maintain good communication with my parents where possible?

Do I criticize them for lacking skills I think they should have?

V. YOU SHALL NOT KILL.

Have I harmed another through physical, verbal, or emotional means, including gossip or manipulation of any kind?

VI. YOU SHALL NOT COMMIT ADULTERY.

Have I respected the physical and sexual dignity of others and of myself?

VII. YOU SHALL NOT STEAL.

Have I taken or wasted time or items that belonged to another?

VIII. YOU SHALL NOT BEAR FALSE WITNESS AGAINST YOUR NEIGHBOR.

Have I gossiped, told lies, or embellished stories at the expense of another?

IX. YOU SHALL NOT COVET YOUR NEIGHBOR'S SPOUSE.

If Single: Have I seen someone else just as an object?

If Married: Have I honored my spouse with my full affection and exclusive love?

X. YOU SHALL NOT COVET YOUR NEIGHBOR'S GOODS.

Am I content with my own means and needs, or do I compare myself to others unnecessarily?

Via United States Conference of Catholic Bishops, "A Brief Examination of Conscience: Based on the Ten Commandments", (Washington, D.C., 2013).

MINISTRY Board



Entertaining this Christmas? It's a perfect opportunity to use your china, glasses, cutlery and cloth napkins for guests instead of disposable plastics.

Loaves & Fishes Food Pantry

Our Thanksgiving Food Drive provided turkeys and bags of non-perishables to those in need. Thanks to the volunteers!







Loaves & Fishes Food Pantry has been selected again by the Store Leadership Team as a Stop & Shop Bloomin' 4 Good Program Nonprofit Partner. The pantry will receive \$1 for each specially marked \$10.99 Bloomin' 4 Good bouquet sold during the month of December 2024 at 133 Main Street in Madison.





Our thanks again to the volunteers at St James the Apostle Church in Springfield for donating and packing bags for the Thanksgiving Food Drive! Parishioners donated the supplies and several Confirmation candidates helped with the packing.



All are Welcome!

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.



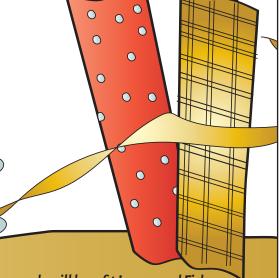
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GIFT WRAPPING FUNDRAISER

Drop off to the parish office beginning Monday, December 16 through Thursday, December 19.

An email will be sent when the gifts are ready for pick up.



Shirt boxsize: \$8 per box/item

Items larger than a shirt box: \$10 per box/item

Larger and odd-shaped items: \$20 per box/item

All proceeds will benefit Loaves and Fishes.

For information contact Jessica at jessicad@stteresaavila.org or 908-277-3700, x 4.

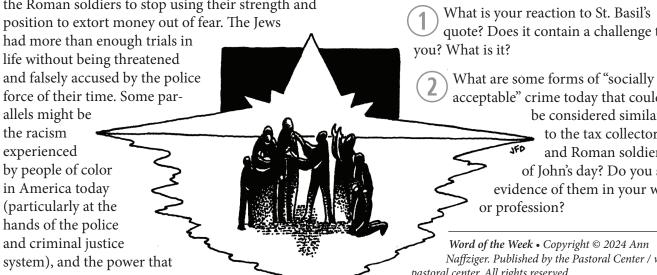
John Was Serious!

This Week's Readings at Mass

- ► Zephaniah 3:14-18a Promise of a savior
- ► Philippians 4:4-7 Joy and peace
- ► Luke 3:10-18 John calls the people to justice

This week we hear John the Baptist give concrete examples of what it means to "prepare the way of the Lord." He tells the crowds, "Whoever has two coats must share with anyone who has none, and whoever has food must do likewise." Three hundred years later, St. Basil took John the Baptist (and Jesus) so seriously that he wrote, "When someone steals another's clothes, we call them a thief. Should we not give the same name to one who could clothe the naked and does not? The bread in your cupboard belongs to the hungry; the coat unused in your closet belongs to the one who needs it; the shoes rotting in your closet belong to the one who has no shoes; the money which you hoard up belongs to the poor." Do we take these words so seriously? If not, why not?

John the Baptist directed his next two examples of preparing the way for Jesus to particular groups of "middle-men" in his society: the tax collectors and Roman soldiers. Tax collecters notoriously padded their wallets by collecting more than the Jewish peasants legally owed to their Roman rulers. Theirs was like white collar crime today—maybe not violent or vicious, but unjust and hurtful, especially to people poorer than them. John the Baptist also challenged the Roman soldiers to stop using their strength and position to extort money out of fear. The Jews





"With thanksgiving, make your requests known to God. Then the peace of God that surpasses all understanding will guard your hearts and minds in Christ Jesus."

Sheepish Question:

Here in Advent, how can my attitude in prayer quell my anxieties and open me to God's peace?

employers have over undocumented workers and those who don't speak fluent English.

For John, preparing the way for Jesus was about much more than going through a baptismal ritual. It required concrete changes in how people lived their day-to-day lives. Perhaps we need to be reminded of that when we approach any of the sacraments ourselves. Are we committing to live out what we say we believe?

Questions of the Week

What is your reaction to St. Basil's quote? Does it contain a challenge to you? What is it?

> acceptable" crime today that could be considered similar to the tax collectors and Roman soldiers of John's day? Do you see evidence of them in your work or profession?

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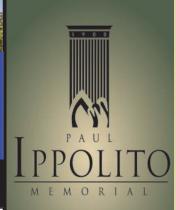
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