

ST. THERESA CATHOLIC COMMUNITY



THE LITTLE CHURCH WITH A BIG HEART

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245-0650

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First Sunday in Advent November 30, 2008

The beginning of the Advent season focuses our attention on the future coming of Christ in glory, and echoes a theme of repentance as a preparation for that coming. Christ's coming ushers in the final triumph of life over death. The preparation for that coming, therefore, includes repentance from the works of death. Not only individuals but nations likewise need to repent.

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MASS SCHEDULE

DAILY MASSES

Monday through Friday:

8:30 a.m.

WEEKENDS

Saturday:

4:00 & 5:30 p.m.

Sunday:

7:30, 9:00 & 11:30 a.m.

Holy Day Vigil: 7:30 p.m.

Holy Day Masses:

8:30 a.m.

12:00 Noon (except if
a Saturday)

SACRAMENTS

Baptisms and Confirmation: Please contact the Parish Office at 245-2458 for more information.

Marriage: Call the office at least 6 months prior to intended date.

Anointing of the Sick: Available at end of all weekend Masses.

Vocations: Call the office for more information and guidance.

Confessions: 3:00-3:45 p.m. on Saturday or contact the office for appointment.

Hospital and Homebound Communion: Call Parish Office.

SICK CALL and FUNERAL ARRANGEMENTS
245-2458

Tridentine (Latin) Mass: 2nd & 4th Sundays
6 PM - Queen of Peace



St. Theresa Catholic Church

Pastor: Fr. David Vivero

Retired Assoc: Fr. George Koerber

Deacon: Normand LaFleur

(Contact Deacon LaFleur regarding Annulments)

New Parishioners: Please register at Parish Office

Parish Office: (352) 245-2458

(Answering service during non-office times)

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*Christ
comes
to rule
the earth*



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**Repent
and
Be Ready**

PARISH MISSION STATEMENT



WE ARE COMMUNITY FOUNDED BY CHRIST HIMSELF, EMPOWERED BY HIS GIFT OF THE EUCHARIST. WE ARE COMMITTED TO GROW IN FAITH, HOPE, LOVE AND SERVICE TO ALL.

PARISH MINISTRIES

LITURGICAL FORMATION

Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion (EMHC)

Fred @ 861-4397

Holy Hour/Adoration Assistants: Fred @ 861-4397

Altar Servers: Julie @ 245-5300 or Pastor @ 245-2458

Lectors: Kay @ 245-9098

Ushers: Kay @ 245-9098 or Pastor @ 245-2458

Choir: Kay @ 245-9098

FAITH FORMATION

Adult Discussion Group: Joan @ 307-7905

Catechists: Julie @ 245-5300

R.C.I.A.: Julie @ 245-5300 or Gloria @ 347-6149

Youth Ministry: Julie @ 245-5300

PASTORAL/ OUTREACH

Ministers to the Sick (MTS): Donna @ 687-1070

HIV/Aids: Jim @ 347-2172

Bereavement: Mary @ 751-1758

Respect Life: Jim @ 347-2172

PARISH ORGANIZATIONS

Cursillo: Elena @ 245-7348 or 812-3125

Knights of Columbus: Ron @ 288-2901

Knights' Columbiettes: Karen @ 245-7689

Ladies Guild: Loretta@245-5437

Legion of Mary: Fred @ 861-4397

Ultreya: Elena @ 245-7348 or 812-3125

BULLETIN NOTICES and WEBSITE INFORMATION

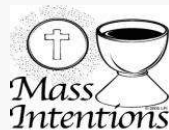
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MASS INTENTIONS NOTICE: Requests for Masses are made in the office for any date desired. However, to have the Mass intention to be reflected in the bulletin, the request needs to be made no later than two Thursdays prior to your desired Mass date.

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 29, 2008

8:30 am **COMMUNION PRAYER SERVICE**
and Novena to Our Blessed Mother
4:00 pm **All Souls**

5:30 pm **Mary Schneider (+)** by Peggy & Frank Cizewski
Walter Rawley (+) by Kaye Stevens
Laura Kachurik (+) by Joe Kachurik
Spec. Intention of Deanna Reed by Kaye Stevens

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 30, 2008

7:30 am **Spec. Intention of Jerome DeSha** by Gail Marie Jenkins
Spec. Intention of Robert Spencer by Alice Ghigliotti
9:00 am **Well-Being of Parish Family**
Fred Woodward (+) by Jerry & Joyce Schneider
11:30 am **Spec. Intention of Theresa Preston** by a Friend

MONDAY, DECEMBER 1, 2008

8:30 am **Albert LaFontaine (+)** by Mr. & Mrs. John LaPalme
Holy Souls in Purgatory by Pat & George Ezzo
Spec. Intention of M/M George Ezzo by Pat & George Ezzo

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 2, 2008

8:30 am **Adam Strachan (+)** by Strachan Family
Mary Frances Schneider (+) by Bob & Mary McKnabb
Edward Reiser (+) by Barbara and Manny Byalick

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 3, 2008

8:30 am **Ed Reiser (+)** by Jack & Eileen Diction
Bolivar Colon (+) by Franca Colon Nichols
Holy Souls in Purgatory by M/M George Ezzo
Spec. Intention of M/M George Ezzo by M/M George Ezzo

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 4, 2008

8:30 am **Raymond & Esther Betts (+)** by M/M Gutsch
Dorothy Parker (+) by Leona J. Martin
Christine Gorski (+) by Mary Amrozowicz

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 5, 2008

8:30 am **Monthly Memorial Mass**
Carmen J. Iagulli, Jr. (+)

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 6, 2008

8:30 am **COMMUNION PRAYER SERVICE**
and Novena to Our Blessed Mother
4:00 pm **Robert, Ray & Chris Dlugoborski (+)**
by I. & R. Dlugoborski
Vicki Shaw (+) by Richard & Helen Kowalski
Martin Zeorowski (+) by Marge & Bill Sterbinsky
5:30 pm **Edward Barry (+)** by Julie Barry
Lorraine Murray (+) by Ron & Loretta Ciampi
Josephine DiGaetano (+) by Rose Passalacqua



First Sunday of Advent
November 30, 2008
Be watchful! Be alert! You do not know when the time will come.

— Mark 13:33

GOD HAS A DIFFERENT PLAN

We begin the season of Advent with a heartfelt call for our own repentance. We remember God's faithful love for us, and call upon God to help us to turn back. For "behold, you are angry, and we are sinful" (Isaiah 64:4). In the first reading and in the psalm, we recall God's promises and lament our unfaithfulness and our guilt. We call upon God's might and power in order to save us. With Isaiah, we ask God to "rend the heavens and come down, / with the mountains quaking before you" (Isaiah 63:19).



Yes, God is faithful to us, because we are the work of God's hands. God is the potter, we are the clay. And yet, our concept of how God will come to save us is rooted in our own expectations of a warrior God who crushes mountains and thunders into our lives with great noise and glory. But God has a different plan: the Incarnation.

TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading — We are the clay and you, O Lord, are the potter: we are the work of your hands (Isaiah 63:16b-17, 19b; 64:2-7).

Psalm — Lord, make us turn to you; let us see your face and we shall be saved (Psalm 80).

Second Reading — God is faithful; by God you were called to fellowship with the Son (1 Corinthians 1:3-9).

Gospel — Be watchful! Be alert! You do not know when the time will come. (Mark 13:33-37).



READINGS FOR THE WEEK

* A daily guide for our lives *

- Monday:** Is 2:1-5; Mt 8:5-11
- Tuesday:** Is 11:1-10; Lk 10:21-24
- Wednesday:** Is 25:6-10a; Mt 15:29-37
- Thursday:** Is 26:1-6; Mt 7:21, 24-27
- Friday:** Is 29:17-24; Mt 9:27-31
- Saturday:** Is 30:19-21, 23-26; Mt 9:35 — 10:1, 5a, 6-8
- Sunday:** Is 40:1-5, 9-11; Ps 85; 2 Pt 3:8-14; Mk 1:1-8

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Volunteers needed for Coffee & Donuts Sunday mornings. You can help before or after you go to Mass. We put out donuts & fill coffee dispensers, then welcome those who come to join us. This is a very fulfilling ministry. Come try it. Please call Marilyn or Russ at 624-1900.

Ladies Guild will meet Tues, Dec. 2 at 1:00 P.M.

Float Decorating: 9-2 on Dec. 4, 5, 6 for the **Bellevue Christmas Parade** on Sunday, Dec. 7 at 2:00 PM.

HOLY DAY OF OBLIGATION - Monday, Dec. 8, **Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary.** 8:30AM and Noon Masses.



*** NEXT SUNDAY ***
KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS
BREAKFAST
SUNDAY, DEC. 7, 2008
TIME: 8 AM - 11 AM

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 SERVING: EGGS, BISCUIT/GRAVY, PANCAKES,
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Pastor Al®

**A special
 Thank You
 to Kay and
 all our
 choir
 members
 for their
 faithful
 service!**



"You took the choir to Mexico? I said that with the organ broken you should go to a cappella, not Acapulco!"

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION & ENRICHMENT

THE 2007-2008 RELIGIOUS EDUCATION PROGRAM: Registration is an ongoing process. There are Religious Education registration forms in the vestibule of the church. REMINDER: FOR ALL NEW REGISTRATIONS A BAPTISMAL CERTIFICATE IS REQUIRED FOR EACH CHILD REGISTERED.



**THE RITE OF CHRISTIAN
 INITIATION OF ADULTS**

R.C.I.A. – THE RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS: If you or someone you know is interested in learning more about becoming Catholic or just has questions about the Catholic faith, please call the Religious Education Office for more information. There is a team of eager Catechists ready to answer the call!

JR. HIGH YOUTH MINISTRY - 6th, 7th & 8th graders are invited to bring a friend to Monday night's Youth Ministry meeting. Dec. 1st, 6-8PM in the Youth House. Dinner provided. Faith, food, fun and fooseball!

CHRISTMAS PAGEANT- Pre-K-12th grade. All are welcome to participate in this year's Christmas pageant "The Images of Christmas" which will be performed on Christmas Eve at 7:00 PM. Practices will begin on Saturday Dec. 6th at 10:00 AM in the Quad. Please call the Religious Education office to sign up.

CATECHIST MEETING on Thursday, Dec. 11th, 6:30-8:30 PM in the Quad. Advent prayer & reflection. Dinner included. Please call the religious education office to RSVP.

HIGH SCHOOL YOUTH MINISTRY TRIP - All high school youth are invited to attend the "Fair Trade Café" and Matt Maher concert at Prince of Peace Catholic Church in Ormond Beach on Saturday, Dec. 13th, 5-10PM. Bus will leave St. Theresa's at 3PM and return around 11:30. Please call the religious education office to sign up for this trip.

CHRISTMAS PROGRAM presented by the Religious Education classes Pre-k-8th grade. Sunday, Dec. 14th, 10:15-11:15 in the Quad. All are welcome to enjoy the talents of the young people of the parish this Advent as they sing Christmas carols or act out a Christmas play. (Donations of Christmas cookies gladly accepted.)



HIGH SCHOOL YOUTH visiting Summerfield Suites on Sunday, Dec. 14th, 12:30-2:30 to spread "holiday cheer" to the residents.

VIVOS CHRISTI SOCIETY

You can make provisions for the care of a dependent family member or friend but only if you have a will or a trust in place at your death. Give it some thought today.

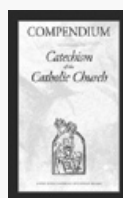
Please consider the special letter from Fr. David that you will receive in your mail. Everyone is encouraged to recognize the generosity of those who in the past have remembered the parish in their wills and to encourage all parishioners to leave a remembrance to the parish in their will. We are initiating the Vivos Christi Society at St. Theresa's. Look for details in Fr. David's letter.

MANY THANKS

St. Theresa Catholic Church Social Services wishes to thank the community for their generosity in helping to fill 232 Thanksgiving Baskets for those families in need. Many thanks to all who volunteered to fill the bags and hand out the baskets and for all those who donated the food and turkeys.

We wish to thank all those who went on the bus trip. We raised \$500. for the church and had some fun too.

Russ & Marilyn Kaster



Compendium Corner

102. How did God prepare the world for the mystery of Christ?

God prepared for the coming of his Son over the centuries. He awakened in the hearts of the pagans a dim expectation of this coming and he prepared for it specifically through the Old Testament, culminating with *John the Baptist* who was the last and greatest of the prophets. We relive this long period of expectancy in the annual liturgical celebration of the season of Advent.

From the *Compendium of the Catechism of the Catholic Church*, p. 33.

ADVENT PENANCE SERVICE Thursday, Dec. 4, at 7:30 PM

Where Would We Be Without Our Volunteers???



A special "Thank You" and "Job Well Done" goes out to all who worked so hard and made our Soup to Nuts Dinner such a huge success. Our dinner guests and parishioners were your usual generous selves resulting in a successful raffle and drawings. Winners of the drawing are Jean Catalano, Jeanne Fourniero, Santa Lituma and Joe Vece. The gift certificate to Pasta Faire was won by Denn Vetter and the Quilt was won by Frank Guinta. God Bless all of you for your financial generosity and working in the Spirit which continues to keep our Soup Kitchen and Social Service alive and growing. The final tally of financial gain for the Soup Kitchen was . . . drum roll, please . . . \$2,268.44.

See you all next year.

Thank you again. Have a Blessed Thanksgiving.

The Social Service Department
Donna Krause & MaryAnn Gricar



*Christ
Is Coming!*

**LADIES ANCIENT ORDER OF HIBERNIANS
Our Lady Queen of Ireland, Division 1**

is holding their annual Christmas luncheon to benefit St. Theresa Soup Kitchen on Thursday, 12/4/08, at 11:39 AM at Carrabba's Restaurant on Route 441 in The Villages. Cost is \$35.00 per person. This includes salad, chicken parmesan lunch, dessert, soda, a door prize coupon, and 25 tickets that gives you 25 chances to win a beautiful basket. There will be themed baskets of all sorts, valued over \$25.00 each. For reservations contact Doris White at 259-4732 or email her at dorisw4459@thevillages.net or call Nancy Rasmussen at 552-2882 or email her at nancarlras@aol.com.

Don't miss this great event!

Call Kay @ 245-5300 x105 to add or delete names from list.

Joe Gehrsitz Barbara Machovoe Fr. George
Barbara Dolloff Nancy Armitage Bob & Marge Wilson
Leo Dubuc Claire Burns Jim Mahon Cathy Greiger
Estelle Zegaren Mary Mulert Betty Flynn Kathryn Soth
Teresa DesRosiers Shannon Henry Helen Whitcomb

Pray for . . . the Sick of Our Parish

Father, hear our prayers for the sick members of our community and for all who are in need. Amid mental and physical suffering may they find consolation in your healing presence. We ask this through the Lord Jesus Who healed those who believed. Amen.

A.M.D.G.