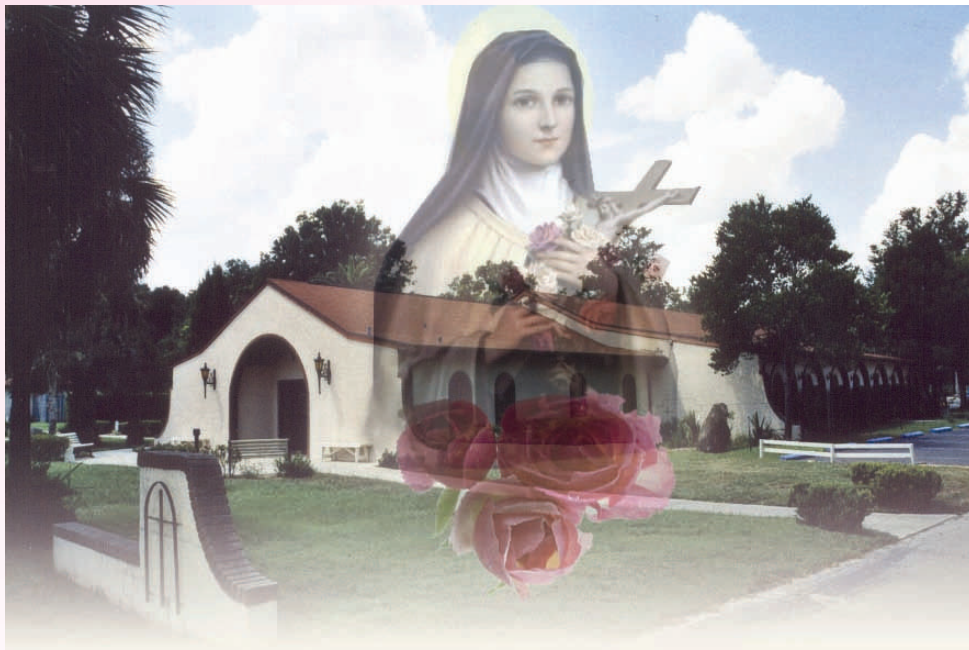




ST. THERESA CATHOLIC COMMUNITY

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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 after all 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 (only)

Dial 245-4506 or 299-4519 — Keep trying

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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



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St. Theresa Catholic Church

Pastor: Fr. David Vivero

Retired Assoc: Fr. George Koerber

Deacon Norman LaFleur

(Contact Deacon LaFleur regarding Annulments)

New Parishioners: Please register at Parish Office

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This saying is trustworthy:



***If we have died with Him
we shall also live with Him;
if we persevere
we shall also reign with Him.***

St. Paul (2 Timothy 2:10-12a)

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

EUCHARISTIC

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

Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion (EMHC):

Fred @ 861-4397

Holy Hour/Adoration Assistants: Fred @ 861-4397

LITURGICAL

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

Bible Study: Lois @ 245-2255

Catechists: Julie @ 245-5300

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

Youth Ministry: Julie @ 245-5300

PARISH ORGANIZATIONS

Cursillo: Elena @ 245-7348

Knights of Columbus: Ron @ 288-2901

Knights' Columbiettes: Karen @ 245-7689

Ladies Guild: Karen @ 245-7689

Legion of Mary: Fred @ 861-4397

Ultreya: Ron @ 288-2901

MISC. OUTREACH

HIV/Aids: Jim @ 347-2172

Bereavement Ministry: Ruth @ 307-1292

Prison Ministry: Fred & Arlene @ 347-6708

Respect Life: Jim @ 347-2172

Transporting to Mass & Doctors: Alice @ 245-2458

BULLETIN NOTICES and WEBSITE INFORMATION

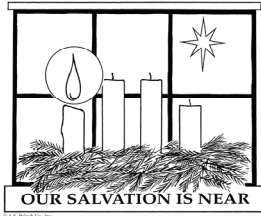
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**First Sunday of Advent
December 2, 2007**

"You ... must be prepared, for at an hour you do not expect, the Son of Man will come." — *Matthew 24:44*

BE PREPARED

Be prepared. It's that simple. As this Advent season opens before us, the Lord Jesus summons us to stand ready for his coming. At this time of year much of our attention is focused on being prepared for the details that accompany the holiday season. We purchase gifts; we decorate our homes, inside and out; we prepare foods that we eat only during the holidays; we write and send Christmas cards; we attend holiday concerts; we prepare either to welcome family and friends into our homes or arrange for visits to their homes. We really can't escape the details that make up the season. Perhaps this Advent is a time to attend to all those details with a different spin. As we prepare to celebrate the feast of Christmas, why not be deliberate about acknowledging the presence of the Lord as we go about these tasks? The Lord often comes to us in wonderfully surprising ways. Let us be prepared.

TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading — All the peoples shall stream toward the LORD's house (Isaiah 2:1-5).

Psalm — Let us go rejoicing to the house of the Lord (Psalm 122).

Second Reading — It is the hour to cast off the dark and clothe ourselves in the light (Romans 13:11-14).

Gospel — Stay awake! Be prepared! The Son of Man — will come when you least expect (Matthew 24:37-44).

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Is 4:2-6; 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: Gn 3:9-15, 20; Eph 1:3-6, 11-12; Lk 1:26-38
 Sunday: Is 11:1-10; Ps 72; Rom 15:4-9; Mt 3:1-12

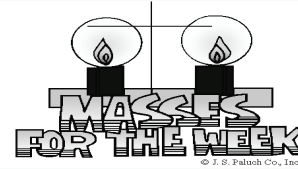
Mass Celebrants for DECEMBER

Saturday: 4:00 p.m. - Fr. Shine
 5:30 p.m. - Fr. George
 Sunday: 7:30 a.m. - Fr. David
 9:00 a.m. - Fr. George
 11:30 a.m. - Fr. David



Offertory Contributions

November 25, 2007 \$ 6,416.00
 Project Growth \$ 1,204.00



SATURDAY, DECEMBER 1, 2007

8:30 am **COMMUNION PRAYER SERVICE**
 4:00 pm **Tony Polterak (+)** by Marge & Bill Sterbinsky
Louise Campbell (+) by William Campbell
Laura Kacherik (+) by Joe Kacherik
 5:30 pm **Betty Williams (+)** by Sister Irene
Russell Tapler (+) by Stanley & Anna Haggan
Special Intention: Donald Schmitt by Kay Stevens

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 2, 2007

7:30 am **Roman & Christine Szymanski (+)** by Potoniec Family
Bill & Jerry Bevan (+) by Richard Bevan
Quay Krause (+) by Ann Jaslowski
 9:00 am **Well-Being of Parish Family**
 11:30 am **Evelyn Theed (+)** by R.C.I.A. Team
Jack Boerstler (+) by Connie & Jack Simler
Veronica McCloskey (+) by Rose Passalacqua
Barney Guzzo (+) by Anna Distefano
Marilyn O'Connell (+) by Dick & Barbara McArdle

MONDAY, DECEMBER 3, 2007

8:30 am **Jack Boerstler (+)** by Jim & Mary Cassidy
Holy Souls in Purgatory by Pat & George Ezzo
Special Intentions: Cassandra Ezzo by Pat & George Ezzo
John Kennedy by "Dad" - James Kennedy

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 4, 2007

8:30 am **Ann Slowik (+)** by Florence Kurgan
Judy Sullivan (+) by Patsey & Mickey Sullivan
Special Intention: Phil Lucier by St. Theresa Ladies Guild

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 5, 2007

8:30 am **Allen Benton (+)** by Pat & George Ezzo
Francis Johnson (+) by Theresa Cerat
Esther & Raymond Betts (+) by Kathleen Hendrick
Holy Souls in Purgatory by Pat & George Ezzo

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 6, 2007

8:30 am **Ben Slowik (+)** by Florence Kurgan
Quay Krause (+) by Tony & Gloria Weis
Holy Souls in Purgatory by Pat & George Ezzo
Special Intention: Cassandra Ezzo by Pat & George Ezzo

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 7, 2007

8:30 am **MONTHLY MEMORIAL MASS**
 7:30 pm **Floyd Molta (+)** by Fred & Penn Herbert

October 23, 2007

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ:

The year 2008 will mark the 40th anniversary of the Diocese of Orlando. To celebrate this milestone in the life of this local Church, I have asked that we observe this jubilee as a Year of Evangelization so that, as Catholics here in Central Florida, we will increase our efforts to *grow* in our faith and to *lead* others to a greater knowledge of Our Lord Jesus Christ by *sharing* with them the saving message of the Gospel.



To this end, special liturgical celebrations are being planned throughout the year, but the most anticipated event of this jubilee year will be the Diocese of Orlando's first ever **Festival of Faith** which will take place at the Orange County Convention Center South Concourse from May 8-10, 2008. This gathering will be a celebration of our 40th anniversary as well as a "convention of evangelization" or a Catholic "home show and exhibition." Some of the activities planned include beautiful liturgies, dynamic invited speakers, sacred music, youth gatherings and an expo of the parishes, people and ministries that comprise our diocese.

So that everyone can participate, Catholics as well as non-Catholics, we plan to offer all the events and activities free of charge.

To do this, of course, I need your help. I ask for your prayers, your enthusiastic participation in the events planned throughout next year and during the **Festival of Faith**. I am also asking you to help underwrite the costs of the **Festival of Faith** by generously supporting a special collection that will be taken up in our parishes on the First Sunday of Advent, December 1 and 2, 2007.

As Jesus was sent to bring the good news, so too are we. I thank you for your continued response to His Great Commission: "Go, therefore, and make disciples of all nations . . ." (Matthew 28:19).

Sincerely yours in Christ,
Most Reverend Thomas G. Wenski
Bishop of Orlando

Saints and Special Observances

Sunday:	First Sunday of Advent
Monday:	St. Francis Xavier
Tuesday:	St. John of Damascus; Hanukkah begins at sunset
Thursday:	St. Nicholas
Friday:	St. Ambrose; First Friday; Pearl Harbor Remembrance Day
Saturday:	The Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary—HOLY DAY

The Blessed Sacrament

The Blessed Sacrament is exposed each Friday beginning with Holy Hour from 3:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. followed by two hours of silent Adoration from 4:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. We encourage you to dedicate some amount of time to visit the Blessed Sacrament on a regular basis.



THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION

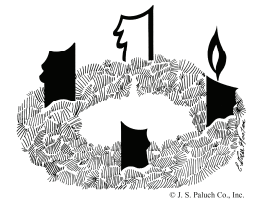


It's important to understand what the doctrine of the Immaculate Conception is and what it is not. Some people think the term refers to Christ's conception in Mary's womb without the intervention of a human father; but that is the Virgin Birth. Others think

the Immaculate Conception means Mary was conceived "by the power of the Holy Spirit," in the way Jesus was, but that, too, is incorrect. The Immaculate Conception means that Mary, whose conception was brought about the normal way, was conceived without original sin or its stain—that's what "immaculate" means: without stain. The essence of original sin consists in the deprivation of sanctifying grace, and its stain is a corrupt nature. Mary was preserved from these defects by God's grace; from the first instant of her existence she was in the state of sanctifying grace and was free from the corrupt nature original sin brings.

ADVENT

Advent has a twofold character: as a season to prepare for Christmas when Christ's first coming to us is remembered; as a season when that remembrance directs the mind and heart to await Christ's Second Coming at the end of time. Advent is thus a period for devout and joyful expectation.



—General Norms for the Liturgical Year and the Calendar, no. 39

MARK YOUR CALENDARS

Saturday, December 1: Fellowship Dinner, 4-7 PM in the Parish Hall.

Sunday, December 2: All families are welcome to make an Advent wreath on Sunday, Dec. 2, 10:15-11:15 in the quad. All supplies provided. Please call 245-5300 by Nov. 30th to sign up.

BELLEVIEW CHRISTMAS PARADE-St. Theresa float. Knights of Columbus FUNDRAISER BREAKFAST, Sunday, December 2 from 8:00-11:00 AM at K of C Hall; \$5.00 per person.

Monday, December 3: ADVENT PENANCE SERVICE
Our Advent Penance service will be held Monday at 7:00 p.m. in the Church. All are welcome and encouraged to join in this special celebration and sacrament of reconciliation.

Thursday, December 6:

Mid-Week Bible Study, Rm. 8, 1-2 p.m.

Saturday, December 8 - "COUNTRY CHRISTMAS" DINNER / DANCE:



Christmas Dinner

The Knights of Columbus Sacred Heart Columbiettes will be hosting a "Country Christmas" dinner dance on Saturday, December 8, 2007 at the Knights Of Columbus Hall on Hwy 301 in Belleview at

7:00 pm. Music by Bordertown. All are welcome. For tickets, please call Karen French at 245-7689 or Carolyn Rushford at 288-2901. Tickets will also be available at the door. Donation: \$15/person.

Where can you find MORE CALENDAR INFORMATION?

The "Events Calendar" can be found on the parish website:

www.sttheresacatholicchurch.org

Where can you find FAITH FACTS—the answers you need?

Check "Catholic Resource Links" at www.sttheresacatholicchurch.org

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION ANNOUNCEMENTS

High School Youth are attending Steve Angrisano concert & Fair Trade Cafe at Prince of Peace in Ormond Beach on Saturday Dec 8th. Call 245-5300 by Nov. 30th to sign up.

Our High School Youth will be visiting Summerfield Suites to sing Christmas Carols with the residents on Sunday Dec. 16th 1-2PM.



Our High School Youth will be Christmas Caroling in the neighborhood on Friday, Dec. 21st. Call 245-5300 for more info.

Religious Education classes Christmas Program - Pre K-High School - Sunday Dec. 16th 10:15-11:15 AM in the quad.

Catechists' Advent celebration for all those involved with youth and adult faith formation on Wednesday, Dec. 19th, 6:30-8:30 PM. Dinner provided.

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.

This is an ongoing process for:
Catechumens-Non-Baptized persons wishing to join or to learn about the Catholic Church.

Converts – Baptized Protestants who wish to join or to learn about the Catholic Church.

Catholics seeking Confirmation.

Catholics seeking Faith Enrichment.

If you or someone you know is interested in information regarding RCIA: Call the Office at 245-5300.

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
						1 First Saturday
2 1st Sunday of Advent	3 Hanukkah Begins at Sunset	4	5	6	7 Pearl Harbor Day	8 ^{The} Immaculate Conception Of the Blessed Virgin Mary
9 2nd Sunday of Advent	10 Int. Human Rights Day	11	12 Our Lady Of Guadalupe	13	14	15
16 3rd Sunday of Advents (Gaudete)	17	18	19	20	21	22 Winter begins
23 4th Sunday of Advent	24 Christmas Eve	25 Nativity Of Our Lord	26 Kwanzaa begins	27	28 The Holy Innocents, Martyrs	29
30 Holy Family Of Jesus, Mary and Joseph	31 New Year's Eve					



December 2007

TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

Before the Second Vatican Council in the mid-1960s, Advent had a strong penitential tone, reminiscent of Lent. From as long ago as the fourth century, some Christians began a solemn fast on St. Martin's Day, November 11. This "Saint Martin's Lent" extended all the way to Christmas, and was widely followed in the dioceses of France and Germany, and in the Middle Ages in England. Fasting was required, and dancing and similar activities were banned for the duration. The fast had a social function, too, assuring that the winter food supplies would stretch into spring.

At the Second Vatican Council, some bishops argued that a revival of the long winter's fast would give the Church a chance to establish the message and themes of the Incarnation long before the holiday hubbub took hold. This proposal didn't pass, and Advent emerged as a four-week period of reflection, expectant waiting, and joyful preparation for the coming of the Lord. The season has two principal phases, with the first beginning this Sunday. The second phase commences on December 17, when the liturgy begins to unfold the story of the Savior's coming. Interestingly, the Eastern Church maintains a strongly penitential note in Advent, which is called "Winter Lent," "The Nativity Fast," or "Christmas Lent," and has laws forbidding people to absent themselves from liturgy from December 17 onward.

