

# ST. THERESA CATHOLIC COMMUNITY



*THE LITTLE CHURCH WITH A BIG HEART*

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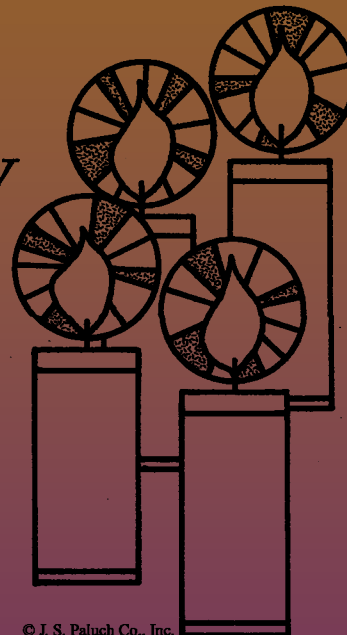
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Second Sunday  
of Advent  
December 7, 2008

*Make  
Ready  
the  
Way  
of the  
Lord*



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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 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

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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)



## 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)

**FAX: (352) 245-1521**

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Julie McAllister x106

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Tom Swarbrick

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**Thrift Shop- Mary Ann Jones (352) 245-0650**

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Penn Herbert

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Karen French

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(Information and Referral Service)



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O King of all nations,  
Jesus Christ, only joy  
of every heart, come  
and save your people.  
(From *Christmas Prayers*, Victor  
Hoagland, C.P.)

## 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

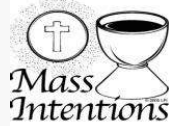
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**MASS INTENTIONS NOTICE:** Requests for Masses are made in the office for any date desired. However, to have the Mass intention to be reflected in the bulletin, the request needs to be made no later than two Thursdays prior to your desired Mass date.

**SATURDAY, 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 Pasalacqua

**SUNDAY, DECEMBER 7, 2008**

7:30 am **Ben Slowick (+)** by Florence Kurgan

**Kitty Lyons (+)** by Emily Mudry

**Carmen LaMantia (+)** by Dick & Mary Penndorf

9:00 am **Patrick McGill (+)** by Nancy Igoe

**Martha Austin (+)** by Gerry Schweitzer

11:30 am **Well-Being of Parish Family**

7:30 PM **John Thomas Graham (+)**

**MONDAY, DECEMBER 8, 2008**

8:30 am **Kitty Lyons (+)** by Jim & Mary Cassidy

**Christine Gorski (+)** by Bachelder Family

12:00 **Ed Reiser (+)** by Jim & Mary Cassidy

**TUESDAY, DECEMBER 9, 2008**

8:30 am **Ann Slowick (+)** by Florence Kurgan

**Quinn McDonald (+)**

**WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 10, 2008**

8:30 am **Santina Costanzo (+)** by The Hellinger Family

**Agnes (Kitty) Lyons (+)** by Floyd & Elsie Perkins

**Holy Souls in Purgatory** by M/M George Ezzo

**Spec. Intention of M/M George Ezzo**

**THURSDAY, DECEMBER 11, 2008**

8:30 am **Candido Martinez Renta (+)** by Hector & Maria Martinez

**William Nalepa (+)** by Jim & Mary Cassidy

**Rita Larson (+)** by Ralph & Harriett Scicchitano

**FRIDAY, DECEMBER 12, 2008**

8:30 am **Madeline Brouillard (+)** by Violet Gagnon

**Phyllis Turgeon (+)** by Pat & George Ezzo

**Loretta Haugh (+)** by Carmelita & Dan Kelly

**Holy Souls in Purgatory** by Pat & George Ezzo

**SATURDAY, December 13, 2008**

8:30 am **COMMUNION PRAYER SERVICE**

and Novena to Our Blessed Mother

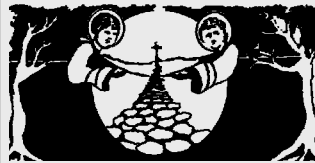
4:00 pm **James E. Wilson, Sr. (+)** by Elaine Wilson & Children

**Laura Kachurik (+)** by Joe Kachurik

**Frances Mauric (+)** by Karen & Ronald Tumbry

5:30 pm **Ed Reiser (+)** by Pete & Pam Henderson

**Well-Being of Parish Family**



**Second Sunday of Advent  
December 7, 2008**

Every valley shall be filled in,  
every mountain and hill shall  
be made low.

— *Isaiah 40:4*

**NEWS OF COMFORT**

In a time of preparation, much of it having to do with material things, it is good to hear the words of Isaiah, "Comfort, give comfort to my people, / says your God" (Isaiah 40:1). In a time of such stress and rush, when our usual burdens are augmented by piles of Christmas preparations, we can choose to slow down, take some time to heal, and appreciate the enormous gift we are about to receive. Christ, the Son of God, has become one of us, and knows our human limitations. Yet God, even now, is freeing us from the burdens that our inattentiveness to our God and to our deepest inner longings have heaped upon us. The Lord comes, not as a king with mighty armies, but as a shepherd leading the flocks with care and tenderness. Isaiah prophesies good news: our oppression is over, our sins forgiven. The savior we have awaited is coming, not the first time, but in the end times, as our salvation.



**TODAY'S READINGS**

**First Reading** — The rugged land shall be made a plain; the rough country, a broad valley (Isaiah 40:1-5, 9-11).

**Psalms** — Lord, let us see your kindness, and grant us your salvation (Psalm 85).

**Second Reading** — Conduct yourselves in holiness, hastening the coming of the day of God (2 Peter 3:8-14).



**Gospel** — I have baptized you with water; he will baptize you with the Holy Spirit (Mark 1:1-8).

**READINGS FOR THE WEEK**

\* A daily guide for our lives \*

- Monday:** Gn 3:9-15, 20; Ps 98; Eph 1:3-6, 11-12; Lk 1:26-38
- Tuesday:** Is 40:1-11; Mt 18:12-14
- Wednesday:** Is 40:25-31; Mt 11:28-30
- Thursday:** Is 41:13-20; Mt 11:11-15
- Friday:** Zec 2:14-17 or Rv 11:19a; 12:1-6a, 10ab; Lk 1:26-38 or Lk 1:39-47; any readings from the Common of the Blessed Virgin Mary, nos. 707-712
- Saturday:** Sir 48:1-4, 9-11; Mt 17:9a, 10-13
- Sunday:** Is 61:1-2a, 10-11; Lk 1:46-50, 53-54; 1 Thes 5:16-24; Jn 1:6-8, 19-28





*NOW*  
**Taking Date**  
**Signups for 2009**  
 from those who wish to be  
 Our Blessed Mother's  
 flower-bearers!

**TO RESERVE A DATE:**  
**Call Penn at 861-4397**

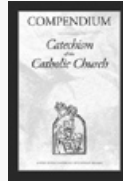
The theme of repentance again is stressed in today's readings. As John the Baptizer prepared the people for the coming of Christ by proclaiming repentance, so the Church prepares the world for his second coming by likewise proclaiming, and opening the way, for repentance. The Church not only gives the message of repentance, but gives us all the grace we need to live it out. The straight path that has to be prepared in the wasteland, the lowering of the mountains and filling of the valleys, all represent the arduous task of making our own hearts right in the sight of God, and also the task of making the "terrain" of society and culture right with God.



**Second Sunday of Advent**

Here, the building of a Culture of Life is central. It is, in its essence, a preparation for Christ's coming. We make straight the way for welcoming him by welcoming all who are created in his image, particularly the poor, the marginalized, and the unborn. We strive "to be found without stain or defilement, and at peace in his sight" (2nd reading) by being at peace with all our brothers and sisters, including the unborn, and not stained with the sin of rejecting them.

**The Holy Rosary is prayed as a community at 8:00 AM prior to every daily Mass.**



## Compendium Corner

**# 96. What does the "Immaculate Conception" mean?** God freely chose Mary from all eternity to be the Mother of his Son. In order to carry out her mission she herself was *conceived immaculate*. This means that, thanks to the grace of God and in anticipation of the merits of Jesus Christ, Mary was preserved from original sin from the first instant of her conception.

**# 98. What does the virginal conception of Jesus mean?** The virginal conception of Jesus means that Jesus was conceived in the womb of the Virgin solely by the power of the Holy Spirit without the intervention of a man. He is the Son of the heavenly Father according to his divine nature and the Son of Mary according to his human nature. He is, however, truly the Son of God in both natures since there is in him only one Person who is divine. From the *Compendium of the Catechism of the Catholic Church*, pp. 31 & 32 .

### FRI., DEC. 12 – Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe

6:30 PM – Procession, Rosary & Novena

7:00 PM – Celebration of Mass

8:15 PM – Fiesta

St. Vincent DePaul Catholic Church, Wildwood



Our Lady of Guadalupe, touch the hearts of your beloved Mexican nation and its people that they will respect all human life given them at the hand of God. Mother of us all, including all new life in the womb, we remember the day you visited your cousin Elizabeth when her son, John the Baptist, leapt in her womb in the presence of the Son of God you were carrying in yours. Please intercede for us and pray the Light of the World will illuminate all people to abandon the darkness of death brought by Satan and to turn to God, our Creator, in grateful Thanksgiving for the gift of all life.

## 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!

**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.

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



**CHRISTMAS PROGRAM** presented by the Religious Education classes Pre-k-8<sup>th</sup> 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.)

*We Give Thanks*

*to the Little Church With A Big Heart*

**for your corporal work of mercy  
in donating approximately 1,000 pounds  
of food and supplies for  
Farmworker Sunday  
November 23, 2008**



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

K OF C SACRED HEART COUNCIL 8012  
HWY 301 BELLEVIEW, FL

\$5.00 PP; AGE 12 & UNDER FREE  
SERVING: EGGS, BISCUIT/GRAVY, PANCAKES,  
HOMEFRIES, BACON, SAUSAGE, COFFEE, JUICE.  
OPEN TO THE PUBLIC.  
INFO: CALL RON. 352-288-2901 OR 352-245-8500

Join us.... ....  
after all Sunday Masses.

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

**Thank you** to all those who made the Meet & Greet Santa program a success: those who wrapped the coloring books & crayons, those who baked the delicious cookies and the 20 Belleview High Anchor Club members who volunteered to help with the children. Thanks also to Nina, Ken, Maria, Jack & Kay. It was a very special day for everyone.

Friday, Dec. 12: **Ultreya Mtg.**, 9:00 AM in Quad.

The **Ladies Guild Bake Sale** on Dec. 14 will be to benefit scholarships and seminarians from our church. All baked goods and donations are welcome.

Sat, Dec. 20 **Senior Christmas Luncheon Party** in Parish Hall. All parishioners over 65 welcome.



**BELLEVIEW  
CHRISTMAS  
PARADE  
SUNDAY, DEC. 7  
2:00 PM**

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

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

**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 are encouraged to dedicate some amount of time to visit the Blessed Sacrament on a regular basis.

***Come To Me***