

# ST. THERESA CATHOLIC COMMUNITY



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## The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary, and Joseph

DECEMBER 30, 2007



### Mass Schedule

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#### **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 six (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.

**Sick Call & for Funerals 245-4506**



## St. Theresa Catholic Church

**Pastor: Fr. David Vivero**

**Retired Assoc: Fr. George Koerber**

**Deacon: Rev. Norman LaFleur**

(Contact Deacon Norm regarding Annulment Advocacy)

New Parishioners: Please register at Parish Office

**Parish Office: (352) 245-2458**

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## 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 or 812-3125

Knights of Columbus: Ron @ 288-2901

Knights' Columbiettes: Karen @ 245-7689

Ladies Guild: Karen @ 245-7689

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### MISC. OUTREACH

HIV/Aids: Jim @ 347-2172

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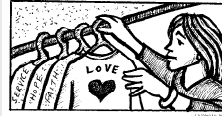
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**SATURDAY, DECEMBER 29, 2007**8:30 am **COMMUNION PRAYER SERVICE**4:00 pm **Louise Campbell** (+) by William Campbell**Jeanne LaClair** (+) by Earl & Margaret LaClair5:30 pm **Edward Zegaren** (+) by Estelle Zegaren and Nancy Waller**Florence Sheer** (+) by Ronald Sheer**Special Intention of John Walsh** by Ann Jaslowski**Special Intention of Carol Bibb** by Janet Heaxt**SUNDAY, DECEMBER 30, 2007**7:30 am **Well-Being of Parish Family**9:00 am **Bill Simmons** (+) by Richard & Lynn Machovoe**John DeLuca** (+) by Ron & Loretta Ciampi11:30 am **Barney Guzzo** (+) by Ann Distefano**Dr. Daniel J. Radecki** (+) by Dr./Mrs. Frank P. LoFiego**Special Intention of Mary LeBlanc** by 11:30 Choir**MONDAY, DECEMBER 31, 2007**8:30 am **Sara Izquierdo** (+) by Pat & George Ezzo**Joe Machovoe** (+) Richard & Lynn Machovoe**Holy Souls in Purgatory** by Pat & George Ezzo**Special Intention of Tara McKnabb** by Mary McKnabb7:30 pm **Lee Graham** by Fred & Penn Herbert**TUESDAY, JANUARY 1, 2008**8:30 am **Joseph & Elizabeth Potoniec** (+) by Potoniec Family**Marek Warset** (+) by Janice & Gene Stehura12:00 pm **Albert J. Lafontaine** (+) by Roland & Sandra Lafontaine and Family**WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 2, 2008**8:30 am **Holy Souls in Purgatory** by Pat & George Ezzo**Spec. Intention of Keith Girardin** by Pat & George Ezzo**Spec. Intention of Cristina Cruz** by Martha Gonzalez**Spec. Intention of Lillian Martin** by Gertrude Francoeur**THURSDAY, JANUARY 3, 2008**8:30 am **Ben Slowick** (+) by Florence Kurgan**Rita Spencer** (+) by Frank Spencer**Leda Aristizabal** (+) by Fabiola Botero**FRIDAY, JANUARY 4, 2008**8:30 am **Monthly Memorial Mass****SATURDAY, JANUARY 5, 2008**8:30 am **COMMUNION PRAYER SERVICE**4:00 pm **Louise Campbell** (+) by William Campbell**Patrick Fitzgerald** (+) by Renee Fitzgerald**Spec. Intention of Terry McAteer** by Marie & Ralph Cuttita5:30 pm **Sophie Zeller-Koppel** (+) by Emil & Caroline Hagger**Spec. Intention of Stephanie McClendon** by St. Theresa Ladies Guild**SUNDAY, JANUARY 6, 2008**7:30 am **Annette Latona** (+) by Bea Manzella9:00 am **Albert J. Lafontaine** (+) by Roland & Sandra Lafontaine and Family**Ann Slowick** (+) by Florence Kurgan**Quay Krause** by Ralph & Harriet Scicchitano**Adam Strachan** (+) by M/M Joseph Merry11:30 am **Well-Being of Parish Family**

### The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary, and Joseph December 30, 2007



Over all [other virtues] put on love, that is, the bond of perfection.

— *Colossians 3:14*

**TRUST IN GOD**

Saint Matthew's account of the flight into Egypt takes center stage today as we continue to follow the story of the Holy Family. Once again the angel of the Lord appears to Joseph in a dream, telling him to take the child Jesus and his mother to Egypt. Joseph heeds the command and takes them on what must have been a strenuous journey. Saint Matthew does not give us any of the details, but we can only imagine what this journey must have been like.

Where did they eat? Where did they find shelter? What were the roads like? Was Joseph able to find work? The Holy Family survived in no small measure because they put their trust in God. This is exactly what today's feast calls us, God's holy family, to do.

**TODAY'S READINGS**

**First Reading** — Those who honor and comfort their parents shall never be forgotten (Sirach 3:2-7, 12-14).

**Psalms** — Blessed are those who fear the Lord and walk in his ways (Psalm 128).

**Second Reading** — You are called into one body. Bear with one another; forgive one another; let Christ's peace control you (Colossians 3:12-21 [12-17]).

**Gospel** — Joseph rose, took the child and his mother, and fled to Egypt (Matthew 2:13-15, 19-23).

**READINGS FOR THE WEEK****Monday:** 1 Jn 2:18-21; Jn 1:1-18**Tuesday:** Nm 6:22-27; Ps. 67; Gal 4:4-7; Lk 2:16-21**Wednesday:** 1 Jn 2:22-28; Jn 1:19-28**Thursday:** 1 Jn 2:29 — 3:6; Jn 1:29-34**Friday:** 1 Jn 3:7-10; Jn 1:35-42**Saturday:** 1 Jn 3:11-21; Jn 1:43-51**Sunday:** Is 60:1-6; Ps 72; Eph 3:2-3a, 5-6; Mt 2:1-12

12/23 OFFERTORY CONTRIBUTIONS  
WILL BE REPORTED IN 1/6 BULLETIN

*Thoughts from Fr. David ... Are we on the last Sunday of the Month of December already?*

As I address these greetings of peace to everyone, may we continue to enjoy the Love and Peace our Savior brought to us this Christmas.

I have to share this with you, though. As I assemble the crèche I found in my closet, I realize I can't find the images of Joseph, the Baby Jesus, one of the three Kings, the shepherds, and I think I'm missing a goat, too. I said to myself, now what? Either I leave something to my imagination or find a replacement. Oops, I am also running out of time!

Like the incomplete crèche that I have, are you missing something also? Are you looking for a lost shepherd, A King, a goat, or perhaps the baby Jesus? Is it irreplaceable? How was *your* family before and how is it now? How much of it has changed?

Anyone familiar with the life of the Holy Family knows that they also had their share of troubles and difficulties. Hostility, evil plots of Herod, escape and their night travels to Egypt - these were troubled times for them. Today, even our *own* families can be marred by sadness, jealousy, tragedy and violence.

How do *we* respond to the call of Christian Family Life?

The authentic and profound vocation of each member of the family is to discover the plan of God for him or her self. Then we become witnesses of that plan, the same job description we acquire in Baptism. The difference? Family Life is not about your work, not about a job! It's about Life in the Family! *Your* life in *your* family, life you *share* in the family! Whether it is Family at Home, Society, or Family with God.

May the perseverance of Joseph and Mary uplifted with the Presence of Jesus in this feast bring us a living image of the Holy Family, making our own homes a foundation of Love and Peace and a model of a Christian home . . . and a holy Family of St Theresa.

Upon all of you and your loved ones, may God bless us with Peace & Hope,

Fr David Vivero

### Mass Celebrants for JANUARY

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

Monday & Wednesday: 8:30 a.m.- Fr. George  
Tues./Thurs./Fri.: 8:30 a.m. - Fr. David

**IN THE PAST, WE HAVE FOLLOWED  
THE SUNDAY SCHEDULE. THIS YEAR  
THE MASSES ARE AS FOLLOWS:**

### Mass Schedule for Solemnity of *Mary, Mother of God*

#### Vigil Mass - Mon., Dec. 31

7:30 PM

#### Holy Day Masses - Tues., Jan. 1

8:30 AM

12:00 Noon

### ANNOUNCEMENTS

Thank you for all the prayers, visits and care for Jim given by our parishioners. Jim & Mary Cassidy

**EMHCs URGENTLY NEEDED** for all three Holy Day Masses, 12/31 and 1/1. Sign up in Sacristy.

**January Thru November:** 34,799 soup kitchen meals were served and 5,895 food baskets were distributed by St. Theresa Social Services.

**1/6 COLLECTION:** Black/Indian & Home Missions

### Saints and Special Observances

Sunday:	Holy Family of Jesus, Mary, and Joseph
Monday:	St. Sylvester I
Tuesday:	The Octave Day of Christmas; Blessed Virgin Mary, Mother of God; World Day of Prayer for Peace; New Year's Day
Wednesday:	Ss. Basil the Great and Gregory Nazianzen
Thursday:	The Most Holy Name of Jesus
Friday:	St. Elizabeth Ann Seton; First Friday
Saturday:	St. John Neumann; First Saturday

**MARK YOUR CALENDARS**



**NEW YEAR'S EVE DINNER/DANCE**  
 Knights of Columbus Council 8012  
 Hwy. 301, Belleview on Monday,

Dec.31. CELEBRATE THE ARRIVAL OF  
 2008! Dinner at 7:00 PM by "Buddy  
 Matthis". Menu: "SteamShip Round",  
 Potatoes, Vegetables, Chocolate Mousse  
 (Champagne for all) Band: Music by *Florida  
 Country* from 8:30-12:30 AM. Donation \$25.00  
 per person.



BYOB \* 50/50 \* Raffles \* Party Favors.  
 Call Ron at 288-2901.



HAPPY NEW YEAR!

**REMINDERS**

**MID-WEEK BIBLE STUDY**

We will have NO class on Jan 3. Our next class will be on Jan. 10.

OUR PARISH CATHOLIC CALENDARS are now available. THANK YOU to the Knights of Columbus for sponsoring these beautiful as well as functional calendars!

Every Saturday, our 8:30 COMMUNION SERVICE is preceded by the Rosary and followed by Novena prayers to the Immaculate Heart of Mary. Join Us!

**THE PARISH OFFICE WILL BE CLOSED**  
 1/1 New Year's Day

**The SOUP KITCHEN**  
 will be closed 12/31 and 1/1

**SOCIAL SERVICES**  
 Food Pantry, Thrift Store and St. Vincent DePaul  
 will be closed 12/24 through 1/1

**RELIGIOUS EDUCATION & ENRICHMENT**

For the following notices, if you have further questions or concerns, please call 245-5300.

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



**CONFIRMATION Prep Class:** "Born Anew in Baptism" - The first session on Confirmation will be on Thurs., Jan. 3 from 7:00 to 9:00 PM in the Quad.



**THANK YOU,**  
 Catechists and Aides,  
 for your dedication to this ministry!

**RELIG. ED Classes : 4 yr. old Pre-K to 8th Grade** will not meet Dec.30th. Classes resume Sun., January 6, 2008.

**HIGH SCHOOL YOUTH MINISTRY - SEX, LOVE & RELATIONSHIPS** - Pam Stenzel, Founder of ENLIGHTEN COMMUNICATIONS Inc., tackles today's tough issues of sex with candor, insight, humor, and the challenge for young people to get the abstinence advantage. Pam has traveled worldwide, speaking in person to over 500,000 young people each year about issues of sexuality and the importance of abstinence. Her videos are viewed by millions worldwide. Pam also holds seminars with parents and educators regarding issues of teen sex and how vital character building is in a child's upbringing. Holy Cross Youth Ministry has extended an invitation for our youth & parents to attend this important seminar. Mark your calendars for **SUNDAY January 13, 2008**. Ms. Stenzel's talk will be from **3:00-4:30**. Mass at 5:00 PM. Holy Cross, Orlando, DONATIONS WILL BE TAKEN. This event is also open to 8<sup>th</sup> graders and their parents. PARENTS ARE ENCOURAGED TO ATTEND. We will arrange transportation. Please call the Religious Education office to register.

## Solemnity of MARY, MOTHER OF GOD

January 1

Fundamentalists are sometimes horrified when the Virgin Mary is referred to as the Mother of God. However, their reaction often rests upon a misapprehension of not only what this particular title of Mary signifies but also who Jesus was, and what the Fundamentalists' own theological forebears, the Protestant Reformers, had to say regarding this doctrine.



A woman is a man's mother either if she carried him in her womb or if she was the woman contributing half of his genetic matter or both. Mary was the mother of Jesus in both of these senses; because she not only carried Jesus in her womb but also supplied all of the genetic matter for his human body, since it was through her—not Joseph—that Jesus "was descended from David according to the flesh" (Rom. 1:3).

Since Mary is Jesus' mother, it must be concluded that she is also the Mother of God: If Mary is the mother of Jesus, and if Jesus is God, then Mary is the Mother of God. There is no way out of this logical syllogism, the valid form of which has been recognized by classical logicians since before the time of Christ.

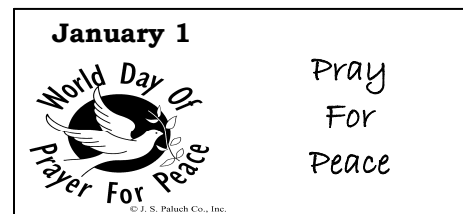
Although Mary is the Mother of God, she is not his mother in the sense that she is older than God or the source of her Son's divinity, for she is neither. Rather, we say that she is the Mother of God in the sense that she carried in her womb a divine person—Jesus Christ, God "in the flesh" (2 John 7, cf. John 1:14)—and in the sense that she contributed the genetic matter to the human form God took in Jesus Christ.

To avoid this conclusion, Fundamentalists often assert that Mary did not carry God in her womb, but only carried Christ's *human* nature. This assertion reinvents a heresy from the fifth century known as Nestorianism, which runs aground on the fact that a mother does not merely carry the human *nature* of her child in her womb. Rather, she carries the *person* of her child. Women do not give birth to human natures; they give birth to *persons*. Mary thus carried and gave birth to the *person* of Jesus Christ, and the *person* she gave birth to was *God*.

The Nestorian claim that Mary did not give birth to the unified *person* of Jesus Christ attempts to separate Christ's human nature from his divine nature, creating two *separate and distinct* persons—one divine and one

human—united in a loose affiliation. It is therefore a Christological heresy, which even the Protestant Reformers recognized. Both Martin Luther and John Calvin insisted on Mary's divine maternity. In fact, it even appears that Nestorius himself may not have believed the heresy named after him. Further, the "Nestorian" church has now signed a joint declaration on Christology with the Catholic Church and recognizes Mary's divine maternity, just as other Christians do. Since denying that Mary is God's mother implies doubt about Jesus' divinity, it is clear why Christians (until recent times) have been unanimous in proclaiming Mary as Mother of God. The Church Fathers, of course, agreed.

From *Catholic Answers*



### Prayer to the Holy Family

This prayer is taken from *Prayer Book for Religious*, compiled by Fr. F. X. Lasance, S.J. (Benziger Brothers, 1904)



O most loving Jesus, Who by Thy sublime and beautiful virtues of humility, obedience, poverty, modesty, charity, patience and gentleness, and by the example of Thy domestic life, didst bless with peace and happiness the family Thou didst choose on earth, in Thy clemency look down upon this household, humbly prostrate before Thee and imploring Thy mercy. Remember that this family belongs to Thee; for to Thee we have in a special way dedicated and devoted ourselves. Look upon us in Thy loving kindness; preserve us from danger; give us help in time of need, and grant us the grace to persevere to the end in the imitation of Thy Holy Family; that having revered Thee and loved Thee faithfully on earth, we may bless and praise Thee eternally in heaven. O Mary, most sweet Mother, to thy intercession we have recourse, knowing that thy Divine Son will hear thy prayers. And do thou, O glorious Patriarch, St. Joseph, assist us by thy powerful mediation, and offer, by the hands of Mary, our prayers to Jesus. Amen.



Fr. George Walter Studzinski Tom Mascaro Joyce Landry  
 Paulie Lozano Leo Dubuc Anne Teti Roland Vonisinski  
 Margaret Blair Richard Gustafson Nancy Armitage

## 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.*