



# St. Therese the Little Flower Roman Catholic Church

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## January 5<sup>th</sup>, 2025 Holy Name of Jesus

### **Sunday, January 5 – Holy Name of Jesus (St. Telesphorus, PM)**

8:00 am Low Mass (Special Intention from Cleo Speckert)

Server: Andrew Smith

9:35 am Holy Rosary

10:00 am High Mass (Pro Populo)

Servers: Paddy Omlor & Peter Creighton

### **Monday, January 6 – Epiphany of Our Lord**

8:00 am Low Mass (In reparation for sins of pride, especially my own from Amanda Straight)

### **Tuesday, January 7 – Feria (St. Lucian, M)**

7:00 am Low Mass (Special Intention from Cleo Speckert)

### **Wednesday, January 8 – Feria (St. Apollinaris, BC)**

7:00 am Low Mass (Becky Bowman from Cleo Speckert)

### **Thursday, January 9 – Feria (St. Julian, M)**

7:00 am Low Mass (Special Intention from Cleo Speckert)

### **Friday, January 10 – Feria (St. William, BC)**

8:00 am Low Mass (Special Intention from Cleo Speckert)

### **Saturday, January 11 – BVM Saturday (St. Hyginus, PM)**

8:30 am Low Mass (Poor Souls from Jamie Kennedy)

### **Sunday, January 12 – Holy Family Sunday (1st Sunday after Epiphany; St. Aelred, Ab)**

8:00 am Low Mass (Increased vocations to priesthood & religious from Jamie Kennedy)

Server: Alex Sellers

9:35 am Holy Rosary

10:00 am Low Mass (Pro Populo)

Server: Michael Peck

## Announcements

† There will be an evening Mass every Thursdays starting January 16th.

† **Candles** will be blessed on the **Feast of the Purification (Feb 2nd)**. If you would like to purchase a pair of candles, the cost will be \$8. Please let Father know how many boxes you would like to purchase. Thank you!

† **Epiphany House Blessing: January 6 - 13**. Every year, Father offers an Epiphany House Blessing, so if you would like to have your home blessed, please contact Father to schedule an appointment.

† **DATE CHANGED: St. Therese Academy** will be putting on a **Christmas play** on Sunday, **January 12**, after the 10 am Mass. All are invited to attend! There will be a potluck as well. Please bring a **main dish** to share! The address is American Legion Post **620 North Broadway St.**, Lebanon, OH 45036.

† **14 DAY SANCTUARY LAMP:** is burning for the weeks of (12/30 to 1/5) for the **INTENTIONS** of **Laura Hughes**. **Next INTENTIONS** will be for **Jamie Kennedy**. If you would like to donate to light the 14 day sanctuary candle for your intention, please let Father know. The **donation** for each candle is **\$25** (candles generally last 14 days, but sometimes they burn faster than expected).

**Reflection:** *The Catechism Explained By Stories and Examples by Fr. Francis Spirago. Second Lesson: On God And His Perfections.*

**Question:** What is God?

**Answer:** God is a spirit infinitely perfect.

**The King & the Philosopher:** It is impossible for man exactly to define the nature of God. Nero, the tyrant of Syracuse, one day summoned the philosopher Simonides to his presence and asked him what God actually was. The philosopher said he must have a day for reflection before answering the question. At the end of the day he asked for two days more, and when that time had expired he asked for four days' respite. Thus he continued to postpone giving an answer for a longer and longer period, until the king inquired the reason why he did so. Then the sage replied: "The longer I meditate upon this mysterious subject, the more I find it involved in obscurity." Our finite understanding cannot comprehend the infinite. It was truly said: "No man can comprehend what God is unless he himself is a partaker of His nature."

**Question:** Had God a beginning?

**Answer:** God had no beginning; He always was and He always will be.

**The Illiterate Catechumen:** A simple unlettered man was under instruction for Baptism. After a long course of training, the priest ventured a few questions as a test of progress. "Now, my friend," said he, "who made you?" "God made me," was the prompt answer. "And," continued the priest, "who made God?" A look of doubt and dismay passed over the man's countenance, but with naive readiness he presently leaned forward and whispered confidentially, "Father, that question has puzzled me all my life." With a laugh at his naive simplicity, the priest proceeded to enlighten him thus: "God is eternal. Two men died, Dives and Lazarus, and Lazarus was taken up to Abraham's bosom, and Dives was buried in hell. And Dives begged God to allow Lazarus to give him one drop of water. Now, suppose God had done so, and Lazarus were permitted to place one drop on Dives' tongue every million years, until all the water on the earth had been used up, would that time equal eternity? No, eternity would have scarcely begun. And suppose Dives were then every million years to shed one tear over his said fate until all the lakes, seas, and oceans of the earth were restored, would that time joined to the former equal eternity? No. If Lazarus' mercy and Dives' grief were repeated over a million times, eternity would still be in its infancy. Now, my friend, what is the measure of God's existence?" The man answered: "Father, I reckon God is eternal; that He always was and always will be; that He never had a beginning and never will have an end."

**Confessions:** 45 minutes before Sunday Masses. 30 minutes before weekday Masses. Father will stop hearing confessions 10 minutes before Mass. Confessions could be heard after Mass as well.

**Baptism:** Please call Father to make arrangements. At least one parent and the sponsors must be practicing traditional Catholics. It is a serious obligation for Catholics to have their newborns baptized within two weeks.

**Matrimony:** For practicing registered parishioners only. Please contact Father at least six months before the wedding date for marriage instructions.

**Mass Intentions** may be submitted for a stipend of \$25.00. Mass intention envelopes are available in the vestibule.

**Sunday Catechism Classes** for children: Please see Sister Maria Josepha, C.M.D.

**Blessing of Religious Articles:** Please bring item(s) up to Communion Rail after Holy Mass.

**Adult Catechism:** Every Wednesday at 6 pm. Please see Father for more information.

**Sunday w/in  
Octave  
(12/29/24)  
Collection: \$1437**

**Circumcision of  
Our Lord  
(1/1/25)  
Collection: \$6614**