



# St. Therese the Little Flower Roman Catholic Church

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## January 19<sup>th</sup>, 2025 2nd Sunday after Epiphany

### **Sunday, January 19 – 2nd Sunday (Ss. Marius & Comp., Mm; St. Canute, KM)**

8:00 am Low Mass (Dave Cox from Cleo Speckert)

Server: Issac Smith

9:35 am Holy Rosary

10:00 am High Mass (Pro Populo)

Servers: Peter Creighton & Clayton Wright

### **Monday, January 20 – Ss. Fabian, P, & Sebastian, Mm**

*\*\*NO MASS SCHEDULED\*\** (RIP Thielen from Mary Disalvo)

### **Tuesday, January 21 – St. Agnes, VM**

7:00 am Low Mass (RIP Frank Beaver from Mary Disalvo)

### **Wednesday, January 22 – Ss. Vincent & Anastasius, Mm**

7:00 am Low Mass (Fabaz Family from The Williamitis Family)

### **Thursday, January 23 – St. Raymond of Penafort, C (St. Emerentiana, VM)**

6:00 pm Low Mass (Special Intention from Cleo Speckert)

### **Friday, January 24 – St. Timothy, BM**

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

### **Saturday, January 25 – Conversion of St. Paul, Ap**

8:30 am Low Mass (Special Intention from Cleo Speckert)

### **Sunday, January 26 – 3rd Sunday after Epiphany (St. Polycarp, BM)**

8:00 am Low Mass (RIP Elsa Bowman from Cleo Speckert)

Server: Aiden Sellers

9:35 am Holy Rosary

10:00 am Low Mass (Pro Populo)

Server: Xavier Wright

## Announcements

† There will be an **evening Mass** every **Thursday** at **6 pm**.

† **Christmas decorations** will need to be taken down after the 10 am Mass on **February 2nd**, which is the last day of Christmas! We would appreciate any help. Thank you!

**Holy Family**  
(1/12/25)  
Collection: \$1512

† **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!

† **14 DAY SANCTUARY LAMP:** is burning for the weeks of (1/12 to 1/25) for the **INTENTIONS** of **Jamie Kennedy**. **Next INTENTIONS** will be for **Peter Creighton**. 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:** If God is everywhere, why do we see not see Him?

**Answer:** We do not see God, because He is a pure spirit and cannot be seen with bodily eyes.

**The two Servants Who Were Left Without Supervision:** Religious beliefs make people conscientious. Two servants, one a Christian, the other a total unbeliever, were in the employ of one and the selfsame master. On one occasion their master left home; thereupon the unbelieving servant said: "Master is gone away now, so we need not go on working." His Christian fellow-servant answered: "My Master is not gone away; He looks down on me from heaven." While the unbeliever idled away his time, the Christian went on with his work industriously. Hence we see that religion makes a man conscientious. The following remark of a modern author is very true: "The most elaborate system of police is no substitute for the simple catechism taught in our schools."

**Question:** Does God see us?

**Answer:** God sees us and watches over us.

**The rescue of Two Fugitives:** Many singular occurrences in the life of devout persons afford indisputable proof of the operation of Divine Providence. St. Jerome relates the following remarkable incident in the life of a hermit, which he heard from the lips of the hermit in question, whose name was Malchus. This man asked and obtained permission from his superior to visit his aged mother, who lay at the point of death. On the way to the place where she lived, he was attacked by robbers, taken prisoner, and sold to an Arab as a slave. Luckily for him he had a fellow-slave who was also a Christian and a good, pious man. The two slaves were cruelly treated and had hard, toilsome work laid upon them. They therefore were desirous of regaining their liberty by flight. One day, a favorable opportunity having presented itself, they took advantage of it to make their escape, and actually succeeded in reaching the desert without their absence being perceived. They had already gone a considerable distance, when, looking back, they noticed a cloud of dust a long way off, which rapidly drew nearer; presently they were able to descry two armed men on dromedaries, who were gaining on them fast. It was evident that their master was coming in pursuit of them with his servant; in terror they looked around, to see if there was no place at hand where they could conceal themselves. Somewhat farther they caught sight of a cleft in a rock, which appeared to be the entrance to a cavern. Thither they fled with the utmost speed. As the passage beneath the rock seemed very long, they were afraid to venture far, and therefore crouched in a corner near the entrance. A few minutes later their pursuers reached the cavern, and halting before it, with loud shouts and terrible threats called on the fugitives to come out. As no answer came, the master sent his servant into the cavern, to drive out the two men at the sword's point. The servant penetrated a long way into the cavern, making a great noise as he went. Suddenly a lioness sprang upon him out of the background, killed him, and dragged him away to her den. The Arab waiting outside grew impatient at the non-appearance of his servant, and, dismounting from his dromedary, entered the cavern himself, uttering oaths and curses. The lioness sprang upon him also, killing him with a single blow of her paw. The two fugitives hidden in the cleft trembled with fear, thinking they would be the next victims. But matters took an unexpected turn. The lioness apparently thought her den was not a sufficiently safe spot for her young, for she carried one cub after another out of the cavern in her mouth, and then disappeared altogether. When evening came the monk and his companion ventured out of their hiding-place, and to their great delight found the two dromedaries lying close by, patiently waiting for their master's return. With them was also an ample supply of very acceptable meats. With tears of gratitude to almighty God for their wonderful deliverance, the fugitives mounted the dromedaries and in a day or two reached a Roman camp, where they were kindly received and entertained. There they took leave of each other, and departed to their respective homes. In cases such as this we may quote the words of David: "This is the Lord's doing, and it is wonderful in our eyes."

**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.