



St. Therese the Little Flower Roman Catholic Church

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December 29th, 2024 Sunday within the Octave of Christmas

Sunday, December 29 – Sunday within the Octave (St. Thomas Becket, BM)

8:00 am Low Mass (Private Intention of Clark Family)

Server: Aiden Sellers

9:35 am Holy Rosary

10:00 am Low Mass (Pro Populo)

Servers: Xavier Wright

Monday, December 30 – Within the Octave (St. Sabinus, BM)

9:00 am Low Mass (Special Intention from Cleo Speckert)

Tuesday, December 31 – St. Sylvester, PC

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

Wednesday, January 1 – Circumcision of Our Lord

****HOLY DAY OF OBLIGATION****

10:00 am Low Mass (Elsa Bowman from Cleo Speckert)

Thursday, January 2 – Feria (St. Gaspar del Bufalo, C)

****NO MASS SCHEDULED**** (Special Intention from Cleo Speckert)

Friday, January 3 – Feria (St. Genevieve, V)

6:00 pm Low Mass w/Holy Hour & Simple Benediction (Poor Souls from Jamie K.)

Saturday, January 4 – BVM Saturday (St. Priscus, M)

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

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)

Server: Paddy Omlor & Peter Creighton

Announcements

† **January 1st** is a **Holy Day of Obligation**. There will only be **ONE MASS** at **10 am**.

† **First Friday Devotion** on January 3rd to make reparation to the Sacred Heart of Jesus. Mass will be at 6 pm followed by Holy Hour and Simple Benediction. **“Can you not watch one hour with Me?”**

† **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!

† **Extra 2025 Calendars** can be purchased for \$10.

† **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 (12/17 to 12/30) for the **INTENTIONS** of **Ann Williamitis**. **Next INTENTIONS** will be for **Laura Hughes**. 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. First Lesson: On The End of Man.*

Question: How shall we know the things which we are to believe?

Answer: We shall know the things which we are to believe from the Catholic Church, through which God speaks to us.

The Unbelieving Father At His Son's Deathbed: The religious man is better off than the ungodly. A good boy, his father's darling, was very ill and given over by the doctors. His father, who had often told the boy that there was nothing after death, came to his bedside as he lay dying. The boy said to him: "Tell me, father, am I to believe what you taught me, or am I to believe what mother taught me?" On hearing his son say this, the Father's eyes filled with tears. "My dear boy," he replied, "believe what your mother taught you. What I said is not as certain as that which she told you." The loyal child of the Church, who believes all that the Church proposes to him to be believed, enjoys far more security than the man who does not care about religion and has no beliefs.

The Atheist And the Christian: An unbeliever said once to a good and faithful Catholic: "O unhappy Christian! How terribly you will find you have been deceived, if heaven is only a fable!" The Catholic answered: "O unhappy atheist! How terribly you will find you have been deceived, when you discover that hell is no fictitious place."

Question: Where shall we find the chief truths which the Church teaches?

Answer: We shall find the chief truths which the Church teaches in the Apostles' Creed.

St. Anthony And the Imperial Missive: Holy Scripture is a Letter written by God to man. St. Anthony the Hermit (356), who lived in the Thebaid desert in Egypt, one day received a letter from the Emperor Constantine the Great. His disciples were much struck by the honor conferred upon him by the fact that the emperor should send him an autographed letter. But the saint said: "You should rather be astonished that Our Lord God, the king of kings, has sent a letter to us poor mortals - I mean Holy Scripture."

The Protestant's Bible: If it were not for tradition we should not know which books of the Scripture are canonical. A Catholic and a Protestant were engaged in a disputation concerning the necessity of tradition. The Protestant maintained that the whole of divinely revealed truth was contained in Holy Scripture; thus tradition was superfluous and valueless. "Give me your Bible," the Catholic said, "and I will prove to you that tradition cannot be dispensed with." Thereupon the Protestant brought his Bible. The Catholic turned over the pages awhile, then he said: "I meant Holy Scripture, if you please, not this book of fables." "Fables!" The Protestant indignantly exclaimed: "Why, that is the Scripture!" "How do you know that it really is Holy Scripture?" The other inquired. "I know it from my father," the Protestant replied, "and all my forefathers, who for eighteen centuries have venerated it as divinely inspired." "There," retorted the Catholic, with a smile, "after all, you are obliged to appeal to tradition, though at first you rejected its authority!" St. Augustine remarks very justly, "I should not recognize the authenticity of Holy Scripture if respect for the Church's authority did not require me to do so."

Question: Say the Apostles' Creed.

Answer: I believe in God, etc.

The Ancient Martyrs: The martyrs of the early Church were often put to death in very cruel ways for their profession of the creed. They did not have a multitude of devotional books, and often were illiterate, but they knew the creed by heart and meditated upon it. When brought to trial before their pagan torturers, great honors and riches were ready to be bestowed upon the martyrs if they would but renounce Christ, yet they stood steadfast in faith, having nothing more at their disposal than knowing the creed, having received the Sacraments, a life of active faith, and receiving instruction from the holy fathers. Many times when they were put to death, as they lay dying, they would venture to write in their own blood: *Credo* - I believe - as a witness to their unyielding faith. St. Augustine of Hippo says: "This is the faith which, in a few words, has been given in the Creed to Christians, so that they might hold it. And these few words are known to the faithful, for the purpose that in belief they may be made subject to God; being made subject, they may rightly live; by living rightly, they would make their hearts pure, so that with the heart made pure, they may understand that which they believe."

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.

**4th Sunday of
Advent**
(12/22/24)
Collection: \$3572
**Nativity of Our
Lord Jesus Christ**
(12/25/24)
Collection: \$5393