



St. Therese the Little Flower Roman Catholic Church

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December 22nd, 2024 4th Sunday of Advent

Sunday, December 22 – 4th Sunday of Advent

8:00 am Low Mass (Sr. Mary Cabrini CMRI from Daniel Peck)

Server: Andrew Smith

9:35 am Holy Rosary

10:00 am Low Mass (Pro Populo)

Servers: Michael Peck

Monday, December 23 – St. Frances Xavier Cabrini, V

****NO MASS SCHEDULED**** (Poor Souls in Purgatory from Jamie Kennedy)

Tuesday, December 24 – Vigil of the Nativity (St. Delphinus, B)

****DAY OF FAST AND COMPLETE ABSTINENCE****

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

Wednesday, December 25 – Nativity of Our Lord Jesus Christ (St. Anastasia, M)

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

12:00 Midnight Christmas High Mass (Clergy & Religious & increased in vocations from Jamie K.)

8:00 am Low Mass (Pro Populo)

Thursday, December 26 – St. Stephen, Protomartyr

8:00 am Low Mass (Poor Souls in Purgatory)

Friday, December 27 – St. John, ApEv

8:00 am Low Mass (Conversion of children, family & friends from Jamie Kennedy)

Saturday, December 28 – Holy Innocents

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

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

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

Server: Aiden Smith

9:35 am Holy Rosary

10:00 am Low Mass (Pro Populo)

Server: Xavier Wright

Announcements

† **December 24th** is a day of **FAST & COMPLETE ABSTINENCE**.

† **Christmas Mass Times:** There will be a Midnight Mass and an 8 am Mass on Christmas morning.

† **Christmas Church Decorating** will be after the 10 am Mass today. Out of charity, please stay and help, if able.

**3rd Sunday of
Advent**
(12/15/24)
Collection: \$966

† **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**. 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: What must we do to save our souls?

Answer: To save our souls, we must worship God by faith, hope, and charity; that is, we must believe in Him, hope in Him, and love Him with all our heart.

The Wise King: The inhabitants of a certain city in Greece had - the legend relates - the singular custom of electing a new king every year, and not one of their fellow - countrymen, but a foreigner who was unacquainted with their manners and customs. The people actually imagined that it would be to their advantage to have a fresh ruler every year. Almost all the kings in turn spent their year of rulership in riotous living; but as soon as the twelve months were ended, they were seized by the citizens and transferred to a barren island, where there was neither food nor shelter to be found, and where consequently they perished miserably. At length a king was elected who was far more prudent than all his predecessors on the throne. He bribed some of the people to tell him what really became of the kings who were deposed at the end of a year. On learning what was the fate that awaited him, he took care to send a good store of provisions with ships and armed men to the island. The year came to an end, and he met with the same treatment as those who reigned before him: the citizens arrested him and conveyed him by force to the island. But on landing there, he found all that he had sent on before hand; he reembarked on the vessels, and taking the soldiers with him, set sail for the place whence he had come. On arriving he put to death the men who had arrested and banished him, and held uncontested sway over the land for many years. Those unfortunate rulers who at the expiration of their year of regal authority perished on the barren island, represent those individuals who, during their lifetime, never think of the end of life, but only of earthly possessions and earthly pleasures. When the relentless hand of death removes them to another world, their destiny is eternal misery. Now those persons who during their lifetime obey the precepts of religion and lay up a store of good works are like the wise king; when death comes the evil enemy cannot harm them, and after death fresh joys await them.

A Day Lost: We ought to employ our time in good works. The Roman Emperor Titus deserved to be called by the Romans, "the charity and delight of humanity" on account of his great kindness of heart. Whenever this emperor, looking back, of an evening, on a day that was past, perceived that in its course he had not given anything away in alms, he said: "I have lost a day" (*diem perdidit*). So we may say the day has been lost to us in which we have performed not a single good work. For this reason Christ bids us: "Work."

An Abbot and a King In The Chase: The kingdom of heaven suffers violence. He who will be saved must exert himself to the utmost. The Abbot Zeno impressed this truth on one of the mighty ones of the earth. The abbot, who lived and served God in the desert, one day met a man whose dress betokened him to be of high rank. It was in fact the king of Macedonia; in his hand he carried a weapon. Seeing the abbot, he inquired of him what he was doing there in the wilderness. Zeno replied with another question: "What are you doing here?" The king answered: "It is the chase brings me here." "I too," the abbot rejoined, "am here in the chase; I seek after God, and I will not rest until I find Him and possess Him for all eternity."

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.