



St. Therese the Little Flower Roman Catholic Church

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January 26th, 2025 3rd Sunday after Epiphany

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)

Servers: Xavier Wright

Monday, January 27 – St. John Chrysostom, BCD

NO MASS SCHEDULED (Private Intention of Laura Hughes)

Tuesday, January 28 – St. Peter Nolasco, C (St. Agnes, VM)

7:00 am Low Mass (RIP John Wayne Hughes from Laura Hughes)

Wednesday, January 29 – St. Francis de Sales, BCD

7:00 am Low Mass (Private Intention of Laura Hughes)

Thursday, January 30 – St. Martina, VM

6:00 pm Low Mass (RIP George Vaidyan from Mary Disalvo)

Friday, January 31 – St. John Bosco, C

8:00 am Low Mass (RIP George Vaidyan from Mary Disalvo)

Saturday, February 1 – St. Ignatius, BM (St. Brigid of Ireland, V)

8:30 am Low Mass (RIP George Vaidyan from Mary Disalvo)

Sunday, February 2 – Purification BVM (4th Sunday after Epiphany)

8:00 am Low Mass (RIP George Vaidyan from Mary Disalvo)

Server: Issac Smith

9:35 am Holy Rosary

10:00 am High Mass w/ blessing of Candles & Procession (Pro Populo)

Server: MC: Paddy Omlor. Thurifer: Peter Creighton. Acolytes: Clayton & Xavier Wright

Announcements

† There will be **Catechism for the children** on **February 9th** and **23rd** before and after each Mass. If you have any questions, please contact Sr. Josepha at 719 342 9131.

† **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!

† Please keep in your **prayers** the sick and those who Father goes to see: Jackie Kroger.

† The contribution statements for the 2024 tax year are in the back pews. If they are not picked up by 2/2, they will be mailed. Please note that we can check any differences between estimated contributions and what was actually collected if necessary.

† **March 16th** will be the **Parish Talent Show** after the 10 am Mass. The location will be at the American Legion Post. The address is 620 N. Broadway St, Lebanon 45035. If you are planning to perform, please clear it with Father first. Please bring a **main dish to share!**

† **14 DAY SANCTUARY LAMP:** is burning for the weeks of (1/25 to 2/8) for the **INTENTIONS** of **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: Does God see us?

Answer: God sees us and watches over us.

The Pearl Necklace: God often brings good out of evil. A certain princess, accompanied by her two daughters, was once driving to a wedding, which was to be celebrated in a neighboring castle. The three ladies were very elegantly attired and wore a great many jewels and gold ornaments. The road they had to take lay through a forest; just as they entered this forest the coachman, who was driving very fast, went rather too near a tree, the drooping branches of which brushed the occupants of the carriage. One of the branches caught a string of pearls which one of the young ladies wore round her neck, and broke the cord so that the pearls were all scattered. The girl cried out in dismay, and the carriage was stopped while the servants went back to search for the pearls. They were scattered along the road, so that it took nearly an hour to find them. The ladies were terribly vexed at this accident, for it would make them too late for the wedding. Just as they were starting afresh, a woodcutter came running out of the forest. "Thank God," he said, "that you have got no farther. A gang of robbers is lying in wait for you. I overheard them arranging their plans and came as fast as I could via a roundabout way in the hope of warning you of the danger." The princess rewarded the woodcutter liberally, and ordered the coachman to drive back home. Thus we see that what we reckon as a misfortune often proves in God's wise councils to be the very reverse.

Question: Does God know all things?

Answer: God knows all things, even our most secret thoughts, words, and actions.

The Boy and the Apples: The remembrance of God's omniscience acts as a deterrent from sin. A boy was sent by his father to a neighboring cottage to deliver a message. When he went into the room he found no one there, but on the table there stood a basket filled with most tempting apples. While the boy was waiting, something seemed to whisper to him, "Take one of those nice apples. No one sees you." But the boy said aloud, "No, I will not take one, for God sees me." At that moment a man of whose presence he was unaware came out from behind a screen, and said: "You are a good lad, for you have the fear of God before your eyes. Take as many apples as you like; you are welcome to them." Had the boy not resisted the temptation to steal, he would probably have been punished. How useful the remembrance of God's omniscience; it deters from sin and averts the consequences of sin.

The Bag of Pearls: A traveler having lost his way in the desert, wandered about for two days and nights without anything to eat or drink. At length he reached a tree, beside which a clear spring welled up. He quenched his thirst with a draught of water, but to his disappointment there was not a single fruit upon the tree. Close to the spring, however, lay a small bag; he took it up and gave thanks to God, for apparently it was full of peas which some former traveler had left there. But a fresh disappointment awaited him, for an opening the bag he found it contained a number of valuable pearls worth a large sum of money, yet useless to him, as they could not appease his hunger. Kneeling on the ground, he besought almighty God to come to his aid. Before long he descried a man mounted on a camel, coming towards him with all speed. This was the owner of the pearls, who had left them lying beside the spring. His joy at recovering his lost property was indescribable. He took compassion on the famished traveler, gave him bread and dates, and took him upon his camel. He too was a Christian, for he said: "Here we see the good providence of God. He caused me to forget my bag of pearls that I might, returning to the spot where I left them, be instrumental in saving your life." God does truly dispose of events in a wonderful manner.

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.

**2nd Sunday after
Epiphany
(1/19/25)
Collection: \$2502**