



St. Therese of the Child Jesus Catholic Church and School

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January 16, 2022 - Second Sunday in Ordinary Time



SACRAMENT OF THE EUCHARIST

Saturday Vigil Mass 5:00 p.m.
Sunday Mass 10:00 a.m.
Wednesdays 10:00 a.m.

RECONCILIATION

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The ACCW women held their District meeting on January 10 at the Parish Social Center and attended the Mass at 11:30 a.m. with Fr. Jack Mosbrucker as president.



It is going to be called "Project Poinsettia." They say it is going to be difficult, going to be a pain, not worth it, would need a miracle and the like. But the batch of our poinsettias this year was a fighting batch to begin with that we think trying to keep them for a second Christmas is all worth it. Even if their leaves remain green they would still be as pretty! Give us suggestions!



The Solidarity of Union

January 9, 2022



With our celebration today of the Feast of the Baptism of the Lord we honor the last of the great Christmas epiphanies. Today's Mass recalls the baptism of Jesus by St. John. Recall that John's baptism was for the forgiveness of sins. Here we might rightly ask, "Why would the Son of God choose to undergo this purification given his sinless divine nature?" Though he obviously needs no such baptism for his own person, by so submitting Jesus demonstrates that the entirety of his life and mission now unfolds in complete solidarity with mankind. As our Lord descends into the waters of the Jordan, being plunged into its depths, he does so as a foreshadowing of his death on the cross. Through him, it is our sins that are washed away and as he rises from the waters he anticipates not only his own resurrection but also our victory over death in him. Jesus' own baptism demonstrates the fruits of the sacrament of baptism itself through which the human soul is regenerated and made fit for eternal life. It is our anointing with his Spirit that accomplishes such fitness and which gives us the name 'Christian'.

In the aftermath of John's baptism, we hear of the descent of this selfsame Spirit upon the Lord in the visible form of a dove. As at the waning of the Great Flood, the appearance of a dove represents the dawning of a new covenant. This Trinitarian epiphany is made complete when the Father's voice is heard proclaiming: *This is my beloved Son in whom I am well pleased*. We can hear the echo of that original proclamation today as we receive from this altar the Eucharist of Christ whose graces hearken back to the happy moment of the Baptism of the Lord Jesus and indeed, our very own.

**IF YOU
LOOK FOR ME
WHOLEHEARTEDLY,
YOU WILL FIND ME.**

JEREMIAH 29:13

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info@stthereseor.org if you would like a parish bulletin mailed to you and/or emailed to you or to a home-bound family member or friend. Let's help keep each other connected, and let's encourage each other on the importance of receiving Holy Communion. We continue to be cautious and take care of each other while attending Mass in-person because we know so well how necessary and beneficial it is for all of us to receive the Lord's Real Presence. It is our sustenance!

Thank You!

January 9, 2022, after Sunday Mass. Such an amazing coming together of positive vibes, high energy and team work as our Christmas set up was put away to prepare us for the coming of Ordinary Time. The photos on the following pages were only a few of over two hundred videos and photos taken during our entire preparation for Christmas. And in each time we needed to prepare the Church

we were simply blessed with such enthusiastic volunteers who went over and beyond as they responded to the call. If you recognize them the next time you are in church, let them know they did such an awesome job in setting up and afterwards in helping put away such a beautiful Christmas panorama in our church. They are a blessing!



THANK YOU!

It's very, very, very rare to catch this father-and-son team who has been quietly but tremendously helping the church by providing us the arms, agility and strength needed to give us the beauty that you see in church - lifting Christmas trees, climbing tall steps and operating the pulleys to bring down the drapes and then putting up another set of drapes, putting on lights in the tall Christmas trees and a lot more - their gear says it all, and we hope the smile also does. And even during Football season!



Thank You!



These two photos say most of what happened during the Christmas set-up takedown last Sunday: above shows Monica and her kids who go to our school - did a quick pause and had a picture taken with Justin, teacher from our school and who is also a church volunteer, aand also on his RCIA journey toward the Catholic Faith. Synchronicity! Photo below shows, weell, we are tired but we did good! What a year it was with all the challenges but through it all and above it all, we get to experience the real difference: when we commit to be together, when we find ways to make our unique gifts and strengths work together, when we accept humbly the truth that with the grace of God, working as a parish best expresses what it is to be truly Catholic and living what we are and who we are. The joy shows!





School Mass Schedule

School Year 2021-2022

St. Therese of the Child Jesus

All Masses on Wednesday at 10:00 a.m. unless indicated otherwise

5-Jan	St. John Neumann, Bishop	Memorial
12-Jan	Communal prayer for the strengthening of Christian marriage	Votive
19-Jan	Communal prayer for the end to legalized abortion	Votive
26-Jan	Saints Timothy and Titus, Bishops	Memorial
2-Feb	The Presentation of the Lord (Catholic Schools' Week Celebration)	Feast
9-Feb	Ferial weekday	
16-Feb	Ferial weekday	
23-Feb	St. Polycarp, Bishop and Martyr	Memorial
2-Mar	Ash Wednesday	
9-Mar	Lenten weekday	
30-Mar	Lenten weekday	
6-Apr	Lenten weekday	
13-Apr	No Mass	
20-Apr	Wednesday within the Octave of Easter	Octave
27-Apr	Easter weekday	
4-May	Easter weekday	
11-May	Easter weekday	
18-May	Easter weekday	
25-May	Easter weekday	
1-Jun	St. Justin, Martyr	Memorial
8-Jun	Ferial weekday	Commissioning



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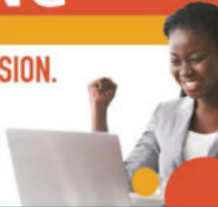
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