



St. Thérèse of Lisieux



**Mission Statement:**

The parish of St. Therese, rooted in Ignatian Spirituality, strives to **Love God, Follow Jesus and Serve All** by doing ordinary things with great love.

**Parish Office:**

**704-664-3992**

Hours: 9:00am–2:00pm

Monday–Friday

[office@sainttherese.net](mailto:office@sainttherese.net)

**Faith Formation:**

**704-664-7762**

Hours: 10:00am–3:00pm

Monday–Friday and during

Faith Formation hours

**Little Way Preschool**

**980-444-2305**

Hours: 7:30am–3:30pm

Monday–Friday

**First Sunday of Advent**

**November 28 | 2021**

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**Mass Schedule**

Saturday Vigil: 5:00pm

Sunday Mass Times:

(English) 8:00am,

10:00am, 12:00pm, 5:30pm

(Spanish) 2:30pm

Daily Mass: Mon–Fri at 9:00am

First Saturday Devotion:

Monthly Mass at 9:00am

**Reconciliation**

**Saturday: 3:00pm–4:15pm**

**Sunday: 4:45pm–5:15pm**

(Spanish) 2:00pm–2:20pm

in the church or

by appointment.

Please contact one of our priests

by phone or email

if you need to make an

appointment for confession.

**Blessed Sacrament**

Join us for Adoration from

9:30am to 7:00pm

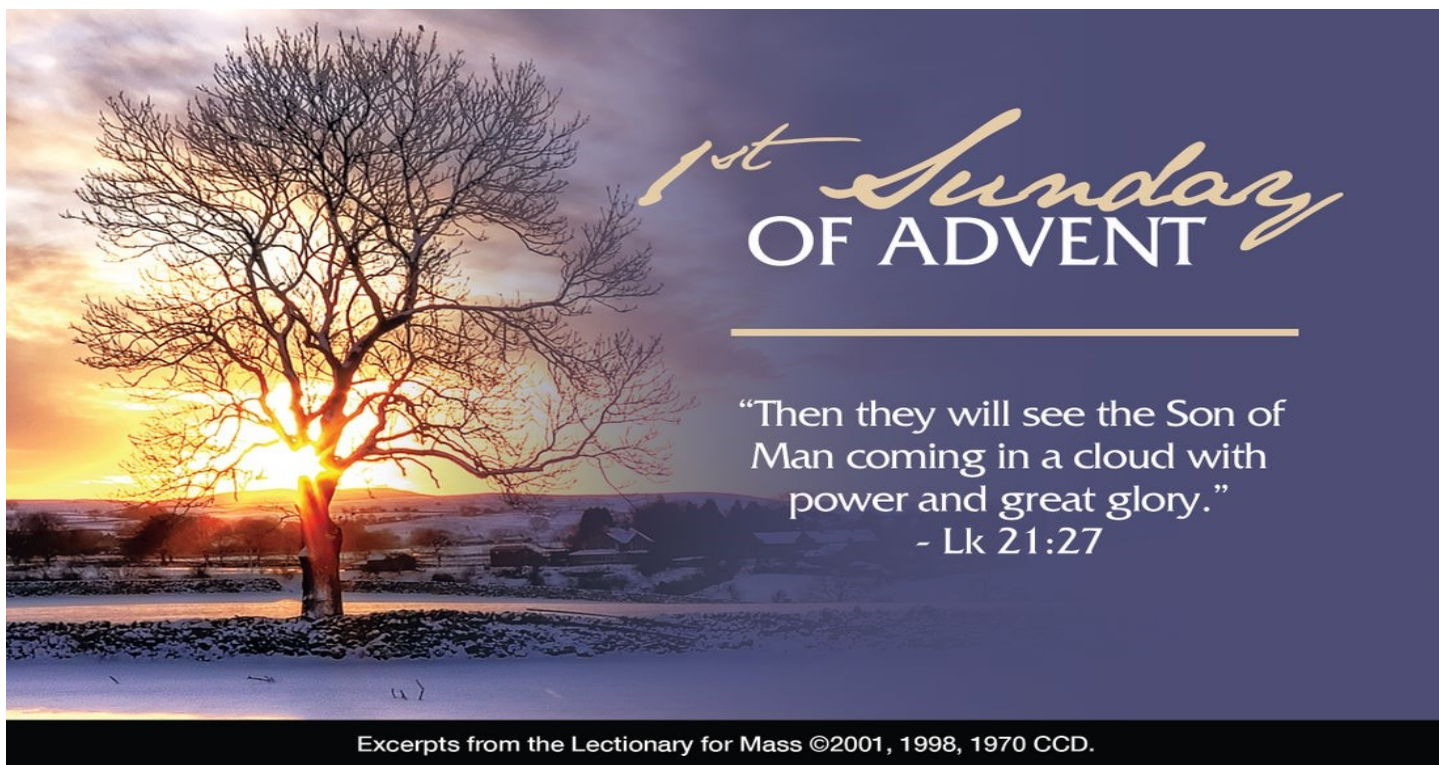
on the **First Friday**

of each month.

**Next Adoration date:**

**December 3.**

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## THE HOLY SEASON OF ADVENT:

**T**his weekend, the Church begins the season of Advent and a new liturgical year. The name of the season comes from the Latin word *adventus*, which means "arrival." In ancient times, the word was used to describe the arrival of the emperor or someone of importance. For Christians, the term is used in the context of our preparation and "joyful anticipation" for the coming of Christ. Regarding Advent, the Catechism of the Catholic Church teaches: "When the Church celebrates the liturgy of Advent each year, she makes present this ancient expectancy of the Messiah, for by sharing in the long preparation for the Savior's first coming, the faithful renew their ardent desire for His second coming." [# 524] There is, therefore, a two-fold character of Advent. In the first sense, Advent is a season to prepare to celebrate Christ's first coming as a child born of the Virgin Mary in Bethlehem. Through the Incarnation, Heaven was joined to earth. In the Masses of Advent, we will hear prophesies of the Old Testament and recall how the people of Faith waited for the promised Messiah and the time of fulfillment. The second character of Advent encourages us to prepare for Christ's return in glory at the end of the age. The Lord has said that we should be prepared for His return. This is emphasized during the first two weeks of Advent. From the Gospel this Sunday: Jesus tells His disciples ( and us): "Be vigilant at all times and pray that you have the strength to escape the tribulations that are imminent and to stand before the Son of Man."



There are some specific symbols in Advent.

The liturgical color for Advent is violet, which represents sorrow, penitence and preparation. The third Sunday of Advent is known as *Gaudete Sunday* and the liturgical color is rose. *Gaudete* is a Latin word meaning rejoice and on this Sunday, we are given the assurance that the celebration of Christmas is near. The Advent wreath is a

popular symbol used in many parishes. Lighting a candle for the four Sundays of Advent symbolizes the coming of Christ, the true light of the world. The Gloria is omitted during Advent (except for the Feasts of the Immaculate Conception and Our Lady of Guadalupe).

As a teacher, I remind our Faithful that the Christmas Season does not begin until the first Mass on Christmas Eve. Let us strive to maintain the integrity of Advent as a

time of joyful anticipation. There will be people all around us celebrating Christmas throughout Advent. During this busy time, I encourage you to reflect on your spiritual priorities. In the midst of all of our family and community activities, I encourage parishioners who are able to attend the daily Mass. I also suggest spending time in prayer and a family rosary. All should consider celebrating God's mercy and peace through the sacrament of penance during Advent. We always offer confessions on Saturdays, Sundays and by appointment. Together, we should remember the reason for the season. Let us prepare with joy and hope. Let us recall the acclamation of the early Church, "Maranatha!" [1 Cor. 16:20] "Come, Lord Jesus!"

In peace,

*Fr. Mark*

## Advent Week of Prayer Sunday, December 5 to Saturday, December 11 (In person or via Zoom)

Consider joining us this Advent, preparing yourself interiorly for the coming of Christ, for the continual coming of Christ... the coming of love, of hope, of truth.

Please register online by Wednesday, December 1, 2021, at:  
[sainttherese.net/advent-week-of-prayer](http://sainttherese.net/advent-week-of-prayer)

See Page 9 for more details.





## ACCIÓN DE GRACIAS:

**T**emporada Santa de Adviento: Este fin de semana, la Iglesia comienza la temporada de Adviento y un nuevo año litúrgico. El nombre de la temporada viene de la palabra latina *adventus*, que significa "llegada". En la antigüedad, se utilizó esta palabra para describir la llegada del emperador o alguien con importancia. Para los cristianos, el término se utiliza en el contexto de nuestra preparación y "anticipación gozosa" para la venida de Cristo. Respecto de Adviento, el Catecismo de la Iglesia Católica enseña: "Cuando la Iglesia celebra la liturgia de Adviento cada año, se actualiza esta esperanza del Mesías, por la participación en la larga preparación de la primera venida, los fieles renuevan del Salvador su ardiente deseo de su segunda venida". Hay, por tanto, un doble carácter de Adviento. En el primer sentido, el Adviento es un tiempo para prepararse para celebrar la primera venida de Cristo como un niño nacido de la Virgen María en Belén. A través por la Encarnación, el Cielo se unió a la tierra. En las misas de Adviento, vamos a oír las profecías del Antiguo Testamento y recordar cómo la gente de fe esperaban el Mesías prometido y el tiempo de realización. El segundo carácter de Adviento nos anima a prepararnos para la venida de Cristo en gloria al final de los tiempos. El Señor ha dicho que debemos estar preparados para su regreso. Esto se acentúa durante las dos primeras semanas de Adviento. En el Evangelio de este domingo Jesús dice a sus discípulos (y nosotros): "Velen, pues, y hagan oración continuamente, para que puedan escapar de todo lo que ha de suceder y comparecer seguros ante el Hijo del hombre."



Hay algunos símbolos específicos en Adviento.

El color litúrgico de Adviento es el violeta, que representa la penitencia y preparación. El tercer domingo de Adviento se conoce como Domingo de Gaudete y el color litúrgico es rosa. La corona de Adviento es un símbolo popular utilizado en muchas parroquias. Encender una vela para los cuatro domingos

de Adviento simboliza la venida de Cristo, la luz verdadera del mundo. La Gloria se omite durante el Adviento. Debemos mantener la integridad del Adviento como un tiempo de alegría anticipación. Durante este tiempo ocupado, les animo a reflexionar sobre sus prioridades espirituales. En medio de todas nuestras actividades familiares y comunitarias, animo a los feligreses que son capaces de asistir a la misa diaria. Tal vez, más

familias se sumarán algún tiempo en oración, como un rosario en familia. Todos deben tener en cuenta la celebración de la misericordia y la paz de Dios a través del sacramento de la penitencia durante el Adviento. Tenemos la oportunidad hacer tu confesión sábados, domingos y por cita. Juntos, debemos recordar el motivo de la temporada. Preparémonos con alegría y esperanza. Recordemos la aclamación de la Iglesia primitiva, "¡Maranatha!" [1 Cor. 16:20] "¡Ven, Señor Jesús!"

En paz,

*Padre Marcos*

## Semana de Oración de Adviento Del domingo 5 de diciembre al sábado, 11 de diciembre (En persona o vía Zoom)

Considera unirte a nosotros en este Adviento, preparándote interiormente para la venida de Cristo, para la continua venida de Cristo... la venida del amor, de la esperanza, de la verdad.

Visita nuestra página web para más información y regístrate antes del miércoles, 1º de diciembre en línea:

[sainttherese.net/advent-week-of-prayer](http://sainttherese.net/advent-week-of-prayer)



## MASS INTENTIONS

### Saturday, November 27

5:00pm Clancy Family † ..... Family  
Robert Wolski † ..... Family

### Sunday, November 28

8:00am Monique Chou † ..... Adifon Family  
10:00am Theresa Davis † ..... McCourt Family  
Antonio Penilla, Jr. † ..... Masy Cortez  
12:00pm Bob Beuley † ..... Nancy & Ron Toney  
2:30pm Hector Santos Hernandez † ..... Daniel Hernandez  
5:30pm Parishioners of St. Therese ♥

### Monday, November 29

9:00am Martin Adifon † ..... Adifon Family  
Christopher M. Yerry † ..... Hoar Family

### Tuesday, November 30

9:00am Sr. Anne Kelly † ..... Suzanne Howard

### Wednesday, December 1

9:00am Frank Lohrengel † ..... Georgina Reynolds  
Rosemary Keeley † ..... Fairley Family

### Thursday, December 2

9:00am Shorty Beauchesnet † ..... Joann Bosi

### Friday, December 3

9:00am Brandon DuBois † ..... Family  
Fernando Dorado † ..... Ferber Family

### Saturday, December 4

9:00am John McCadden † ..... Tom & Barbara Schnaidt  
5:00pm Kate Scales † ..... Harrison Family  
John Hilla † ..... Josephine, Robert, Herman

### Sunday, December 5

8:00am Parishioners of St. Therese ♥  
10:00am Brenda Hurlocker † ..... Irene Petersen  
Phylis Santagata. † ..... Millie LoBianco  
12:00pm Joanne Bernard † ..... Trawinski & Hyman Family  
2:30pm Mario Nathan López † ..... St. Therese Staff  
5:30pm Ulrich Edwin Vihlen † ..... Friends

If you would like to request a Mass intention,  
please visit the Parish Office Monday-Friday  
(9:00am-2:00pm) or Sunday (7:30am-1:30pm).

## In Sympathy



To the family and friends of  
**Mim Kelly** on her death;  
To the family and friends of  
**Mario Nathan López** on his death;  
To the family and friends of  
**Michael Scaletta** on his death;  
To the family and friends of  
**Bill Booker** on his death.

## PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS...

Please use the online form on our website to request prayers:

[sainttherese.net/prayer-requests](http://sainttherese.net/prayer-requests)

**Special intentions for Healing:** Michael A., Maria Ashenbrener, Amanda B., Ramon B., Cheryl Booth, Jonathan Cantrell, Eileen Cigarski, Karen Conceicao, Trevor Conklin, Gerardo Cruz, Agustin Cuenca, Tams D., Alan Demascus, William Dragon, Rebecca Eagen, Joseph Faci, Joanna Ferreira, Logan Fogg, Jeff Hope, Lucia Ison, Gwen Kane, Girish Kohli, Christopher L., Nicole L., Jessica Lawrik, Devyn M., Lucy M., Joey Maldonado, Pat Maletta, Wendy Mancilla, Emilio Manzo, Zach Misiak, Mark Morton, Dan Mulligan, Kati O., Stephen O., Tina Olszewski, Tereza Pelouchova, Raajiv Prasad, Jamey Price, Levi Raymond, John Rocco, Christine Rosenberg, Am S., Mary Sue S., Bryan Scharding, Eileen Smith, Matthew Smith, Tiffany Stewart, Dwayne T., Bruce Van Buren, Dein VanSickle, , Jack W., Johnnie Ziats.

**Those who are Homebound:** Doyle & Faye Atkins, Gregory Breeckner, Sister Margarita Brewer, Robert Davis, Andrew Davison, Leela Edwin, Audrey & Don Geyer, Julianne & Scott Jarvis, Jodi Knight, Cinda Landro, Angela Leuci, Charles M., Claradilla Pineda, Jim & Pat Richart, Mark Rossmiller, Rita Sabella, Paula Vernon, Sharon Williams.

**Those in Nursing Homes/Assisted Living:**

**Abernathy Laurels:** Mary Frances Kimel.

**Accordius:** Alfred Kern, Rosemary Leonetti, Hattie Walker, Joan Waltman, Diane Whitley.

**Cadence Living:** Dolly Abrao, Eileen Bunnell, Rose Caleagno, Kevin Clancy, Peggy Katich, Rosalee Kereztesi, Jackie Moran, Eleanor Pearson, Judy Richardson, Carolyn Scruggs.

**Old Knox Commons:** None.

**Radbourn Manor:** Patsy Freeze.

**Ranson Ridge:** Dutch Detchemendy.

**Summit Place:** Betty Beaulieu, Frank DeBerardinis, MaryJane Farrell, Mary Kozar, Nancy Nusser, Lewis & Rosemary Savisky.

**TerraBella Lake Norman (formerly Atrium Lake Norman):**

Nancy Brown, Yolanda Cortez, Marty & Yvonne Donnelly, Antoinette Foppiano, Frannie Greco, Helen Holmes, Jean Loeshen, Frances Mattasits, Joyce Schank, Stefanya Wackowski.

**The Citadel:** Eileen Gubelman, Mike Hogan, Audrey Kufhta.

**The Pines:** Dolly O'Brien.

**Williams Place:** Lorna Josefchuk, Marie Salerno.

## Praying for our Military



We pray for our men and women in service  
and give our sincere thanks and appreciation  
to all veterans who have served their country.

**Air Force:** Nicholas Mazzone

**Army:** Don Geyer, Capt. Justus T. Neumann

**Coast Guard:** Daniel Harris

**Marines:** Maryann Hungarter, John McCue,  
Patrick McMurray, Kody Richard-Garrison

**Navy:** Gabriel Cotter, Ben Foster, Mary Hesler Foster,  
Tim MacCarrick

**Veterans:** Alex Baker, Kelly Baker, Pasquale Ison

Submit names and branch of service for this section at:

[sainttherese.net/prayer-requests](http://sainttherese.net/prayer-requests)

Advent is a continuous call to hope: it reminds us that God is present in history to lead it to its ultimate goal and to its fullness, which is the Lord Jesus Christ.

*Pope Francis*



El Adviento es una llamada continua a la esperanza: nos recuerda que Dios está presente en la historia para conducirla a su meta final y a su plenitud, que es el Señor Jesucristo.

*Papa Francisco*

## Synod Process 2021-2023



A letter from Bishop Jugis was read during Masses the weekend of November 13/14. In his letter, the Bishop encourages churches, ministries, schools and other groups to participate in a process of conversation and listening to the Holy Spirit that will lead up to a worldwide Synod of Bishops in 2023.

Visit the diocesan website to read the letter and learn more:  
[charlottediocese.org/synod2023](http://charlottediocese.org/synod2023)

## Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary

### Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary

Holy day of obligation and our National Feast Day.

#### Mass schedule:

#### VIGIL:

**Tuesday, December 7**  
7:00pm

**NATIONAL FEAST DAY:**  
**Wednesday, December 8**  
9:00am, Noon (English)  
7:00pm (Bilingual)



## Readings for next weekend: December 5, 2021 Second Sunday of Advent, Cycle C

Reading I	Responsorial Psalm	Reading II	Gospel
<b>Baruch 5:1-9</b>	<b>Psalm 126:1-6</b>	<b>Philippians 1:4-6,8-11</b>	<b>Luke 3:1-6</b>
Jerusalem shall see the splendor of God's glory.	A song of praise for God's great deeds.	Paul prays for the Philippians.	John preaches repentance and baptizes in the region of the Jordan.

Source: [Loyola Press](http://Loyola Press)



## Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe

December 3-10  
6:00pm via Zoom  
Virtual Novena

ID: 819 4644 6343  
Passcode: novena

Saturday, December 11  
6:00pm  
Spanish Rosary (Chapel)

7:00pm  
Spanish Mass (Church)  
followed by procession  
and light refreshments

Our Lady of  
Guadalupe,  
Patroness of the  
Americas,  
pray for us!

### GUADALUPE: THE MIRACLE AND THE MESSAGE

Learn about the history of this transformative event from the 16th century to the present. This gripping film explores both the inexplicable mysteries behind the image, and the continued relevance of the Guadalupe apparition to the modern world. Narrated by Jim Caviezel.

[watch.formed.org/guadalupe-the-miracle-and-the-message](http://watch.formed.org/guadalupe-the-miracle-and-the-message)

Watch FREE on Formed.org. Sign up with our parish's zip code: 28117

### First Friday Adoration

Friday, December 3  
9:30am—7:00pm  
(Church)

### First Saturday Devotion

Saturday, December 4  
9:00am  
(Church)

### Praise and Worship music before Mass

Sunday, December 12  
5:30pm  
(Church)

St. Therese's very own,  
Ryan Winters, returns for the last  
time this year!

Come early and enjoy  
two special praise and worship  
songs before the 5:30pm Mass on  
Sunday, December 12!

## Parish Life

### Special Works and Tasks (S.W.A.T.) Meeting and Luncheon for ALL ladies! Tuesday, December 14 (11:00am) in the Parish Life Center

All ladies of the parish are invited! Participants are encouraged to bring a donation to support our Backpack Ministry.

Please consider bringing one of the following items:

- Pancake Mix (complete-add water)
- Syrup
- Canned Fruit | Canned vegetables | Canned Ham
- Ore-Ida Potato Pouch (8 oz.)
- Oranges
- Snacks
- Cash and Gift Cards are also appreciated.

Kindly, RSVP to:

Barbara Beuley, 704-360-2142  
Chris Davis, 704-608-1886

### Scripture and Spirits

Tuesday, December 7  
Beer Lab (225 S. Broad St  
Mooreville)

Doors open at 6:30pm.  
Program starts at 7:00pm.

A fun evening with Deacon John,  
presenting the topic  
*Drinking with the Saints*.

Free book giveaway!  
A copy of the book  
*Drinking with the Saints*  
will be given to one of the  
participants!

Contact:

Sheila Lockard, 704-664-0342  
[sheila\\_lockard@yahoo.com](mailto:sheila_lockard@yahoo.com)



## Last week to bring your donations!

If it is more convenient, you may send check donations to the parish and write "Giving Tree" on the memo or drop your donations in the boxes located in the Narthex.

Thank you for your generosity and kindness.



**LAST WEEK TO BRING YOUR DONATIONS!**  
**BRING GIFTS BY SUNDAY, DECEMBER 5.**

## Community Ministries: Just Moved

We welcome our Just Moved Fall Class graduates to the community!



## BACKPACK MINISTRY

The Community Ministries with Prayerful Servants CLC and West Methodist Church are filling backpacks every other week. To help us out, you can donate items in the carts in the church narthex.



**Our next packing will be December 8.**

Items needed are:

- Canned vegetables (16 oz.)
- Canned fruit (16 oz.)
- Rice (1 lb.)
- Cereal
- Diced tomatoes (16 oz. cans)
- SpaghettiOs®

Don't forget the 6 families from Lake Norman High School. They would appreciate **toiletries, soap, shampoo, toothpaste, personal products, etc.** Cash and Gift Card donations are also welcome.

BACKPACK envelopes are available in the narthex of both churches. Just place them in the collection basket. We appreciate any help you can give and truly appreciate your generosity!!

Thank you very much.

We appreciate your generosity for our last packing on November 22.

## Community Resources: Do YOU need support?

### Hot Meals

5th Street Ministries (Statesville)  
Lunch and Dinner  
704-872-4045

FeedNC (Mooresville)  
Breakfast and Lunch  
704-660-9010

### Mental Health

Partners Behavioral Health  
1-888-235-HOPE (4673)  
Drug-Alcohol Coalition of Iredell  
704-978-8814

Suicide Prevention  
1-800-273-8255  
text TALK to 741741

### Financial Assistance

United Way: Dial 2-1-1  
Iredell Christian Ministries  
704-924-6700  
Mooresville Christian Mission  
704-664-2357  
Matthew 25 Ministries  
704-546-5859



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of Christmas?  
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come from? Tune in for  
Dr. Michael Patrick Barber's  
Advent reflections called "The  
True Meaning of Christmas" and  
learn the meaning behind your  
favorite Christmas pastimes. To go  
deeper, be sure to get his  
accompanying book,  
"The True Meaning of Christmas",  
available on [Catholic.Market](https://Catholic.Market).

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Learn more at:

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or contact:

Gail Benson, 704-619-2663,

[ECC@sainttherese.net](mailto:ECC@sainttherese.net)

# Advent

## Advent Featured Events at Saint Therese

- **First Friday Adoration:** December 3 (9:30am-7:00pm)
- **Confession opportunities:** on Saturdays, Sundays and by appointment. See bulletin cover.
- **Advent Week of Prayer:** (December 5-11). See Page 9.
- **The Vigil Project in Concert: True Presence Night.** See Page 11. Thursday, December 9 (7:00pm in the church)
- **Our Lady of Guadalupe Celebration:** (Spanish) All are welcome. See Page 6.

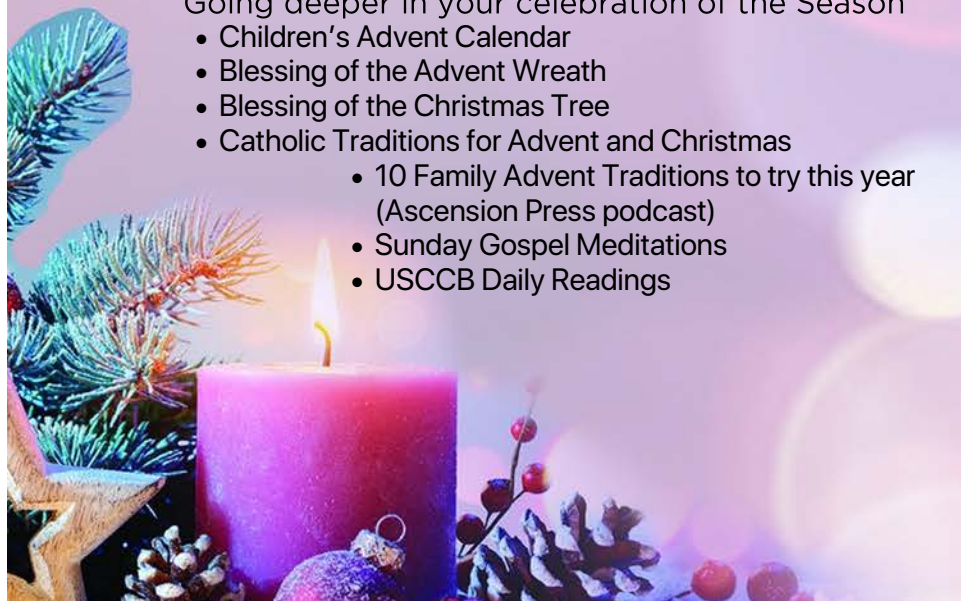
Visit our website at: [sainttherese.net/advent](https://sainttherese.net/advent)  
for more information on the following:

## Advent resources

- **Live the Liturgy - Inspiration for the Week (LPi)**
- **Move Toward the Light** (Matthew Kelly)
- **Advent Season** (Ignatian Spirituality.com)
- **Advent Resources** (Loyola Press)
- **Prayer Journey through Advent and Christmas** (The Vigil Project)
- **Advent Study** (Formed)
- **Free Advent Daily Reflections with Dr. Tim Gray** (Formed)
- **What is the True Meaning of Christmas?** (Formed)

## Going deeper in your celebration of the Season

- Children's Advent Calendar
- Blessing of the Advent Wreath
- Blessing of the Christmas Tree
- Catholic Traditions for Advent and Christmas
  - 10 Family Advent Traditions to try this year (Ascension Press podcast)
  - Sunday Gospel Meditations
  - USCCB Daily Readings







## Advent Week of Prayer Sunday, December 5 to Saturday, December 11 (In person or via Zoom)

We prepare for many things in our lives: birthdays, new jobs, new houses, big changes, exciting events, etc. We prepare because something meaningful is coming, and we want to be able to live it as richly as possible, to welcome the life that is in these events and changes.

Consider joining us this Advent, preparing yourself interiorly for the coming of Christ, for the continual coming of Christ... the coming of love, of hope, of truth.

### What is an Advent Week of Prayer?

It's a week where participants meet with their assigned companions each day for about 30 minutes (in person or on Zoom) to share their thoughts on the scripture reading.

The week begins on **Sunday, December 5**, with a group meeting at **1:15pm** in the Family Room (The week ends on **Saturday, December 11**, with a group meeting at **10:00am** in the Family Room)

For additional information, please contact Betty Bradley, [bubbabradley7@yahoo.com](mailto:bubbabradley7@yahoo.com)

Please register online by Wednesday, December 1, 2021, at: [sainttherese.net/advent-week-of-prayer](http://sainttherese.net/advent-week-of-prayer)

## Ignatian Corner

### Some Thoughts to Survive the Holidays

St. Ignatius points out that we are all loved sinners. During the stresses of this holiday season, let us cultivate a habit of kindness.

Be kind, be gentle, forgive others as our Heavenly Father has forgiven us, repair relationships.

What you "should have done",  
are empty words  
when opportunities are lost.

Spend some time today and this week meditating on these wise words. Write them on an index card and read them during the day!

*"Be kind—for everyone you meet is fighting a hard battle."* Plato

*"No act of kindness, no matter how small, is ever wasted."* Aesop

*"Kindness can become its own motive. We are made kind by being kind."* Eric Hoffer

*Keep me, O God, from pettiness;  
let me be large in thought,  
in word, in deed.*

*Let me be done with faultfinding  
and leave off self-seeking.*

*May I put away all pretense  
and meet others*

*face to face—without prejudice.*

*May I never be hasty in my  
judgement, but generous.*

*Let me take time for all things; make  
me grow calm, serene, gentle.*

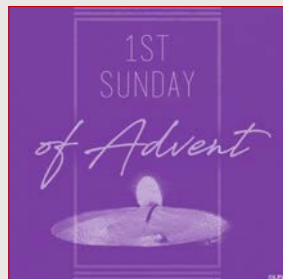
*You did not create me to be  
burned out and exhausted but to be  
an effective person who does  
your bidding.*

*Grant that I may realize that it is the  
little things that create great  
differences.*

*O Lord God, help me to remember  
always to be loving and kind. Amen.*

Dr. Gregory Jantz [aplaceofhope.com](http://aplaceofhope.com)  
(adapted)

Thanks to Marie Kocheck  
for the quotes on kindness.



*We "But when these signs begin to happen, stand erect and raise your heads because your redemption is at hand." (Luke 21:28)*

We celebrate Advent each year in preparation for the birth of Jesus, His first coming, as we await His second coming. What will you do differently this Advent season to grow in friendship and love with Jesus? How will you inspire others to do the same? Start by sharing your God story with others, especially those closer to you. Invite and accompany them on their faith journey this Advent.

## Stewardship of Treasure - Thank you for your generosity

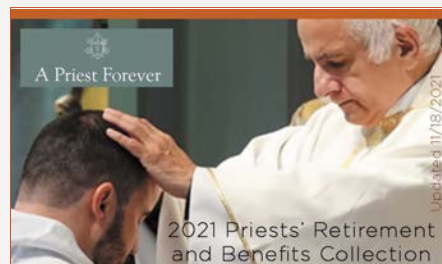
### Tithing in the Catholic Church

Offering money and other goods to God and the Church is, before all else, a statement of gratitude. We see this when we look at how our spiritual ancestors showed their gratitude to God for the gifts they had received (e.g. Genesis 14:18-20 and Genesis 28:16-22). One of the ways they offered thanks to God was through a practice called "tithing," in which 10 percent of a person's goods (crops, livestock, money, etc.) were given back to God.

The Catechism of the Catholic Church teaches us that, *"The faithful also have the duty of providing for the material needs of the Church, each according to [their] own abilities"* (no. 2043). This means that, although we are not bound to practice "tithing" in the traditional sense, we do share a responsibility to share our money or other resources with our parish communities. Like our spiritual ancestors, we give as a sign of our gratitude for the many gifts that God has given to us.

How much we give depends on our individual circumstances, but since we share a responsibility for the programs, outreach, and health of our parish communities and Catholic organizations, this question gives us a wonderful opportunity to ask some important questions about the quality of our giving and what our priorities are. Remember, we are only stewards of our time, talents, and treasures and as the First Letter of Peter reminds us, *"As each one of you has received a gift, use it to serve one another as good stewards of God's varied graces"* (4:10).

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Fr. Mark

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### Lecturas para la próxima semana: 5 de diciembre, 2021

Segundo Domingo de Adviento—Ciclo C

I Lectura	Salmo Responsorial	II Lectura	Evangelio
Baruc 5:1-9	Salmo 126:1-6	Filipenses 1:4-6,8-11	Lucas 3:1-6
Jerusalén verá el esplendor de la gloria de Dios.	Un canto de alabanza a las grandes obras de Dios.	Pablo reza por los filipenses.	Juan predica el arrepentimiento y bautiza en la región del Jordán.

Fuente: Loyola Press

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**MOVING? Please notify the Parish Office!**

#### Communion of the Sick

Please notify the Parish Office if you want communion brought to the home, hospital or nursing home. Hospitals **do not** notify the church that you are there except at your direct request.

#### Anointing of the Sick

Please notify the Parish Office of those who are homebound or in hospitals, or nursing homes, especially when seriously ill.

#### Marriage

According to Diocesan policy, registered couples must begin marriage preparation at least **SIX MONTHS** prior to the desired wedding date. For more information, please contact Fr. Mark Lawlor, Pastor.

#### Registro Parroquial

Invitamos a todas las familias a registrarse. Formulario disponible en la Oficina Parroquial o en nuestra página web. Según la política diocesana, el registro parroquial es necesario para la formación de la fe, todos los sacramentos, ministerios y vales escolares. **¿Se va a mudar?**

**Por favor notificar a la Oficina Parroquial.**

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Por favor notificar a la Oficina Parroquial acerca de las personas confinadas en casa, en hospitales, o asilos de ancianos, especialmente cuando se encuentran seriamente enfermos

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