



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

New office hours starting
January 3, 2022.
See Page 2 for details.
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

The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary, and Joseph

December 26 | 2021

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Retired Deacons: Rev. Mr. John Sims and Rev. Mr. Myles Decker

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 10:00am on Jan 1

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:
January 7

[facebook.com/StThereseCatholicChurchMooresville](https://www.facebook.com/StThereseCatholicChurchMooresville) [youtube.com/c/StThereseCatholicChurchMooresvilleNC](https://www.youtube.com/c/StThereseCatholicChurchMooresvilleNC)

*Good news of great joy!
Christ is born.*





THE FEAST OF THE HOLY FAMILY:

The Sunday following the celebration of Christmas is the Feast of the Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph. The Divine Son of God was born in time and was a member of a family. Through the Incarnation, Jesus became one like us in all ways except for sin. He is

both Savior and Brother. This Feast should inspire us to strive for family life that is rooted in the unconditional love of God. Through the saving waters of baptism, we become members of the Family of God, the Church.

We are all aware that every family will face trials and challenges. Hopefully, with divine assistance, the families of our parish will remain strong and united. There may be storms, but through a life of Faith and the help of sanctifying grace, we will be able to persevere and to grow. The Scriptures teach us. Recall the Fourth Commandment: *"Honor your father and your mother, that you may have a long life in the land which the Lord, your God, is giving you."* [Exodus 20:12] Parents, of course, should follow the model of the Good Shepherd in their care and guidance of their children. From the Letter to the Colossians, the apostle St. Paul provides guidance for community living. The family is referred to as the Domestic Church. The virtues expressed include: compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness, patience and forgiveness [See Colossians 3:12-17]. The apostle encourages the Faithful to bear with one another and to be thankful.

Ideally, the family home should be a place of harmony and unity. It is with sadness that I sometimes learn of bitter divisions within families. A man once told me that he had not spoken with a brother for twenty years. There is hope for reconciliation. Forgiveness is possible. Family love has its origin in God's love. The Spirit of God dwells within us. It is my prayer that God will bless our families on this Feast of the Holy Family.

About thirty years ago, Saint John Paul II wrote an Apostolic Exhortation on the Role of the Christian Family in the Modern World. It is very impressive and timeless. I will conclude this Pastor's Reflection with the closing paragraphs of Saint John Paul's *Familiaris Consortio*:

"I wish to invoke the protection of the Holy Family of Nazareth.

Through God's mysterious design, it was in that family that the Son of God spent long years of a hidden life [...] St. Joseph was «a just man,» a tireless worker, the upright guardian of those entrusted to his care. May he always guard, protect and enlighten families.

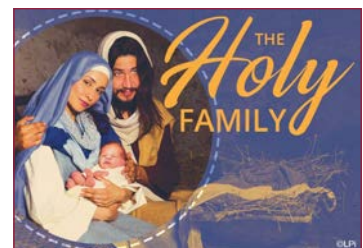
May the Virgin Mary, who is the Mother of the Church, also be the Mother of «the Church of the home.» Thanks to her motherly aid, may each Christian family really become a «little Church» in which the mystery of the Church of Christ is mirrored and given new life. May she, the Handmaid of the Lord, be an example of humble and generous acceptance of the will of God. May she, the Sorrowful Mother at the foot of the Cross, comfort the sufferings and dry the tears of those in distress because of the difficulties of their families.

May Christ the Lord, the Universal King, the King of Families, be present in every Christian home as He was at Cana, bestowing light, joy, serenity and strength. On the solemn day dedicated to His Kingship I beg of Him that every family may generously make its own contribution to the coming of His Kingdom in the world - «a kingdom of truth and life, a kingdom of holiness and grace, a kingdom of justice, love, and peace,» towards which history is journeying.

I entrust each family to Him, to Mary, and to Joseph."

Yours in peace

Fr. Mark



NEW OFFICE HOURS—2022

Starting Monday, January 3, 2022,
our NEW Parish Office hours will be as follows:

Monday to Friday: 8:00am-12:00pm and 12:30pm-4:30pm
(Closed for lunch from 12 Noon-12:30pm)

Saturday: 9:00am – 6:30pm and **Sunday:** 7:30am-5:00pm

Spanish speaking staff available:

Monday-Thursday 10:00am-2:00pm and Sunday 1:00pm-5:00pm

LA FIESTA DE LA SAGRADA FAMILIA:

El domingo siguiente a la celebración de la Navidad es la fiesta de la Sagrada Familia de Jesús, María y José. El divino Hijo de Dios nació en tiempo y era un miembro de una familia. A través de la Encarnación, Jesús se convirtió en uno como nosotros en todos los aspectos excepto en el pecado. Él es nuestro Salvador y hermano. Esta fiesta debe inspirarnos a luchar por la vida familiar que tiene sus raíces en el amor incondicional de Dios. A través de las aguas salvadoras del bautismo, entramos en la Familia de Dios, la Iglesia.

Si bien este año ha sido una de muchas pruebas y desafíos, es de esperar que las familias de nuestra parroquia se hayan mantenido fuertes y unidas. A través de una vida de fe y la ayuda de la gracia santificante, que será capaz de soportar y crecer. Las Escrituras nos enseñan. Recordemos el cuarto mandamiento: "Honra a tu padre ya tu madre, para que tengan una larga vida en la tierra que el Señor, tu Dios, te da" [Éx. 20:12]. Los padres, por supuesto, deben seguir el modelo del Buen Pastor en su cuidado y orientación de sus hijos. De la Carta a los Colosenses, el apóstol San Pablo ofrece los motivos de la vida en comunidad. La familia se conoce como la Iglesia doméstica. Las virtudes expresadas incluyen: la compasión, bondad, humildad, mansedumbre, paciencia y perdón [Ver Col. 3: 12-17]. El apóstol anima a los fieles a llevar entre sí y ser agradecidos. Idealmente, el hogar de una familia debe ser un lugar de armonía y unidad. Es con tristeza que me entero de amargas divisiones dentro de las familias. Una vez un hombre me dijo que no había hablado con un hermano por veinte años. Hay esperanza por la reconciliación. El perdón es posible. El amor en una familia tiene su origen en el amor de Dios. El Espíritu de Dios habita en nosotros. Es mi oración que Dios bendiga a nuestras familias en esta fiesta de la Sagrada Familia.

Hace treinta y dos años, San Juan Pablo II escribió una exhortación apostólica sobre el papel de la familia

cristiana en el mundo moderno. Es muy impresionante y atemporal. Quiero concluir esta reflexión con el último párrafo del *Familiaris Consortio*:

"Ahora, al concluir este mensaje pastoral, que quiere llamar la atención de todos sobre el cometido pesado pero atractivo de la familia cristiana, deseo invocar la protección de la Sagrada Familia de Nazaret. -[...] ¡Qué San José, «hombre justo», trabajador incansable, custodio integérrimo de los tesoros a él confiados, las guarde, proteja e ilumine siempre! ¡Qué la Virgen María, como es Madre de la Iglesia, sea también Madre de la «Iglesia doméstica», y, gracias a su ayuda materna, cada familia cristiana pueda llegar a ser verdaderamente una «pequeña Iglesia», en la que se refleje y reviva el misterio de la Iglesia de Cristo! Sea ella, Esclava del Señor, ejemplo de acogida humilde y generosa de la voluntad de Dios; sea ella, Madre Dolorosa a los pies de la Cruz, la que alivie los sufrimientos y enjugue las lágrimas de cuantos sufren por las dificultades de sus familias. ¡Qué Cristo Señor, Rey del universo, Rey de las familias, esté presente como en Caná, en cada hogar cristiano para dar luz, alegría, serenidad y fortaleza! A Él, en el día solemne dedicado a su Realeza, pido que cada familia sepa dar generosamente su aportación original para la venida de su Reino al mundo, «Reino de verdad y de vida, Reino de santidad y de gracia, Reino de justicia, de amor y de paz» hacia el cual está caminando la historia. A Cristo, a María y a José encomiendo cada familia."

En la Iglesia

Padre Marcos



NUEVAS HORAS DE OFICINA—2022

A partir del lunes, 3 de enero, 2022,
nuestra NUEVAS horas de Oficina Parroquial serán:

Lunes a Viernes: 8:00am-12:00pm y 12:30pm-4:30pm
(Cerrado a la hora de almuerzo, de 12 medio día a 12:30pm)

Sábado: 9:00am – 6:30pm y Domingo: 7:30am-5:00pm

Atención al público en español:

Lunes a Jueves de 10:00am a 2:00pm y Domingo de 1:00pm a 5:00pm

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, December 25 (Christmas Day)

10:00am Ennis Family ♥ Anonymous
 12:00pm Justin & Kourtney Piraino & Fam ♥ Anonymous
 Souls in Purgatory †
 Conversion of Sinners ♥

Sunday, December 26

8:00am Joseph Piraino ♥ Anonymous
 10:00am Rita Clark † Matt & Colleen Fea
 Ray TKachuk † Family
 12:00pm Parishioners of St. Therese ♥
 2:30pm Adela Lopez Martinez † Mauricio Peña
 Maria Itzia Peña Lopez † Mauricio Peña
 5:30pm Van Buren & Rojas López Families ♥ Family

Monday, December 27

9:00am Antonio Melchor † Patricia Melchor
 Thomas Piraino ♥ Anonymous

Tuesday, December 28

9:00am Wyatt Hatcher † Christina Snodgrass
 Enrico & Diane Piraino ♥ Anonymous

Wednesday, December 29

9:00am Lucy Goforth ♥ Jen MacAllister
 Gianni & Angela Piraino ♥ Anonymous

Thursday, December 30

9:00am Philip Piraino † Anonymous
 Fr. Oleru (Sp. Int.) ♥ Anonymous

Friday, December 31 (New Year's Eve)

9:00am Thomas Piraino ♥ Anonymous
 Fr. Melch (Sp. Int.) ♥ Anonymous
 Sideck Yump (Sp. Int.) ♥ Anonymous
 6:00pm St. Therese's priests and deacons Staff

Saturday, January 1, 2022 (New Year's Day)

10:00am
 5:00pm

Sunday, January 2, 2022

8:00am Bob McElwee † Tom & Jean Franzone
 10:00am Mark Meinzer † Michael & Patricia Korpak
 12:00pm Parishioners of St. Therese ♥
 2:30pm
 5:30pm John McCadden † Tom & Barbara Schnaidt

If you would like to request a Mass intention,
 please visit the Parish Office during office hours.
 See Page 2 for new Office Hours starting
 Monday, January 3, 2022.

Extraordinary Masses next weekend:

December 31 = New Year's Eve
 English Mass at 6:00pm

January 1 = Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God
 NOT a Holy Day of Obligation this year
 English Mass at 10:00am

PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS...

Please use the online form on our website to request prayers:
sainttherese.net/prayer-requests

Special intentions for Healing:

Angelita A., Michael A., Maria Ashenbrener, Amanda B., Ramon B., Cheryl Booth, Jonathan Cantrell, Trevor Conklin, Gerardo Cruz, Agustin Cuenca, Tams D., William Dragon, Rebecca E., Joseph Faci, Joanna Ferreira, Logan Fogg, Darril Fosty, 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, Stephen O., Tina Olszewski, Tereza Pelouchova, Raajiv Prasad, Jamey Price, Laetitia Ranneberg, Levi Raymond, John Rocco, Christine Rosenberg, Abigail S., Mary Sue S., Bryan Scharding, Matthew Smith, Tiffany Stewart, Bruce Van Buren, Carolyn Van Buren, Dein VanSickle, , Jack W., Bob Wessmiller, Johnnie Ziats.

Those who are Homebound:

Doyle & Faye Atkins, Gregory Breeckner, Sister Margarita Brewer, Robert Davis, Leela Edwin, Audrey & Don Geyer, Julianne & Scott Jarvis, Jodi Knight, Cinda Landro, Angela Leuci, Charles M., Luiz 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: Eileen Bunnell, Rose Caleagno, Kevin Clancy, Peggy Katich, Rosalee Kereztesi, Jackie Moran, Eleanor Pearson, Judy Richardson, Carolyn Scruggs.

Radbourne 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



**PLEASE NOTE: The list of Prayers for the Military
 will be refreshed at the end of this year
 and begin anew in January 2022.**

Submit names and branch of service for this section at:
sainttherese.net/prayer-requests

Air Force: Nicholas Mazzone

Army: Don Geyer, Nathan-Erick Nance, Capt. Justus T. Neumann

Coast Guard: Daniel Harris

Marines: Ethan Hungarter, John McCue, Patrick McMurray,
 Jesse-Elijah Nance, Joseph Priore, III, Kody Richard-Garrison

Navy: Gabriel Cotter, Katherine Durham, Michael Durham,
 Ben Foster, Mary Hesler Foster, Tim MacCarrick

Veterans: Alex Baker, Kelly Baker, Pasquale Ison

I pray that every family may feel the living presence of the Holy Family of Nazareth in their own home, that they may fill our small domestic communities with sincere and generous love, a source of joy even in trials and difficulties.

#AmorisLaetitia

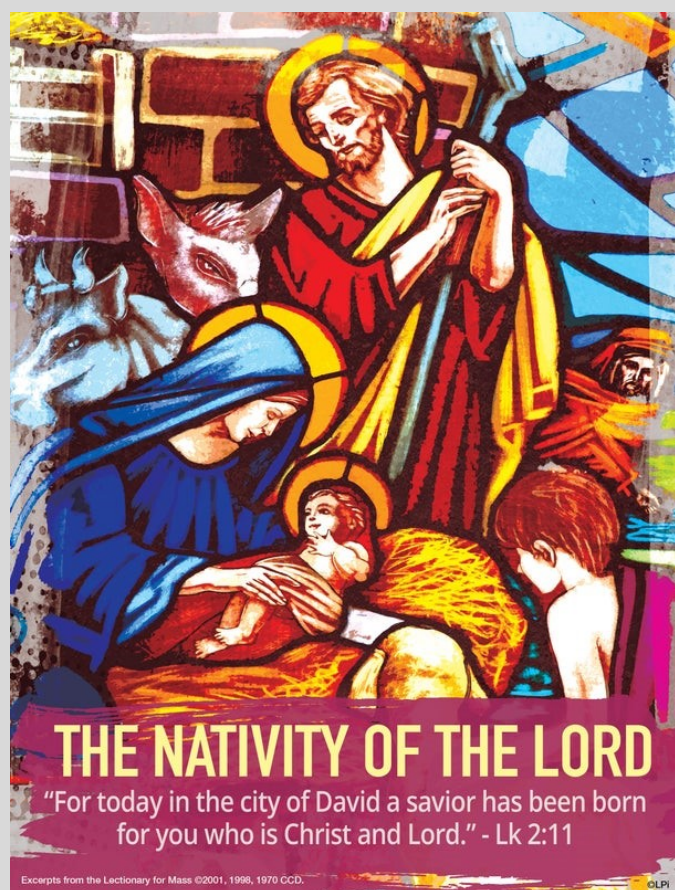
Pope Francis



Rezo para que cada familia sienta la presencia viva de la Sagrada Familia de Nazaret en su propia casa, para que llene nuestras pequeñas comunidades domésticas de amor sincero y generoso, fuente de alegría incluso en las pruebas y dificultades.

#AmorisLaetitia

Papa Francisco



The message of Christmas

"The message of Christmas makes us recognize the darkness of a closed world, and thereby no doubt illustrates a reality that we see daily. Yet it also tells us that God does not allow Himself to be shut out. He finds a space, even if it means entering through a stable; there are people who see his light and pass it on. Through the word of the Gospel, the angel also speaks to us, and in the sacred liturgy the light of the redeemer enters our lives. Whether we are shepherds or 'wise men' the light and its message calls us to set out, to leave the narrow circle of our desires and interests, to go out to meet the Lord and worship him. We worship him by opening the world to truth, to good, to Christ, to the service of those who are marginalized and in whom he awaits us."

— *Benedict XVI, 2007*

Readings for next weekend: January 2, 2022

The Epiphany of the Lord — Cycle C

Reading I	Responsorial Psalm	Reading II	Gospel
Isaiah 60:1-6 Jerusalem shall be a light to all nations.	Psalm 72:1-2,7-8,10-13 Every nation on earth shall worship the Lord.	Ephesians 3:2-3a,5-6 Gentiles are coheirs in the promise of Christ.	Matthew 2:1-12 The Magi seek out Jesus and do him homage.

Source: *Loyola Press*

Come out and play the fastest growing sport in the US! Pickleball returns to St. Therese in January!



Thursdays from 1:00pm to 4:00pm in the Multi-Purpose Room of the Parish Life Center.

Games will be played every Thursday starting January 13 through the end of March.

We will have three courts to host open pickleball doubles games. If you are experienced or this is your first time, come out and play. Nets, paddles and balls will be provided. This is a great way to enjoy some fellowship with friends and meet some new friends!

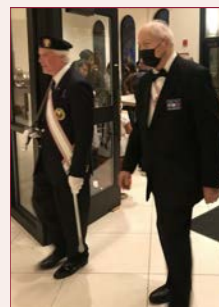
If you have any questions send them to: robiningols@gmail.com

Celebrating Our Lady of Guadalupe, Patroness of the Americas

Thanks to all the volunteers that made possible our celebration to Our Lady of Guadalupe, which took place on Saturday December 11, 2021.

Photos courtesy of Carol Massey and Olga Ferber.

See more photos on our online photo gallery: sainttherese.net/st-therese-photo-galleries



GIVING TREE

Thanks to our generous parishioners, Community Ministries was able to provide **960+ gifts** to brighten Christmas for the following organizations:

Accordius Health, Bright Blessings, Curlin Commons, Fifth Street Ministries, My Sister's House, HOME of Mooresville, as well as **600 gifts to 300 children** at Christian Mission. Also, thank you to all who helped to sort and distribute the gifts!



ENGLISH AS A SECOND LANGUAGE (ESL)

Our ESL classes will start again for the Spring semester on **Tuesday, January 11. (Please notice correct date!)**

Class schedules:

- **Tuesday mornings:** 10:00am to 11:30am (Room 202/203)
- **Tuesday evenings:** 6:00pm to 7:00pm (Room 110)

Students may register in person or online at: sainttherese.net/esl

For more information about the program, contact:

Chantale Murray, chantalemurray@yahoo.com

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 **January 5.**

Items needed are:

- Cereal
- Canned Vegetables 16 oz
- Canned Fruit 16 oz
- Peanut Butter 16 oz
- Jelly 16 oz
- Tortillas
- Mac-n-cheese

Also needed: **toiletries, soap, shampoo, toothpaste, personal products, etc.** for 6 families from Lake Norman High School.

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.

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

Faith Formation (includes RCIC, Confirmation, Catechesis of the Good Shepherd, traditional Faith Formation, Edge and Youth Ministry) will resume classes on the following 2022 dates:

Sunday classes – Sunday, January 9 / Tuesday classes – Tuesday, January 4 / Wednesday classes – Wednesday, January 5

Grandma's Ginger Snaps

Fresh Ink by Kelli Olszewski, Director of Faith Formation

I came across a paper I wrote my freshman year in college for my English class. It was entitled, "My Grandma". As I get older I realize how much she is still a part of my life every day. Whether it is just a sweet childhood memory that passes my mind or sharing stories with my children, she is always present. Sometimes, especially during holidays I wonder what it would be like spending time with her, baking or just visiting. I wonder if she would be proud of me, love my kids as I do, and even share her opinion of the world as it is now.

I know they say you shouldn't put much stock in material things, but I am such a sentimental gal that I value items that were once a loved one's. I have my grandma's Bible, her crucifix, my quilt she sewed for me, my other grandmother's hope chest and fox fur shoulder wrap, and my grandpa's clock that was his parent's and my great grandpa's nightstand. This past Thanksgiving my mom suggested we eat our delicious Thanksgiving meal using my grandma's china. We laughed because the table looked so beautiful we were going to take a picture and sure enough we forgot. When I come across these sentimental items they allow me to stop my busyness and reminiscence.

The other things I treasure as well are my grandma's recipes. I loved her cooking and baking. Only having a couple of recipes, it is savoring the taste recalling the transpired outcome: memories. Though the memories have more

value, they are intensified with the flavors that heightens the palate, sometimes causing a pang of loss even after 40 plus years.

With the Christmas season upon us, my girls and I look forward every year to baking cookies. They make a list of which ones we will make. This year off the list: everything I made last year that was new. On the top of this year's list was ginger snaps. The ginger snaps are my grandma's recipe. My mom always made them when I was growing up and we always sat down to drink some tea with them (they complement one another well). She continued the tradition with my girls.

A few Christmases ago, the girls and I were busy making cookies. Not able to find my grandma's recipe, I used one from one of my recipe books. Mistake. They did not turn out. I could not figure out why. My sister recently texted me and asked me for the recipe. I was getting ready to send her the recipe I used a few years ago.

The next text she sent said, "Mom said only use grandma's recipe. Don't trust anyone else's."

Searching in haste, I still could not find a copy of my grandma's recipe.

My mom, who moved a year ago, lost her recipe books and recipes. She somehow found it on her phone and sent it to my sister and me. I immediately compared it to the previous recipe I used. Whoa, what a difference. My advice: if your grandma's recipe is the real deal, stick with it.

As my Merry Christmas to you, St. Therese family and friends, and those who love ginger snaps, here is my grandma's recipe. This most likely came from a recipe book back in the day, but it is the one that has remained the only option to make for us. Hands down. Oh, don't forget to eat them with a nice hot steaming cup of tea and a friend. Make some memories!

Kelli's Grandma's Ginger Snaps

3/4 cup of shortening	2 cups flour
1 cup sugar (and 1/4 c. in a sm. bowl)	1/2 tsp cloves
1/4 cup molasses	1/2 tsp ginger
1 egg	1 tsp cinnamon
2 tsp baking soda	1/2 tsp salt

Melt the shortening over low heat. Remove from heat and cool. Add sugar, molasses, and egg; beat well. Sift together: flour, soda, cloves, ginger, cinnamon, and salt. Add to the shortening mixture and mix well.

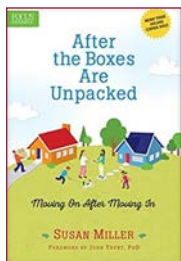
Chill.

Form 1" balls and roll in granulated sugar (1/4 c. in the sm. bowl). Place 2" apart on a greased cookie sheet.

Set oven 375 degrees and bake 8-10 minutes (I do 350). My family prefers a softer cookie so we do our's on the 8 min. side.

JUST MOVED: Newcomers' 10-session class

New to the area? Still feeling new? Please join us!



Beginning Wednesday, February 2, we will offer to all women a 10-week Just Moved – Newcomers' class which will provide encouragement for women going through the transition and adjustment of moving. Based on the book *After the Boxes are Unpacked*, this is an opportunity to meet others, exchange insights, and find the courage to put down roots all over again. **Sessions will meet from 10:00am to noon. Book: \$10.**

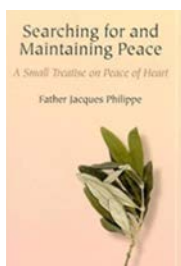
Interested, contact:

Sophia McNiff, 704-519-8178, sophialmcniff@gmail.com

Tracy deRoos, 704-663-3575, tracyderoos@gmail.com

SEARCHING FOR AND MAINTAINING PEACE

4-week study starting Tuesday, January 11 at 7:00pm (Via Zoom)



What must we do to overcome the moments of fear and distress which assail us all too often in our lives? How can we learn to place all our confidence in God and abandon ourselves into His loving care?

All are invited to find peace and inspiration as we explore the path to peace and tranquility through this short 4-week virtual study.

Books can be purchased online at main bookstores.

For more information, contact:

Donna Smith, dsmith18123@gmail.com

Little Way Preschool

Registration for the 2022-23 School Year
Little Way Preschool registration for the 2022-23 school year starts in January:

- January 1-15 – Currently enrolled students and siblings
- January 16-30 – Registered parishioners
- January 31 – Remaining spots open to the public

For more information, please contact the Little Way Preschool Director:
Dayna Auten, 980-444-2305, dauten@sainttherese.net

Job Opening

Little Way Preschool is Seeking a Lead Teacher for Pre-K

This part-time paid position works 27 hours per week and reports to Little Way Preschool Director. Hours are 8:30am to 1:30pm plus two hours per week planning. Includes paid Holy Days, holidays, vacation and sick time.

For qualifications and more information, please visit:

sainttherese.net/st-therese-is-hiring

Ignatian Corner

*We Wish you
a Holiday
filled with
Love and Peace.*

*During this time of
wonder, pray to receive
the grace to be
more aware of
God's movements
in your life!*



*The Ignatian
Spirituality Team*



"See what love the Father has given us, that we should be called children of God; and so we are." (1 JOHN 3:1)

During this season of giving, let us remember a beautiful gift that we have received: being children of God! As God's children, it's in our DNA that we share and express our love for others as well. Tell your spouse, children, other family members, and friends that you love them, every day! Also, pray for those people that are different than you, those that you may not like or those that go out of their way to annoy you. Your prayers may be the start of a new friendship.

Stewardship of Treasure - Thank you for your generosity

STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURE
OFFERTORY RECEIVED AT MASSES, BY MAIL, AND ONLINE
THROUGH November 28, 2021

Collection Date	Actual	Budget	Over/ (Under)
All Saints	\$60	\$2,500	(\$1,524)
November 7	\$26,439	\$20,000	\$6,439
November 14	\$27,784	\$20,000	\$7,784
November 21	\$23,017	\$20,000	\$3,017
November 28	\$46,418	\$20,000	\$26,418
YTD (7/1/21—11/28/21)	\$683,851	\$640,000	\$43,851

Offertory Budget for the year is \$1,800,000
2,972 Registered Families as of 11/30/2021
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Visit retiredreligious.org
to learn how your gift supports
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Total Mass Attendance

November 21, 2021 = 1,860

Saturday
5:00pm
309

Sunday
8:00am
303

Sunday
10:00am
480

Sunday
12:00pm
317

Sunday
2:30pm
204

Sunday
5:30pm
247

Weekly Offertory and Online Giving

Your contributions help to keep the mission of St. Therese thriving during these times. Our parish is dependent upon your weekly financial gifts to continue its ministries in this critical time of crisis.

If you are able to continue to support the needs of your church please consider transitioning to online giving using this link:

sainttherese.net/online-contributions

or mail your weekly offertory donations to the parish at:

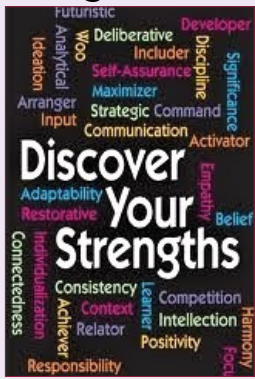
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Help us to continue to Love God, Follow Jesus and Serve All through your generosity of treasure.



Living Your Strengths Workshop

Saturdays, January 22 and January 29, 2022
(9:00am-11:00am in the Family Room)
Register by Saturday, January 8.



You are uniquely created by God and endowed with gifts that are yours alone. Discover your innate talents, and start using them for service, praise and growth.

Many Catholics feel disconnected from the church and as a result, don't participate or attend Mass as much as they would like.

Unfortunately, because too many people don't get to use their God-given talents in the church, they don't feel like part of their faith community.

But when they learn to harness the power of their gifts, they can become more engaged and involved in their parishes.

Embrace Who God Created You to Be!

Living Your Strengths shows you how to identify and affirm your unique talents and how to use them for growth, service and spiritual enrichment.

A *Living Your Strengths* workshop is scheduled for Saturdays, January 22 and 29, 2022. These two-hour sessions will be held in the Family Room from 9:00am to 11:00am each day.

A donation of \$20 is collected to cover the cost of the *Living Your Strengths* book. Please register no later than January 8, 2022.

Registration is required in advance. Each participant needs to have the book at least 2 weeks in advance in order to take the Clifton Strengths Assessment, which is required prior to the workshop.

Interested participants may register online at:

sainttherese.net/living-your-strengths-series

Contact: Jack Hastings, jack.hastings0359@gmail.com

2021 End of Year Gift Appeal



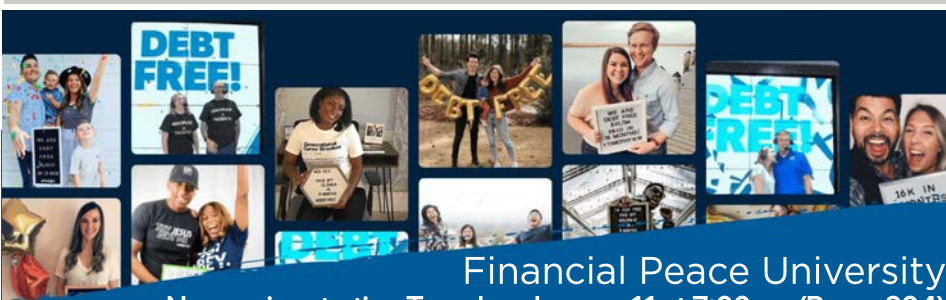
As 2021 comes to a close, let us reflect on the stewardship theme of "God First." This theme has reminded us of the call to live as disciples of Jesus Christ. Putting "God First" changes our way of thinking and being: from an inward focus to an outward focus. With God's life within us, our life becomes a gift to be given away. The three tenants of "God First" involve Prayer, Service and Giving. We have focused on the importance of prayer and having a conversation with God, service by sharing our strengths, talents and skills within the parish and the community, and giving of our wealth, be it our money or our possessions.

The Christmas season is filled with the spirit of giving. How can we increase our giving?

- Consider a year end gift to St. Therese. Our parish uses your monetary gifts to support our mission to Love God, Follow Jesus and Serve All.
- Make a resolution to increase your weekly offertory amount. This increase will support our mission, ministries and services in which others will benefit.

In the end your reward will be great. *"Well done, my good and faithful servant. Since you were faithful in small matters, I will give you great responsibilities. Come, share your master's joy."*
Mt. 25: 23

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EPIFANÍA DEL SEÑOR: 2 DE ENERO, 2022



Acompáñanos a disfrutar de una evangelización con jóvenes y niños el domingo, 2 de enero, para una Fiesta a nuestro Rey Nacido y una presentación en vivo justo después de la Misa de 2:30 pm. La presentación durará unos 15 minutos después de la Misa (en la iglesia) seguida de chocolate caliente y Rosca de Reyes a la salida de la Misa.

CLASES DE INGLÉS GRATUITAS

Un nuevo ciclo de clases de inglés inicia el **martes, 11 de enero, 2022.**

Las clases son gratuitas y ofrecemos horarios en la mañana y en la tarde:

Martes por la mañana: 10:00am - 11:30am (Salón 202/203)

Martes por la tarde: 6:00pm - 7:00pm (Salón 110)

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Chantale Murray, chantalemurray@yahoo.com.

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Lecturas para la próxima semana: 2 de enero, 2022

La Epifanía de nuestro Señor—Ciclo C

I Lectura	Salmo Responsorial	II Lectura	Evangelio
Isaías 60:1-6 Jerusalén será una luz para todas las naciones.	Salmo 72:1-2,7-8,10-113 Todas las naciones de la tierra adorarán al Señor.	Efesios 3:2-3a,5-6 Los gentiles son coherederos de la promesa de Cristo.	Mateo 2,1-12 Los Magos buscan a Jesús y le rinden homenaje.

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.



Welcome to St. Therese Catholic Church!

Thank you for being here with us!

The parishioners of St. Therese welcome our visitors. Please introduce yourselves to your neighbors. Your presence is very important to us, as is your support.

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Registration

Every household is invited to register. Forms are available in the Parish Office or on our website. According to Diocesan policy, parish registration is required for Faith Formation, all Sacraments, ministries, and school vouchers.

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 la Oficina Parroquial.

Comunión de los enfermos

Por favor notificar a la Oficina Parroquial si usted desea la comunión llevada a casa, hospital, o asilo de ancianos. Los hospitales **NO** le notifican a la iglesia que usted está allí, excepto a su petición.

Unción de los enfermos

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

Matrimonios

Según la política diocesana, las parejas registradas deben comenzar la preparación del matrimonio por lo menos seis meses antes de la fecha deseada de la boda. Para más información, contacte al Padre Marcos Lawlor, Párroco.

Parish Office: 704-664-3992 Fax: 704-660-6321

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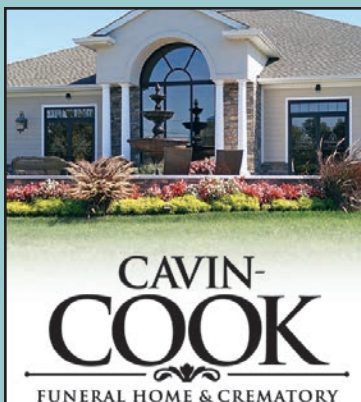


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