



**St. Therese
Catholic
Church**

Dear Saint Therese,
the Church needs to radiate
the brightness, the fragrance
and the joy of the
Gospel. Send us your
roses! Help us to be, like
yourself, ever confident in
God's immense love for us, so
that we may imitate each day your "little
way" of holiness. Amen.



The Divine Liturgy

Sunday Obligation

Saturday: 5:00pm
Sunday: 8:30am
11:00am
1:30pm (Spanish)
5:00pm (Spanish)

Weekday Masses

Monday, NO MASS
Tuesday, 12:10pm
Wednesday, 8:30am
Thursday, 12:10pm
Friday, 12:10pm
First Saturday, 9:00am

Holy Days

check bulletin or website

Adoration of the

Blessed Sacrament & Benediction

Thursday, 7:00pm
First Friday, 12:45pm and 7:00pm
Sacrament of Reconciliation
Saturdays: 4:00pm — 4:45pm
Thursdays: 7:00pm — 8:00pm

Parish Office

Hours: 9:00am — 2:45pm
Monday — Friday

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New Parishioners

Welcome to our parish. We invite you to register, as soon as possible. Registration forms are available in the office during office hours, in the Tower Room or on our parish website. Though a rather simple act, registration allows the parish to know how many families live in the parish. It also provides an official record of your membership and is essential for sacramental preparations and sponsorship certification.

Sacrament of Baptism

Parents must be registered members of the Parish and in full communion with the Roman Catholic Church. Participation in the Pre-Baptismal Program is required. Parents must register by calling the parish office.

Sacrament of Matrimony

Arrangements must be made with the Pastor at least six months in advance. Participation in Marriage Preparation Workshop is required.

Sacrament of Anointing

The sacrament is celebrated upon request prior to surgery or at the time of illness. Please notify the Parish office of the illness or hospitalization of a parishioner.

**For emergencies,
please see next page.**

DECEMBER 1, 2024 -FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT



**WELCOME ALL GUESTS TO
ST. THERESE CHURCH.
WE ARE GLAD YOU HAVE
JOINED US TODAY AND
HOPE TO SEE YOU AGAIN.**

Order of Mass #6 - Readings of the Day #696

Prelude:	<i>Wir Glauben in einen Gott</i>	Bach
Processional:	<i>O come, O come, Emmanuel</i>	444
Kyrie		232
Gloria		369
Responsorial Psalm:	<i>To you O Lord I lift my soul, to you I lift my soul.</i>	1092
Gospel Acclamation		375
Preparation of the Gifts:	<i>Comfort, Comfort, O My People</i>	466
Sanctus		349
Memorial Acclamation:	<i>Save us, Savior of the world, for by your Cross and Resurrection you have set us free.</i>	309
Final Doxology		418
Lamb of God		356
Communion:	<i>Savior of Nations, Come</i>	459
	<i>choir: Creator of the Stars of Night</i>	458
Recessional:	<i>The King Shall Come When Morning Dawns</i>	450
Postlude:	<i>March in D</i>	Purcell



Mass Schedule

There will be **NO** daily Mass on
Thursday, December 5.



First Friday
This Friday,
December 6
is the First
Friday of the
Month. We
will have
Adoration of
the Blessed Sacrament in the
Church after the 12:10pm
Mass with Benediction at
1pm.
**We will also have
Adoration at 7pm.**



Praying the Rosary:

The Knights of
Columbus will be
leading the Rosary
twenty-five minutes
before all Masses NEXT weekend for
the continued blessings of our parish.
Please make an effort to participate.
Leaders of the rosary are as follows:
5pm December 7 - Jack Schimick
8:30am December 8 - Tom Boylan
11pm December 8 - Al Germann



ANOINTING OF THE SICK PRIEST VISIT NON- EMERGENCY

Non-emergency priest visits to the home or hospital should be requested by calling the office during regular office hours. Requests for non-emergency anointings may also be made at the church at anytime. Requests for homebound or nursing home visits on a regular basis, temporary or long-term, are set up through the church office.

FOR EMERGENCY ONLY PRIEST VISIT

When someone is under the threat of death, please call the office at **252-237-3019**. If it is after office hours or on a weekend, press **option 9**. Please be sure to leave a clear message with your name and phone number. For additional assistance you may call Deacon Michel at 252-230-4668.

ASSISTED LISTENING DEVICES

Listening devices are available for those who need hearing assistance during Mass. You may pick one up in the sacristy before Mass. Please return it to the sacristy after Mass.

PLEASE DO NOT WRAP THE WIRE AROUND THE RECEIVER!!!!

**If there is a problem with
the unit, please let
Yvonne, our sacristan,
know what the problem
is.**

SPECIAL NEEDS

If you have any special needs regarding the reception of the Holy Eucharist, such as being physically unable to approach the Altar, please tell the Usher.

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parishioners:

Mary Alsager	Mitch Piasecki
Dorothy Calamito	Mary Stanton
Sandra Cary	Natallie White
Tom Christenberry	

family and friends:

Ricky Barbour	Alice McLaughlin
Trang Basel	Michelle Murphey
Shaun Breen	James Myers
Jordan Corbett	Peggy Parker
Jeanette Diegelman	Jim Rangitch
Tommy Gibson	Kenny Rayfield
Joan Greene	Cindy Rogger
Donna Heary	Pam Russell
Lisa Howell	Sitay Salesa
Daryl Jones	Michael Thomas
Edward T Kettner	Terry Tornatore
Roz Kettner	Xiomara
Georgianna Lavalley	Vega-Fernandez
Max Long	Anna Wheeler
Tom May	

* indicates names were added this week
Names for the prayer list must be at the request of, or approved by a family member.

They will remain on the prayer list for a period of **one month**.

If you would like to have a name added, removed or retained, please call the parish office.



ALTAR FLOWERS

If you would like to sponsor the flowers in honor or memory of someone, please call Tery in the church office.



11/30	<u>Saturday</u>	9:00 am	NO MASS
		5:00 pm	✠ Anna Szamatowicz
12/1	<u>Sunday</u>	8:30 am	✠ Robert & Marie Spengler
		11:00 am	People of the Parish
		1:30 pm	Mass in Spanish
		5:00 pm	Mass in Spanish
12/2	<u>Monday</u>		No Mass
12/3	<u>Tuesday</u>	12:10 pm	✠ Joseph Farris
			✠ Paul Ryczak
			✠ Joe George
12/4	<u>Wednesday</u>	8:30 am	♥ Gail Graham
			✠ Phyllis Haakinson
			✠ Maria Luz Contreras Nava
12/5	<u>Thursday</u>	12:10 pm	NO MASS
12/6	<u>Friday</u>	12:10 pm	♥ Anthony T Matrejek
			♥ Mary Murr
			♥ Shiela Clark
12/7	<u>Saturday</u>	9:00 am	NO MASS
		5:00 pm	✠ John Foster Hutchinson
12/8	<u>Sunday</u>	8:30 am	✠ Dennis Breen
		11:00 am	People of the Parish
		1:30 pm	Mass in Spanish
		5:00 pm	Mass in Spanish



Pray for those serving

In Iraq: *Specialist Jared Schow*

In New Mexico: *Airman Kemari Joelle Jones*

In Japan: *Jasmin Piedra*

In US: *James Stead*

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Children's Hunger Elimination of Wilson (CHEW)

CHEW distributes weekend meals to chronically hungry students in Wilson County. The food is purchased with donations. The real strength of CHEW is the many volunteers that give of their time and energy to staff the distribution centers and pack the food items. **Our next pack day will be Monday, December 2 at 10:30am in the school.** If you would like to help, please contact the Church office.



Knights of Columbus

Our next meeting is
**Tuesday, December 10 at 7pm
in the Knights Room
in the school building.**

We are inviting all Catholic men to join our council. The Knights are a fraternal organization of Catholic men who help to serve our priests, parish and our community. Contact: Matt Komara, 440-668-3574.

Knight News: Welcome to our newest 3rd Degree Knights, Anthony Valovic and Charles Nicklaus!



St. Therese Women's Group

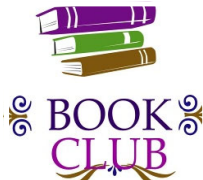
Our group is open to all women of the Parish. There are no dues.
Our next meeting will be
**Tuesday, December 10
at 6:30pm in the church**.**

****We will be having a special Advent Program.**

ALL WOMEN ARE INVITED!

Questions? Contact: Colleen Coda, 252-908-4881
or Carol Wike 252-419-0117.

If you would like to receive the Women's Group Updates, please e-mail Colleen at cmfenloncoda@gmail.com.



Book Club aka God Seekers

We will meet again on **December 11 at noon in the school building.**

We meet for about an hour and a half and would love to have you join us. We will be discussing *33 days to Eucharistic Glory* by Matthew Kelly. **In January and February**, we will discuss *Chance or the Dance* by Thomas Howard (This book will be discussed on Formed in 4 episodes)

Contact Joan Satterly, 291-0523, if you have any questions.



PRIME-TIMERS

Attention parishioners ages 50 and over: Join us for lunch **on Wednesday, December 11 at 11:30am at Something Different, 3342 Airport Blvd.**

Please RSVP to Susan Ewan at 237-8722 by **Monday, December 9.**



Parish Advisory Council

Our next meeting will be on **Tuesday, December 17 at 7pm** in the Carmelite house.



Anyone want to play BUNCO!

Bunco is a dice game that is easy to play, **no experience is needed** and is a great time to socialize. **We will NOT meet in December. Put Tuesday, January 21 on your calendar and join us from 1pm to 3pm in the school, first classroom on the right.** Any questions? Please call the church office.



Kneady Gals

Our next bake day is to be determined in the school kitchen.

If you care to join us, all you need is a desire to knead & some basic supplies (a bowl, measuring cups & spoons, rolling pin, etc). No experience is necessary and we welcome all who like to socialize and meet new people.

For more information, call Pat McCollum at 617-449-8798.



Moms Group

This group is open to all moms of the parish. All ages and stages, including expectant moms are welcomed. Come meet Catholic

moms, get the kids together, and have fun! Text Josie at (509) 499-0364 for the next get together.



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

Monday, December 9 is a Holyday of Obligation.

Masses will be celebrated
in English at 12:10pm and 6:00pm
and in Spanish at 7:30pm.

Please note: According to the Dicastery (a department of the Roman Curia in charge of the religious discipline of the Catholic Church located in Rome), in a letter to the USCCB (US Conference of Catholic Bishops), on

the matter of observing holy days of obligation that fall on a Sunday and are **transferred** to a Saturday or a Monday, they stated that the day must be observed as a day of obligation on the day to which it is transferred.

Therefore, this year, when the Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception, which falls on a Sunday, is transferred to **Monday, December 9**, it **must** be celebrated and observed as a holy day of **obligation**.



**LITTLE BLUE
BOOKS FOR
ADVENT**

The Little Blue Advent Book is available in the Tower Room for free. The Little Blue Book has interesting

facts about our faith and a reflection on the day's Gospel reading. Please take one per family to use during Advent in preparation for Our Lord's birth.



**KNIGHTS OF
COLUMBUS
ANNUAL
CHRISTMAS CARD
SALE**



The Knights of Columbus Christmas card sale has begun. They will have cards in English and Spanish. They will also be selling yard signs, magnets and ornaments. Sales will continue each weekend in the vestibule after all Masses.

For more information, contact Jack Schimick 252-243-0493.

Let's all do our part to keep **Christ** in Christmas.



Angel Tree

The St. Therese Angel Tree will help support

Choices Women's Center this year. The gifts on the tree will address the needs of

young mothers and their babies. Choices Women's Center has offered new baby items to mothers who are struggling financially. It has now expanded their boutique to include basic toiletry items for mothers too. Tags will be available on the Angel Tree, located in the vestibule of the church, from November 27 until December 18. Items do not need to be wrapped, however gift bags (like Marshall's shopping bags) are welcome. Please place them in the cradle next to the tree.

Choices Women's Center beliefs align to those of our Catholic faith - life must be protected with the utmost care from the moment of conception (CCC 2271). We ask that you not only be generous financially to this mission, but support these mothers and their children spiritually through prayer.

If you have any questions regarding this gift drive, you can contact Tynishae Woodard at (252) 237-6833.



Faith Formation

FAITH FORMATION VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!

We are in need of more catechists and catechists assistants due to some recent schedule conflicts

and changes.

If you are interested, please e-mail Barbara Cornman, Faith Formation Coordinator at stfaithform@sttheresewilson.com.
THANK YOU!



YOUTH GROUP

All High School students are invited every Sunday evening from 7:15—8:45pm in the school gym for

some fun, music, praise and learning.

Contact Director of Youth Ministry, Roge Guerra at 252-559-0369 for more information.



Does someone you know have questions about our Catholic faith?

Please tell them about RCIA at St. Therese and ask them to call Anne Bach (234-6227) or the Church office (237-3019) if they are interested in the classes.

Burial Plots for Sale

A parishioner is selling 2 burial plots at Evergreen Memorial Gardens, on Nash Street. If you are interested, please contact Ann Christenberry, 252-243-6298.

BAPTISM R E P A R A T I O N



Baptism Preparation Class

Our baptism preparation class, for baptisms that will be celebrated in English, is usually held the second Sunday of each month from 12:30pm-1:30pm.

Our next class is January 12.

Pre-registration at least a week in advance is required. Please call the Church office to register. This class is required for all parents who will have their child baptized at St. Therese. We will not schedule a baptism until the parents have attended the class. Any parishioner that will be a godparent at St. Therese or in another parish may also attend.

Baptisms in English will take place after the 11am Mass one Sunday a month.

PLEASE NOTE: Godparent forms need to be signed IN THE PRESENCE OF A CATHOLIC PRIEST.



Rosary Beads Donations Needed

The Knights of Columbus are collecting rosary beads for use in the Faith Formation classrooms.

If you have any spare rosary beads you can donate, please put them in the donation basket in the Tower Room.

St. Therese Catholic Church Women's Morning Reflection

Saturday,
March 1, 2025
8:30am—1pm

All Women are invited to join us as we discover

Elizabeth Ann Seton
First American Canonized Saint.





Dessert Donation Request

The annual Christmas luncheon for the male inmates at Nash Correctional Institution will be held on Wednesday afternoon, December 11. The Institution would welcome desserts (homemade or store bought) such as cookies, brownies, date squares, cakes, etc. Desserts need not be individually wrapped but must be on non-returnable paper plates or in cardboard boxes. Please no items that need to be refrigerated. Deacon Michel will collect baked goods at the Church from 5pm to 5:30pm on Tuesday December 10 and on Wednesday morning, December 11, from 8am to 9am.

Thank you in advance for your help.



PARISH COMMUNICATION

Our parish is using the remind app/program. This program is a great tool to communicate quickly and efficiently any changes in schedules along with gentle reminders of activities going on in our church.

To receive e-mails:

send blank e-mail to

stccinfo2@mail.remind.com

To receive texts:

text @stccinfo2 to
number 81010



TOWER ROOM
PLEASE! PLEASE! PLEASE!
DO NOT DROP OFF
ANYTHING IN THE
TOWER ROOM UNLESS
SPECIFICALLY REQUESTED
OR PRE-APPROVED

BY FATHER FERNANDO.

**ALSO DO NOT MOVE ANYTHING AROUND
IN THE VESTIBULE
UNLESS APPROVED BY THE CHURCH OFFICE.**



**The 17th ANNUAL
ST. NICHOLAS
EUROPEAN
CHRISTMAS MARKET**
**Friday, December 13 -
5pm to 9pm and
Saturday, December 14
- 10am to 5pm**

at the NC STATE FAIRGROUNDS
KERR SCOTT BUILDING.

Plenty of FREE Parking and FREE Admission.

Donations gratefully accepted.

All proceeds benefit "Building our Future" to expand
our church building of Sts. Cyril and Methodius
Byzantine Catholic Church in Cary.

We are on Facebook: [https://www.facebook.com/
SaintNicholasMarket/](https://www.facebook.com/SaintNicholasMarket/) and on our website at [https://
saintnicholasmarketnc.com](https://saintnicholasmarketnc.com)

Don't Miss the
DEADLINE!

Bulletin DEADLINES

PLEASE MAKE NOTE OF THE
FOLLOWING BULLETIN
DEADLINES:

► NOTE EARLY
DEADLINES:

Wednesday, Dec 4 for Sunday, Dec 15

Friday, Dec 6 for Sunday, Dec 22

Tuesday, Dec 10 for Sunday, Dec 29

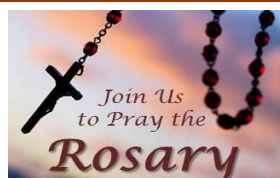
All announcements need to be in writing or
e-mailed and in the parish office by 2pm.
NO EXCEPTIONS!

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Cornerstone Charismatic Prayer Group

For where 2 or 3 are gathered in my name,
there am I in their midst — Mt 18:20
Let us come together to pray and praise the
Lord. (Bring your Bible.) **We meet at
10:15am every Monday morning in the Carmelite house.**
Contact: Eileen Campbell, 243-4327.



Rosary

Join us every **Monday at 12:10pm
in the Chapel** to pray the rosary.

The Rosary is the most powerful
weapon to touch the heart of Jesus,
Our redeemer, who loves His
Mother and all of us. May we be given the grace to heed
Padre Pio's admonition: "Love Our Lady, make others love
her. Always say your Rosary and say it well."

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Altar Server Recognition

The next altar server
recognition drawing will be at
the end of December. Every
time someone serves, their
name is entered into a drawing

for a \$50 gift card. The gifts have been generously
donated by groups and/or individual parishioners.

Servers recognized so far have been Jaden Fuentes,
Lydia Simons, Josh Miller, Mia Salazar, Gabriella
Brys-Wilson, Sylar Lamm, Alexis Rodriquez and
Lucas Grodner. We are so appreciative of their
service.

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Homebound/ Sick Ministry

If you know of
someone that is
homebound; in assisted
living; or is recovering
from a recent surgery; and would like a
visit, please contact the Church office.



Looking for Cantors

Cantors are needed
for Saturday and
Sunday morning
masses. Please
contact Choir Master
Dexter Ruffin for
further inquiry at

scarlatti83187@hotmail.com.



Liturgical Ministers NEEDED

**Altar Servers,
Readers,**

**Ushers, and Extraordinary Ministers are
ALL NEEDED** to assist at all weekend
Masses, holy days and special Masses.

Please contact Joan Satterly at
satshak@aol.com, if you are interested.

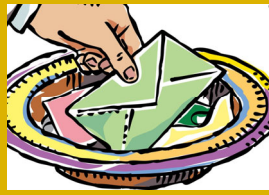
**December
7/8
Second
Sunday
of Advent**

**(YEAR C
old p. 1034/
new p. 1039)**

	<u>Sat—5:00pm</u>	<u>Sun—8:30am</u>	<u>Sun—11:00am</u>
Reader.....	Al Germann	Jack Miller	Maureen Hooper
ExtraordinaryMinisters.....	Barbra Matrejek Beth Rhyne	Kelly Goeckner Tery Petrella	Clifford Miller Romero Salazar
Ushers.....	Mike Radford Marle Fuentes	Luisa Breen Harshala Pinto	Tim Winks Vernon Ewan
Altar Servers.....	Jaden Fuentes	Sylar Lamm Gabriel Douglas	Mia & Miguel Salazar
Linens.....	Lilian Cruz		
Counters (12/9) Monday.....	Diane Kriesel, Dennis Beichner & Jack Schimick		

Weekly Offertory

November 23/24



Weekly Offertory **Last Year:** \$6,101.00
This Year: \$7,777.00

Budget for October: \$42,252.00
Actuals for October: \$36,239.00

Year-to-Date Budget: \$175,821.00
Year-to-Date Actual: \$166,969.00
(July 1—Oct 31)

ESTIMATED Priest Retirement Assessment

for Fiscal Year 2024-2025: \$30,611.48
Received 2024-2025: \$7,843.00

Offertory Envelopes sent: 266

Envelopes received: 97

Thank you for your continued support!

Please remember St. Therese Church in your will.



NEW WAY TO DONATE

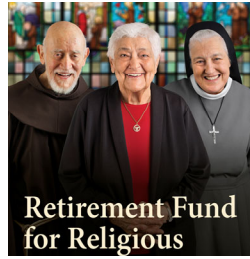
Any parishioners who patronize **Kountry Kitchen, 618 Ward Blvd** are kindly asked to save their receipts and deposit them in the marked **slot** in the Tower room. They will donate a percentage of the receipt total to the Parish.



Columbarium

Two columbarium units are located on the church grounds. Please contact Jack Schimick, 252-243-0493, or the church office for any information regarding the purchase of a niche. Each niche holds two urns. The urns and engraving are included.

IMPORTANT NOTICE:
Effective January 1, 2025,
the cost for a niche in the columbarium
will increase to \$4,000.



Retirement Fund for Religious

This weekend's Special Collection Religious Retirement

Support those who have given a lifetime. Women & men religious have dedicated their lives to service—praying, teaching, & caring for those in need—usually for little to no pay. Today, their religious communities do not have enough retirement savings. Your donation provides for the essential care, medicine, and daily needs of thousands of senior women and men religious. Please give generously.



Second Collection

NEXT weekend's second collection is for the **Church maintenance fund**. Thank you in advance for your generosity.



Online Giving

Credit cards are accepted!!

You can set up recurring donations or just one-time donations. You may use the QR code or go to: <https://sttheresewilson.weshareonline.org/index.aspx>

There is an option for all the annual special collections and also an option for Holydays/holidays. Just scroll down to "events" on the main page.

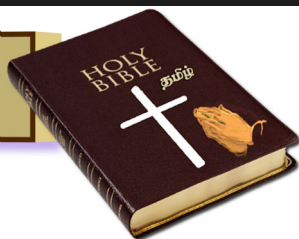
HURRICANE HELENE RELIEF AID

Ways to help western North Carolina in the aftermath of Hurricane Helene:

- PRAY for all affected!
- Donate online with Catholic Charities using the QR code or visiting: www.catholiccharitiesusa.org



READINGS
OF THE DAY



**December 1, Sunday,
First Sunday of Advent**

Jer 33:14-16 / Ps 25:4-5, 8-10, 14 /
1 Thes 3:12-4:2-8 / Lk 21:25-28, 34-36

**December 2, Monday of the First Week of
Advent**

Is 2:1-5 / Ps 122:1-9 / Mt 8:5-11

**December 3, Tuesday, Memorial of
St Francis Xavier**

Is 11:1-10 / Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 12-13, 17 / Lk 10:21-24

**December 4, Wednesday, Memorial of John of
Damascus**

Is 25:6-10 / Ps 23:1-6 / Mt 15:29-37

**December 5, Thursday of the First Week of
Advent**

Is 26:1-6 / Ps 118:1, 8-9, 19-21, 25-27 /
Mt 7:21, 24-27

December 6, Friday, Memorial of St Nicholas

Is 29:17-24 / Ps 27:1, 4, 13-14 / Mt 9:27-31

**December 7, Saturday, Memorial of
St Ambrose**

Is 30:19-21, 23-26 / Ps 147:1-6 /
Mt 9:35-10:1, 5, 6-8

December 8, Second Sunday of Advent

Bar 5:1-9 / Ps 126:1-6 / Phil 1:4-6, 8-11 / Lk 3:1-6



First Saturdays by IBT

Ignited By Truth is organizing First Saturday events each month. A **Rosary** and also the **Divine Mercy Chaplet** will be prayed. Marian hymns will also be sung. Please join in reverent and peaceful prayer and singing. Events will be held outside.

Please dress weather-appropriate. For more information, visit IgnitedByTruth.org. The next time and place is:

December 7— after the 7am Mass

St Michael the Archangel, 804 High House Rd, Cary



SAINTS
OF THE DAY



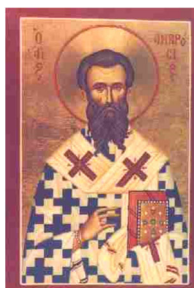
Dec 3 Francis Xavier
Died in 1552 at age 46 on an island off the coast of China; one of the founding Jesuits; preached in India, Sri Lanka, Malaysia and Japan; patron of foreign missions.



Dec 4 John of Damascus
Died in 749; last of the Greek Fathers; priest; doctor of the Church; first of the East to formulate a comprehensive synthesis of Christian dogma; defended the veneration of icons; composed hymns and preached many homilies in honor of the Blessed Virgin Mary, especially her assumption.



Dec 6 Nicholas Died in the 4th century; bishop of Myra in Asia Minor; model pastor noted for charity; popularized as Santa Claus (anglicized from Dutch "Sinter Claus"); patron of children.



bankers, pawnbrokers, sailors, perfumers, brides, unmarried women, travelers, fishermen, dock workers, brewers, poets and prisoners; also of Russia, Greece, Sicily, Lorraine and Apulia in Italy.

Dec 7 Ambrose Died in 397; born of noble parents; classically educated; while a catechumen, chosen by popular acclaim as bishop of Milan; compelling preacher; defender of orthodoxy against Arianism; composed several liturgical hymns; baptized St. Augustine; declared one of the four great doctors of the Latin Church.



Dec 8 Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary (was

transferred from the 8th to the 9th just for this year); originated in the 7th century as the feast of the "Conception of Mary by St. Anne".



COME TO ADORATION

“Come to me, all you who are weary and burdened, and I will give you rest.” - Mt 11:28
“Let us take time, in the course of the week, in passing, to go in and spend a moment with The Lord who is near.”

— Pope Benedict XVI

ADVENT ADORATION

Advent is a time of anticipation and preparation for the celebration of the birth of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ.

This Advent, St. Therese parishioners will have a special opportunity to spend extended time with our Lord in **Adoration every Wednesday (December 4, 11 and 18) starting after the 8:30am Mass until 9:30pm. Benediction will follow at the end of the day.** Sign-up sheets will be in the vestibule. It is important that our Lord not be left unattended.

Families are encouraged to participate in this beautiful prayer time. Here are a few things you can do to help prepare your family for Adoration;

- 1) Talk about Adoration. Have some conversations with them about the Eucharist. Remind them that it's really Jesus and that he loves it when we spend time with him.
- 2) Practice with them the behavior you expect. You want to be careful not to present Adoration as a task to be accomplished, but as time spent with Jesus.
- 3) Another thing you can do to prepare, especially with much younger children, is to help them write a letter to Jesus before you go. Ask them what they want to tell Jesus, if they have any particular things to give thanks for or to pray for, and help them write it out. Then they have something tangible to bring to the prayer, and that often helps build the foundation of a personal relationship with Christ. They can draw pictures for Jesus too, especially if they are non-writers. All of this helps a young child frame what we're "doing" in adoration. We're having a conversation with God.
- 4) Finally, after each time you go to adoration, try to ask questions that are focused on the real purpose of being there. Usually, we as parents are tempted to jump right to behavior, "Hey, you were really quiet. Great job!" Be careful with that. It's good to give positive reinforcement to behaviors we want to see more of, but we don't want to make it about the behavior. For example, one way to reinforce being quiet while keeping the focus on the relationship with Christ would be to say, "I noticed you were very quiet. Did you hear Jesus say anything to you?"

**Come to Advent Adoration, Thursday Adoration
or First Friday Adoration.
He is waiting for You!! Come!**



WORLD-WIDE MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER (WWME)

“Beware that your hearts do not become drowsy from carousing and drunkenness and the anxieties of daily life, and that day catch you by surprise like a trap.” Start your Advent Season right by

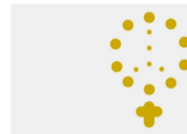
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The next WWME weekends:

March 21-23 in Emerald Isle

or **May 2-4 in Hickory.**

For more information contact us at 704-315-2144
or applications@NCMarriageDiscovery.org



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Peace starts here

Project Rachel Support Group

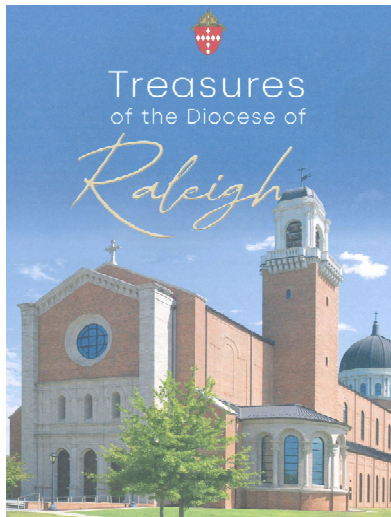
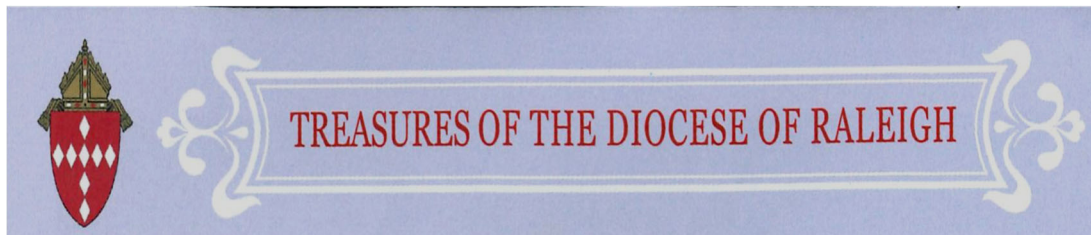
Abortion is experienced by millions of women, many of whom are Catholic. The Project Rachel ministry assists women and men who have been wounded by abortion to find healing and peace. There is a **support group in the Triangle area.** If you have experienced an abortion and would like (confidential) information about the support group, contact Project Rachel at project.rachel@raldioc.org, or (919) 852-1021 or go to the website: <https://rachelnc.org>. Calls and appointments are kept strictly confidential.



Courage / Encourage

Courage is a Roman Catholic apostolate which ministers to persons, both men and women, who experience same-sex attractions and desire support to live the Catholic Church's teaching on chastity. The local chapter of Courage in the Diocese of Raleigh can be reached confidentially at 984-900 or courage@courageenc.org.

EnCourage is a related program for the loved ones – parents, siblings, spouses, or children – of persons who experience and act on same-sex attractions. These chapters meet separately from Courage chapters. The local chapter of EnCourage meets monthly and can be reached at encourage@courageenc.org, or 984-900-3212.



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WINNERS WILL BE DRAWN ON DECEMBER 12, 2024





Knights of Columbus

Bishop Eugene McGuinness Council 4660
Wilson, North Carolina 27893



Please Remember Us This Christmas Season!

The Knights of Columbus, Bishop McGuinness Council 4660, annual "Care and Share" food drive is underway. The Council collects and distributes food to area residents who are less fortunate than others within the Wilson County community. In past years, we have donated food baskets to many families who unfortunately, have minimal means to make ends meet. This year the council will distributing a gift card to the families so they can purchase the food they need or have the food delivered to them by place they made the food purchase from. The Council turns to you, the St. Therese Parish family, to help support the Knights of Columbus "Care and Share" program, and through your generosity we will help those less fortunate during this coming Holiday Season. We will be mailing the gift cards to the families on December 14, 2024.

We really need your monetary donations. There is always more need than we have the resources to fulfill. We don't like turning people away but without adequate funds we could be forced to do so. This year as always, the need is great. Please give what you can. No donation is too small. Please make your check out to the "Knights of Columbus Council 4660", and put your check or cash donation in the "Care and Share" collection box located in the Tower Room during a weekend Mass or mail to Care and Share, David Trukawinski, 4013 Huntsmoor Ln 27896.

Also, if any of you know of a family in need, please notify the church office 252-237-3019, and we will attempt to include them in the distribution if the resources are adequate. Thank you so much and may God Bless you and your family for your support.

¡Recuérdenos esta temporada navideña!

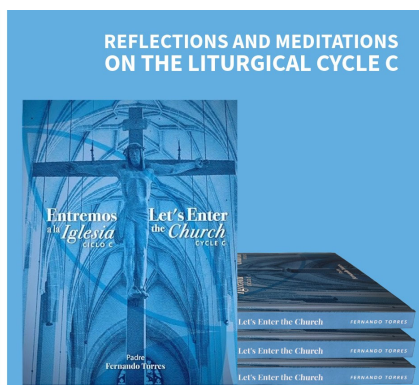
Los Caballeros de Colón, Consejo Bishop McGuinness 4660, la colecta anual de alimentos "Care and Share" está en marcha. El Consejo recolecta y distribuye alimentos a los residentes del área que son menos afortunados que otros dentro de la comunidad del condado de Wilson. En los últimos años, hemos donado canastas de alimentos a muchas familias que, lamentablemente, tienen medios mínimos para llegar a fin de mes. Este año, el consejo distribuirá una tarjeta de regalo a las familias para que puedan comprar los alimentos que necesitan o recibir los alimentos. El Consejo recurre a ustedes, la familia de la Parroquia de St. Therese, para que ayuden a apoyar el programa "Cuidar y Compartir" de Caballeros de Colón y, a través de su generosidad, ayudaremos a los menos afortunados durante la próxima temporada festiva. Estaremos haciendo la distribución a las familias el 1 de diciembre de 2024.

Realmente necesitamos sus donaciones monetarias. Siempre hay más necesidades de las que tenemos los recursos para satisfacer. No nos gusta rechazar a la gente, pero sin los fondos adecuados podríamos vernos obligados a hacerlo. Este año como siempre la necesidad es grande. Por favor, da lo que puedas. Ninguna donación es demasiado pequeña. Haga su cheque a nombre del "Consejo de Caballeros de Colón 4660" y coloque su cheque o donación en efectivo en la caja de recolección "Care and Share" ubicada en el Tower Room durante una misa de fin de semana o envíela por correo a Care and Share, David Trukawinski, 4013 Huntsmoor Ln 27896.

Además, si alguno de ustedes sabe de una familia necesitada, notifique a la oficina de la iglesia al 252-237-3019 e intentaremos incluirlos en la distribución si los recursos son adecuados. Muchas gracias y que Dios los bendiga a usted y a su familia por su apoyo.

DECEMBER 1, 2024 -FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT
1 DE DICIEMBRE, 2024 –PRIMER DOMINGO DE ADVIENTO

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Renovation in the church

In January, we will be renovating the presbytery to highlight the Catholic signs that should predominate in the Catholic Churches.

First, we will extend the presbytery, where the altar is located, to the wall. We will put in the central part, between the columns, a wall that will serve to support the new crucifix, of more visible size and the altar where the new tabernacle will be installed, making it more visible from the entrance to the sanctuary.

These changes do not affect either the structure or the style of the Church, but it allows the Catholic signs in our parish church to be highlighted.

Thanks to the generosity of those who already donated and those who wish to donate, which helped to make this project possible. God bless you.



Remodulación de la iglesia

En enero, queremos hacer la remodelación del presbiterio para resaltar los signos católicos que deben predominar en las Iglesias católicas.

En primer lugar, extenderemos el presbiterio, lugar donde se encuentra el altar, hasta la pared. Pondremos en la parte central, entre las columnas una pared que servirá para sostener el nuevo crucifijo, de tamaño más visible y el altar donde se instaure el nuevo tabernáculo, haciéndolo más visible desde la entrada al templo.

Estos cambios no afectan ni la estructura ni el estilo de la Iglesia, pero permite resaltar los signos católicos en nuestro templo parroquial.

Gracias a la generosidad de los que deseen donar, ayudar a hacer posible este proyecto. Dios los bendiga.



Unción de los Enfermos

Para solicitar el sacramento de la unción de los enfermos en caso de que no sea de emergencia se debe llamar a la oficina para que el sacerdote visite al enfermo en el hogar o en el hospital. En caso de emergencia, en peligro de muerte, llame a la oficina al 252-237-3019. Presione el número 9 para emergencia y deje un mensaje claro, con su nombre y el número de teléfono. Para asistencia adicional puede llamar al Diácono Michel al 252-230-4668.

Sacramento de la Confesión

Sábados de 4:00pm a 4:45pm
Jueves de 7:00pm a 7:45pm

FECHAS IMPORTANTES PARA LOS SACRAMENTOS

Pláticas bautismales, miércoles 6pm

(2 pláticas en la serie) presenten copia de acta de nacimiento en la primera plática:

Bautismos: 14 dic

contacto la Hna Martha para programar una fecha

Pláticas matrimoniales, en la escuela

miércoles, 7pm: Ser determinado

(bilingüe) domingo, 11am:

Ser determinado

Para Ponerse en contacto con:

- ♦ Hermana Martha Alvarado, HSMG (calendario de quinceaños, bodas; catequesis de adultos y adolescentes en español; pláticas matrimoniales; consultas familiares) 252-505-6258
- ♦ Elizabeth Ortiz (oficina de la iglesia, habla español), 252-237-3019, opción 7
- ♦ Abraham Mora – música, coro de niños 252-969-4336
- ♦ Edith Serrano – música, 252-292-4762
- ♦ Maria de Jesús “Marichuy” Mosqueda— ensayos para bodas y quinceaños 252-668-9266



LIBROS AZULES PARA EL ADVIENTO

El Librito Azul de Adviento está disponible en la Sala de la Torre de forma gratuita. El Librito Azul contiene datos interesantes sobre nuestra fe y una reflexión sobre la lectura del Evangelio del día. Por favor, lleve uno por familia para utilizar durante el Adviento en preparación para el nacimiento de Nuestro Señor.



Caballeros de Colón

Nuestra próxima junta se llevará a cabo el **martes 10 de diciembre a las 7 pm** en el cuarto de Caballeros de Colón dentro de la escuela.

Le hacemos la cordial invitación a todos los hombres católicos a unirse a nuestra organización. Los caballeros de Colón es una organización fraternal de hombres católicos que ayudan a servir a sus sacerdotes, parroquia, y comunidad. Contacten a Oscar Aranda, 252-290-1447 o Matt Komara, 440-668-3574.

Donaciones en Línea

Hemos recibido nuestro nuevo código QR para que puedas dar tu donativo dominical en línea.

Es muy fácil, solo necesitas usar el celular y completar la información.

<https://sttheresewilson.weshareonline.org/index.aspx>



REQUISITOS PARA BAUTIZAR A UN NIÑO

-Inscripción previa con dos (2) meses de anticipación con Hna. Martha (252-505-6258)

-Padres (y/o padrinos) deben asistir en misa, en domingo o durante la semana, en Sta Terese u otra iglesia católica, como muestra de cumplir la promesa que se hace en la ceremonia de criar a sus hijos en la práctica de la fe católica.

-Padres (y/o padrinos) asisten en pláticas bautismales (vea calendario de fechas ya establecidas).

- Padrinos deben ser casados por la iglesia, y católicos practicantes.

AYUDA PARA LOS TRAS EL HURACÁN HELENE

Maneras de ayudar al oeste de Carolina del Norte tras el paso del huracán Helene:

- Haga una donación en línea en Catholic Charities. Utilice el código QR o visite www.catholiccharitiesusa.org
- ¡ORE por todos los afectados!





Give blood.
Help save lives.
 **American Red Cross**



Blood Drive

Our next Blood Drive is this weekend, Sunday, December 1 from 12pm—4pm in the school gym. Please give if you can.

Donación de Sangre

Nuestra donación de sangre es el domingo 1 de diciembre de 12pm a 4pm en el gimnasio de la escuela.

Prayers for Advent Wreath Candle Lighting



First Week of Advent

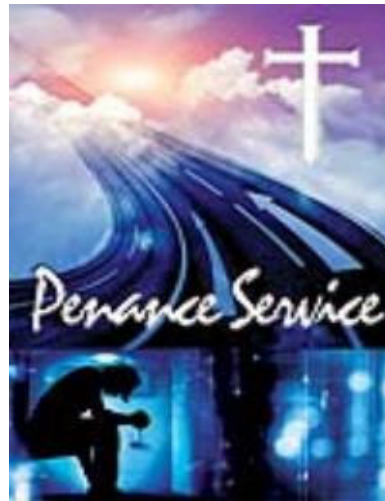
The Advent wreath is made of four candles and a circle of branches. Before the first candle is lit, the household gathers for this blessing. Traditionally three of the candles are purple the color of Kings and of penance. A rose-colored candle is used to mark the Third Sunday of Advent as a time to rejoice over the closeness of Christmas and the coming of Christ.

The following prayer should be repeated each day during the first week. Before the prayer, the family's youngest child lights the first purple candle.

Leader: Lord, rouse Your power, we pray, and come; that we may deserve by Your protection to be rescued from the threatening dangers of our sins and by Your deliverance to be made free from them; You who are God, living and reigning with God the Father in the unity of the Holy Spirit, forever and ever.

All: Amen

The candle is allowed to burn during the evening meals for the first week.



PENANCE SERVICE

St. Therese's Parish
Advent

Penance Service
will be held on
Thursday,
December 5
at 7pm.

As you prepare for Christmas, remember the most important part — your soul.

Everyone is urged to receive the Sacrament of Reconciliation during the Advent Season, so mark your calendars now!

If you cannot make our service, below are some other local ones.

All start at 7pm unless otherwise noted.

El servicio de penitencia de Adviento de la parroquia **Santa Teresita se llevará a cabo el jueves 5 de diciembre a las 7pm.**

Mientras se prepara para la Navidad, recuerde la parte más importante: su alma. Se insta a todos a recibir el sacramento de la reconciliación durante la temporada de Adviento, ¡así que marque su calendario ahora!

Si no puede asistir a nuestro servicio, aquí hay otros servicios locales. Todos comienzan a las 7pm a menos que se indique lo contrario.

December 3—**6pm**, St Elizabeth, Farmville
December 4—St Peter, Greenville
December 10—St Catherine, Tarboro
December 11—St John, Roanoke Rapids
December 17—St Gabriel, Greenville
December 18—OLPH, Rocky Mount