

St. Therese of Lisieux

Roman Catholic Parish

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Fourth Sunday of Advent December 20, 2020

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Sunday Mass Times

Saturday 5:30pm Vigil Patagonia

8:00am Sonoita

10:30am Patagonia

Daily Mass

No Daily Mass Until Further Notice.

Confessions

Saturday 4:30pm or any day by appointment.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Christmas Mass Schedule:

Christmas Eve: Thursday December 24

5:30pm-Patagonia

Christmas Day: Friday December 25

8:00am-Sonoita, 10:30am-Patagonia

New Year's Day: Friday January 1

10:30am-Patagonia

The term of our current lay director, Donald F Hawkins expires in January 1/19/2021. Father Alexander has re-nominated Donald F Hawkins for another term in that position. In addition to Father's nomination, registered members of the parish may submit names for this position by obtaining a total of 10 registered members signatures and turning them in to the Parish Office. Nomination forms are available at the parish office. For more information about the position and the eligibility requirements please contact Ramon Miranda at phone 520-394-2954 or email sttheresa@dakotacom.net

The Parish wide Election will be held the weekend of January 9/10 after all the masses. Nominations will close on Friday, January 1, 2021 (Two weeks before the election). Only registered parishioners over 18 may nominate a candidate or vote. If you are not sure if you are registered in the parish, please contact the parish secretary to verify your record.

- The 2021 Offertory Envelope box sets have arrived. Please pick up your box at the beginning or end of mass. Please contact Ramon if you did not receive a box for 2021. Please email your box request to: sttheresa@dakotacom.net

Prayer Request

Jeanne Matthews	Janice Urman	Enrique Davis
Ruben Mendoza	Dr. Jesse	Art Pena
Virginia Fain	Cruz Quiroga	Delfina Madrid
Paul Mihalik, Sr.	Sadie G.	Amelia Barrios
Lucy Mihalik	Joseph Hann	Harold Swyers
Pam D.	Waclaw Wolosik	Jeannette Swyers
Steve Biddle	Pelagia Wolosik	Bob Bilodeau
Nancy Swyers	John Swyers	Agueda Martinez

MONTH OF NOVEMBER 2020	Patagonia	Sonoita	Total
Regular Offering	\$3,586.00	\$1,835.00	\$5,421.00
Parish Priest Salary	\$1,381.00	\$707.00	\$2,088.00

Upcoming 2nd Collections:

Dec 20- Parish Priest Salary
 Dec 27- Poor & Needy
 Jan 10- Parish Priest Salary
 Jan 17- Poor & Needy

**Due to the rise in Covid19
 in our county, the
 St. Therese Parish Office
 Will be closed to the public
 until further notice.
 Ramon will be working
 from his home office**

Mass Intentions

Saturday December 19, 5:30pm
 Norma H.

Sunday December 20, 10:30am

† Arcenio De La Ossa
 † Veronica De La Ossa

† Manuel & Rosa Rivera
 † Mariano & Adela Rivera
 † Ramon & Martha Rivera
 † Manuel & Lupe Rivera
 † Silverio Rivera
 † Clemente Granillo
 † Arnulfo Borboa
 † Toribio Norzagaray

Thursday December 24, 5:30pm
Deceased Members of the Mihalik Family

Monday-Thursday
9:00am-12:00noon

Contact Ramon at
520-313-4813 or
sttheresa@dakotacom.net

Sacramental Life

Baptism: Contact Parish Office one month prior to the desired date
Confirmation: Contact Parish Office for information and schedule
Marriage: Contact the Parish Office at least 6 months prior to the desired date

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THE ETERNAL GOD

King David wished that the ark of God might have a more permanent home. David may have envisioned something like the cedar palace where he resided. God had in mind something more: a throne where David's descendants would rule for ever, a kingdom where Jews and Gentiles alike would be welcome.

Mary's prayerful nature led to an even more disturbing message. She would conceive and bear a Son though she was not yet married. "How can this come about?" Mary wondered. "The Holy Spirit will come upon you," she was told (Luke 1:35).

Mary's acceptance of this difficult challenge ushered in this, the final age of God's reign. What was once a secret known only by chosen people like King David and his descendants must now be made clear to all so that, as Saint Paul wrote to the Romans, we can be brought to the "obedience of faith" "according to the command of the eternal God" (Romans 16:26).

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TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading — I will fix a place for my people. (2 Samuel 7:1-5, 8b-12, 14a, 16).

Psalm — For ever I will sing the goodness of the Lord (Psalm 89).

Second Reading — To the only wise God, through Jesus Christ, be glory forever and ever (Romans 16:25-27).

Gospel — Behold, I am the handmaid of the Lord. May it be done to me according to your word (Luke 1:26-38).

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READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Sg 2:8-14 or Zep 3:14-18a; Ps 33:2-3, 11-12, 20-21; Lk 1:39-45

Tuesday: 1 Sm 1:24-28; 1 Sm 2:1, 4-8abcd; Lk 1:46-56

Wednesday: Mal 3:1-4, 23-34; Ps 25:4-5ab, 8-10, 14; Lk 1:57-66

Thursday: 2 Sm 7:1-5, 8b-12, 14a, 16; Ps 89:2-5, 27, 29; Lk 1:67-79

Friday: **Vigil:** Is 62:1-5; Ps 89:4-5, 16-17, 27, 29; Acts 13:16-17, 22-25; Mt 1:1-25 [18-25]
Night: Is 9:1-6; Ps 96:1-3, 11-13; Ti 2:11-14; Lk 2:1-14

Dawn: Is 62:11-12; Ps 97:1, 6, 11-12;

Ti 3:4-7; Lk 2:15-20

Day: Is 52:7-10; Ps 98:1-6; Heb 1:1-6;

Jn 1:1-18 [1-5, 9-14]

Saturday: Acts 6:8-10; 7:54-59; Ps 31:3cd-4, 6, 8ab, 16bc, 17; Mt 10:17-22

Sunday: Sir 3:2-6, 12-14 or Gn 15:1-6; 21:1-3; Ps 128:1-5 or Ps 105:1-6, 8-9; Col 3:12-21 [12-17] or Hb 11:8, 11-12, 17-19; Lk 2:22-40 [22, 39-40]

SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Sunday: Fourth Sunday of Advent

Monday: Winter begins

Wednesday: St. John of Kanty

Thursday: The Vigil of Christmas

Friday: The Nativity of the Lord (Christmas)

Saturday: St. Stephen; First Day of Kwanzaa

FEAST OF FAITH

Gathering

When Pope Benedict XVI visited the United States in 2008, tens of thousands gathered in Yankee Stadium to celebrate the Eucharist with him. What made them different from all the other excited crowds who have assembled there through the years? When they began to sing together, to listen together, to pray together, they ceased to be a crowd, and became a liturgical assembly. It was not where they were but what they did that set them apart.

The Gospels speak of many instances when Jesus prayed alone to his Father. But Jesus also put a special value on communal prayer. "Where two or three are gathered together in my name," he told his disciples, "there am I in the midst of them" (Matthew 18:20). Jesus gave his own mission to his followers, sending them forth to do everything he did: to heal, to teach, to proclaim the kingdom. Jesus wants us to meet God in and through each other. So the Christian community continues to gather, Sunday after Sunday. When we get up on Sunday morning and come to Mass, we respond to Jesus' invitation, and we express our trust in his promise that whenever we come together, he comes, too.

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CHRISTMAS IN THE HEART

Christmas! 'Tis the season for kindling the fire of hospitality in the hall, the genial fire of charity in the heart.

—Washington Irving

CONTINUAL CHRISTMAS

A good conscience is a continual Christmas.

—Benjamin Franklin

NOT TOO MUCH

If you have too much to do, with God's help you will find time to do it all.

—St. Peter Canisius



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The child to be born will be called holy,
the Son of God.