The Nativity of the Lord
Mass Times

Monday, December 24
4:00 pm Vigil, Children’s Mass (English)
6:30 pm Vigil, Christmas Eve Mass (English)
12:00 am, Midnight Mass (English)

Tuesday, December 25
9:30 am Christmas Morning Mass (English)
11:00 am Christmas Morning Mass (Spanish)

Mary, Mother of God
Holy Day of Obligation, Mass Times

Monday, December 31
6:30 pm Vigil (English)
9:00 pm Vigil, Bi-lingual w/Adoration - midnight

Tuesday, January 1
9:30 am (English)

Welcome Visitors & Guests!

We thank you for celebrating the Holy Eucharist with us! If you are considering St. Teresa of Avila Catholic Church as your parish family, please complete a registration form found in the Narthex, on our website, or at the church office.
When we are truly happy, our entire face becomes transformed. Our mouth turns upward into a smile. The corner of our eyes becomes like the rays of the sun rising in the morning. Our entire world view becomes positive and life-affirming.

On this Sunday of Advent that we call Gaudete Sunday after the Latin word for ‘rejoice’ which figures so prominently in today’s reading from Paul’s letter to the Philippians, our parish family can beam with an authentic joy and happiness.

We can wear this same face of joy and happiness today in this third Sunday of Advent when we light a rose colored candle because of our parish’s generous response to our parish’s ‘Building Together In Faith’ church project.

Even as our focus is on the Christmas spirit that is reflected in the lights that decorate our homes and the ornaments and tinsel that adorn the Christmas trees in our living rooms, we can allow our smiles to be seen in our eyes and our voices to match the words we speak and to truly be authentic in our anticipation.

When we say ‘Merry’ Christmas, we remember that the child born in Bethlehem is named “Emmanuel” which means “God with us.” And if God is with us, then who can be against us? If God is with us, we have plenty to smile about.

God willing, we will soon be able to begin to create a space for us to worship this child Savior. This is due to your sacrificial generosity. It gives a special reason to rejoice in this season of Advent which is designed to help us truly get prepared ourselves for Christmas. If we are able to penetrate a little deeper into the mystery and to appreciate, to savor what God is willing to do for us, then certainly our natural response would be to rejoice.

If we think about this wonderful miracle of a God become man, than we can break out in big smiles and grin from ear to ear because we have a God who loves us so much that he sent us his only son. If we can think about the small beginnings that marked the birth of our parish in 1968 and see how we have grown in grace since then, we can continue to smile broadly.

St. Paul wrote this letter we heard today when he was in prison. Even though he was surrounded by bars in his dungeon, he is able to say “Rejoice in the Lord always. I shall say it again: rejoice! The Lord is near. Have no anxiety at all, but in everything, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, make your requests known to God. Then the peace of God that surpasses all understanding will guard your hearts and minds in Christ Jesus.”

We might think that this ‘peace of God that surpasses all understanding’ seems too good to be true. We might try to achieve it on our own through self-medication, through those unthinking and repetitive behaviors that we call addiction, or through a thousand other fruitless ways. But this joy that Jesus promises is no ‘don’t worry, be happy’ platitude.

It is a joy that comes to us when we respond to the will of God and bend our lives to be in accord with Him. This joy comes to us when we have accepted the greatest spiritual gift of all – repentance. Rejoicing happens we respond to the demands of God to love one another as we love Him. Authentic joy, the kind when your eyes matches your smile, occurs each time we respond to the challenge of God to repent, to change, to soften our hearts enough to allow His Spirit in.

The joy that we are offered today will last longer than all the warranties on those expensive electronics waiting for us under the tree. Indeed, this joy will last longer than the world itself. It is the same face of rejoicing, of joy, of happiness of a young child coming down the stairs on Christmas morning.

God Bless!

Fr. Michael Roverse
Schedule of Liturgies

Mass Schedule

Vigil
Saturday 5:30 pm (English) 7:30 pm (Spanish)

Sunday
8:00 am, 9:30 am, 12:30 pm, & 5:30 pm

Weekdays
Monday - Friday, 8:30 am
Monday 6:30 pm

Holy Days
8:30 am & 6:30 pm
See Bulletin for Mass Times in Spanish

Reconciliation
Saturday 4:30 - 5:15 pm
& by appointment

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament
Monday - Friday 9:00 am - Noon
Monday 7:00 pm - 10:00 pm

Weekly Schedule

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SOUTHERN CROSS

Every registered family in the diocese now receives the Southern Cross. If you would like to offset the amount assessed to St. Teresa of Avila Church by the diocese, pick up an envelope from the table in the narthex, make your check payable to St. Teresa of Avila Church and drop in the collection basket; or just drop a check in the collection with “Southern Cross” in the memo line. Thank you for your contribution!

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Children’s Faith Formation Assistant - Miriam Martin
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Example: mingram@st-teresa.com

After Hours Emergency Number
Please use only in the case of a life or death situation.
(706) 288-6114

Baptisms

Congratulations to the following children and adults who received the Sacrament of Baptism in our parish:
- Anna Grace Black, daughter of Christopher & Beth Black
- Taylor Crescini Gilluly, Daughter of Joseph Gilluly & Katherine Newsome
- Jeff Kuo, son of Mongsee & Maria Kuo
Mass Intentions for December 15—December 23

Saturday:
5:30 pm: † Wilfred Demers

Sunday:
8:00 am: Missa Pro Populo
9:30 am: † Len Charney
12:30 pm: † Charlie Gaines
5:30 pm: Conchita Dionesio

Monday:
8:30 am: Nilo Apostol
6:30 pm: † Tony Travers

Tuesday: † Marie Zabrie

Wednesday: † Marie Zabrie

Thursday: † Phil McAluliffe

Friday: † Dave Higby

Saturday:
5:30 am: Charles Gaines

Sunday:
8:00 am: † Wilma Schiller
9:30 am: † Robert L. Hoeppel
12:30 pm: Missa Pro Populo
5:30 pm: Aquinas HS Class of ‘72

PRAYER & WORSHIP

PRAYER REQUESTS
Please remember in your prayers all those who are ill.
(Prayer Angels (706) 294-0884/prayerangels@comcast.net)

Sharon Bickert
Diana Campbell
S. Crewsonnery
Greg Czech
Jarol F. Eckert
Maureen Floyd
Georgia Foster
Richard Howard
Andre E. Hubert
Carol Hubert
Janet Hulshof
Jan Johnson
Dolores Kemple
Joe Kise
Sarah Lappe
Bernice Meismer
Tonee Mann
Trey Mills
Harry Paulos, Sr.
Harry Paulos, Jr.
Fr. Bill Peterson
Sally Rankin
Thomas Shepherd
Mike Short
Debbie Smiley
Jackie Terrell
Richard Thigpen
Gwen Tushbant
Robert Widener
Timothy Widener
Rita Zange

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday
Zep 3:14-18a/Phil 4:4-7/Lk 10:3-18
Tuesday
Gn 49:2, 8-10/Mt 1:1-17
Wednesday
Jer 23:5-8/Mt 1:18-25
Thursday:
Is 7:10-14/Lk 1:26-38
Friday
Zep 3:14-18a/Lk 1:39-45
Saturday
1 Sm 1:24-28/Lk 1:46-56
Sunday:
Mt 5:1-4a/Heb 10:5-10/Lk 1:39-45

SUNDAY MASS CELEBRANT SCHEDULE

Saturday, December 15
5:30pm Fr. Mike Ingram
7:30pm Fr. Pablo Migone

Sunday, December 16
8:00am Fr. John Johnson
9:30am Fr. Michael Roverse
12:30pm Fr. Mike Ingram
5:30pm Fr. John Johnson

REMEMBER OUR DEPLOYED IN YOUR PRAYERS

As a parish family, we are a beacon of light & support in the lives of our "military families" as they endure deployments or other hardships while defending our national freedoms. To add your loved one’s name to this list call Deacon David Kriegal (706) 869-9781.

Mida Atwood
Pedro Camacho
Denis Chavez
Michael Denison
Josh Dent
Steve Dubuc
Michael McMahon
Brandon Nahorny
Kevin Palermino
Jon Schein
Alan Smith
David Steiner
Matthew Stone

THIS WEEK WE PRAY FOR THE FAMILIES OF:

Mr. and Mrs. Raul Angeles
Mr. and Mrs. Christopher Black
Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Chang
Mr. and Mrs. Fernando Coral
Mr and Mrs Stephen Crawford
Mrs Barbara Daniel
Mr. William Douda
Mr. and Mrs. Larry Dreiling
Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Fontenot
Mr. and Mrs. Patrick Murray
Ms. Christine Scala
Mr and Mrs Steven Shelt
Mr Mark Silvka
Mrs Ilse Sola
Ms. Natalie Soto
Ms. Carol Surrao
Mr. and Mrs. Noel Trejo-Santos
Mr and Mrs Keith Warner
Mr and Mrs Chris Wilcox
Mr and Mrs Michael Williams
A REFLECTION FOR THE THIRD-SUNDAY OF ADVENT

Today — Gaudete Sunday, the Third Sunday in Advent — is a time to rejoice. Everything, from the lighting of the rose-colored candle, to the consistent use of the words JOY and REJOICE in the readings, points to being called to joyfully proclaim the imminent coming of Jesus.

Often people who practice stewardship as a way of life are called a “joyous people.” That is a natural reflection and a natural phrase to use with people of stewardship because, based upon living their lives as grateful people, they focus on their blessings, not their Crosses and burdens. When one sees the good sides of life and living, it is difficult not to be happy.

Our task as Catholics is to focus much of the energy and excitement which seems to come with this season into what we are really celebrating — the arrival of Christ. Advent is about hope. It is not just hope that things will get better or hope that our burdens will disappear. It is hope that there is meaning to our lives. It is the hope and understanding that there is an incredible existence beyond our human state. It is the hope that our lives are not as limited as they may seem to be. We must never forget what we heard in a Gospel passage of a few weeks ago: “All things are possible with God.” After all, “This is the day the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad.”

PARISH STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURE

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Registered Families: 1,724   Building Fund: $4840.00

CHILDREN’S CORNER

I’m just a kid! What can I do?

Kids Can…
...Give Drink to the Thirsty

“Whoever gives even a cup of cold water to one of these little ones in the name of a disciple-truly, I tell you, none of these will lose their reward.”
--Matthew 10:42

The Bible is filled with passages about water. Here are just two of them. See if you can find others.

Exodus 17:1-7 (God brings forth water in the desert)
Psalm 65:10-14 (God is praised for his gift of water)

Help your child find the Holy Land on a map, or find information about the Middle East in magazines or online. Point out the large desert areas, as well as the areas near rivers and lakes where people have settled in cities.

Stewardship Prayer
Giving Drink to the Thirsty
Dear Jesus, You said that you are the living water and that those who believe in you will never thirst. Help us bring refreshing water to those who are thirsty. Help us care for the gifts of the earth, so that all living creatures can enjoy clean water. Amen.

Saint Peter Canisius
Doctor of the Church
Stewardship Saint of the Month
Feast Day, December 21

Saint Peter Canisius was a Jesuit priest at the height of the many Protestant reformation in 16th century Europe. He is known as a prolific Catholic theologian, preacher, teacher and evangelizer. Following his stewardship desire to serve God in the Church in Germany, he became the first Dutchman to join the newly formed Society of Jesus in 1543. Renowned as a popular preacher, Canisius packed churches and was said to have been so eloquent and convincing that he attracted hundreds of Protestants back to the Catholic faith.

Devoted to the Virgin Mary, he is credited with adding to the Hail Mary the sentence “Holy Mary, Mother of God, pray for us sinners.” When asked if he felt overworked, the energetic Canisius replied with a stewardship quote: “If you have too much to do, with God’s help you will find time to do it all.”

Canisius died on December 21, 1597 at age 76. Canonized and declared a Doctor of the Church in 1925, he is the patron saint of Germany.

Read more about St. Canisius at http://catholicstewardship.com
**EDUCATION & EVANGELIZATION**

**MOTHER’S DAY OUT/PRESCHOOL**

We would like to say THANK YOU for all the help and support with the Preschool Christmas play. We are getting excited to have a visitor from the North Pole here for our party day. Come join in our fun as we continue to grow as a parish family. Our Program is for children 9 months thru age four. We are open Monday – Fridays 9:30am –1:30pm.

**CHILDREN’S FAITH FORMATION**

**Elementary School, Grades K-5:** Classes continue from 10:45-12:00pm. There will be NO classes Sunday December 23, 30 and January 6 in observance of Christmas break.

**Middle School, Grades 6-8:** Classes continue this Wednesday, December 19 from 6:30-7:45 pm. There will be NO classes Wednesday December 26 and January 2 in observance of Christmas break.

**Sacrament of First Reconciliation:** The sacrament of First Reconciliation for those enrolled in sacramental prep will be celebrated on Thursday, January 17 at 6:30 pm in the Worship Space.

**St. Augustine Program, Grades 3-12:** Do you have a child who needs to be caught up on the sacraments or perhaps missed a couple grades of faith formation and would like to know more about their faith? Our newly initiated St. Augustine program could be for you! Our next workshop will take place on Saturday, March 2 from 9am-1pm. If you would like more information on this new program and to take advantage of this offer, please contact the office of Faith Formation or email Sheri Quattrin at squattrin@st-teresa.com.

**Child Enrichment Inc.** The Office of Faith Formation sponsors Child Enrichment Inc. on a continual basis. If you would like to donate gently used clothing for this very worthy cause, there is a blue donation bin in the Education Building. If you would like more information on how you could volunteer your time with this ministry, please contact Pat Hartlage at (706) 860-5363 or lchartlage@yahoo.com. Please read below a note of thanks from this ministry.

**ST. AUGUSTINE PROGRAM, GRADES 3-12**

We would like to say THANK YOU for all the help and support with the Preschool Christmas play. We are getting excited to have a visitor from the North Pole here for our party day. Come join in our fun as we continue to grow as a parish family. Our Program is for children 9 months thru age four. We are open Monday – Fridays 9:30am –1:30pm.

**FAITH FORMATION (CCD)**

**Sunday**

10:45 am-12:00 pm (K-5)

**Wednesday**

6:30-7:45 pm (6-8)

(Aug.-May)

“Faith is to believe what you do not see; the reward of this faith is to see what you believe.”

-St. Augustine

**MIDDLE SCHOOL YOUTH MINISTRY**

We will be participating in a service project to work in the soup kitchen and distribute toys and hygiene items on Saturday, December 22. We will have our Edge Christmas party directly after our service project.

**HIGH SCHOOL YOUTH MINISTRY - PARTY!!!!! PARTY!!!!!**

There will be Life Teen this weekend, December 16 immediately following the 5:30 pm Sunday night Mass. Come join us as we celebrate this Advent season!

Join us for dinner and dancing! Bring a friend! All are welcome!
**Awakening Faith**

St. Teresa’s is offering an 11 week series of Faith Renewal called “Awakening Faith”. This is a conversation- based program that gives inactive or marginally active Catholics a forum where they reconnect with their faith. Series begins Jan. 8, 2013, 7:30pm-9:00pm, at the home of Deacon Joe & Mary Soparas. More information go to www.st-teresa.com, look for our brochure in the Narthex, or call Deacon Joe or Mary Soparas @ 706-364-9289 or mary.soparas@gmail.com. Hope to see you there. God Bless!

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**Women’s Retreat**

The next Women’s Retreat will be held FEBRUARY 9 from 8:30 am-3:30 pm at St. Teresa’s. The topic will be the “Unfinished Parable” presented by Sisters Rosina Bayliss and Geraldyne Yerg. Tickets are $25 and will be on sale in December and January.

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**Called to Love Book Study**

Starting Friday, Jan. 4, Fr. John Johnson will present a book study, Called to Love, by Carl Anderson and Jose Granados. This study will run for six weeks on Friday nights from 6:30-8:00 pm and also on Tuesday mornings from 10:30 am-12:00 pm in the Education Building. The book examines John Paul II’s understanding of the Christian faith and its place in society. It will help you explore and understand man’s vocation and the mission of the family within the Catholic Church all within the light of love. This book compliments last year’s Theology of the Body study and is a perfect way to learn more about your faith in the New Year. Please sign-up on-line using the St. Teresa web-site or contact Colleen Lang at (706)228-7224 or email gre_lan@hotmail.com.

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**Give the Gift of Faith**

During December in the Narthex after Mass the Education and Evangelization Ministry will be selling tickets for the Women’s Retreat (February 9) and the Mega Church Pastor book by Allen Hunt. Great Christmas gifts for your family and friends!!

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**For the Year of Faith**

Catholic Home Study Service invites you to learn more about our faith by studying at home. Nine free courses, faithful to the teachings of the Church are available. When you request a course, you will receive a textbook and a workbook with study questions. All who complete the course receive a graduation certificate. There is no charge for the course, and no one will call on you. The website is www.amm.org/chss/shss.htm.

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**Ongoing Group Studies—Adult Formation**

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ADVENT PENANCE SERVICES - AUGUSTA DEANERY

Dec. 17  7:00 pm  St. Joseph
Dec. 18  6:00 pm  Sacred Heart (Waynesboro)
Dec. 19  6:00 pm  St. Joan of Arc (Louisville)

* LAST CHANCE * CATHOLIC JEWELRY SALE

It is our privilege to offer you an opportunity to purchase beautiful Christian jewelry. There are traditional articles, as well as contemporary pieces that are very popular across the country. Please come visit our display after each Mass in the Narthex and see what we have. Your purchase of these high-quality items supports our parish youth activities and programs. These items make wonderful Christmas gifts and stocking stuffers!

CHRISTMAS PLAY

The Knights of Columbus Ladies Auxiliary and the children of St. Teresa of Avila present Christmas in America, today, Sunday, December 16th at 2:00 pm in the worship space. Desserts and hot cocoa will be served after the show. A love offering will be taken up for a family in need.

CHILD ENRICHMENT, INC.

"The volunteers at our clothes closet at Child Enrichment Inc. would like to thank the parish families who have donated so many beautiful clothes this year at the donation station in the education building. Each month over two thousand items of clothing are being distributed without charge to needy children in Columbia, Richmond, and Burke counties through a network of a dozen different agencies. God bless you for your generosity."  Thank you, Pat Hartlage

SENIORS GROUP

Please join us on Friday, December 21 at noon in the Education Building, Rooms # 1 & 2 for a delicious pot-luck lunch. Kathy and Tom Broome will entertain us with Christmas songs and a sing-a-long. Also, please bring a $5.00 gift if you would like to participate in our Christmas gift exchange. Join us and get in the Christmas spirit. Call for reservations: Carmela Dunn (706) 860-9052 or Betty Etherington (706) 863-0391.

FOR KEEPS GROUP

For Keeps will start meeting Dec. 9th in the conference room behind the narthex during the Faith Formation program, from 10:45-12:00. This group is for couples who still have children at home. Couples meet and socialize along with a Bible or faith study, (we will be reading/discussing the book For Better...Forever! by Gregory K. Popcak, Ph.D. It is very inexpensive on amazon.com) This group has been a great way for couples to meet in a quickly growing parish. Please come and join our group for some great conversation and friendship! For more information, please call/text Kathy (412-292-8597) or Wayne (412-292-8562) Voss.
**SECULAR FRANCISCANS**

A secular Franciscan is a person devoted to the ideals of St. Francis of Assisi, fully part of the world, they seek to live the spirit of this special son of God and provide examples of what it means to be joyous in their love of God in service to another. A new discernment group will start in January. If interested, please call Janet Hulshoff, OFS at (706) 294-0884.

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**SUPPORT ELDERLY RELIGIOUS**

Senior Catholic sisters, brothers, and religious order priests worked for many years for little, if any, pay. Their sacrifices now leave their religious communities without adequate savings for retirement. Your gift to the Retirement Fund for Religious helps to provide prescription medications, nursing care, and more for thousands of elderly religious. Please be generous.

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**$20,000 “MATCHING GRANT”**

Consider a donation to Immaculate Conception Catholic School. Every dollar you donate to our school will be matched (up to a total of $20,000) making it possible for our school to receive $40,000 in gifts to support our educational programs. To make a donation: please write your check payable to Immaculate Conception Catholic School (ICCS) and write ‘Matching Grant’ on the memo line. Donate today to help us reach our goal by December 31st.

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**ATTENTION CATHOLIC SINGLES**

Interested in joining an excellent Catholic singles organization? The Catholic Alumni Club International is looking to expand into the Savannah diocese. We provide a group dedicated to social, cultural, civic and spiritual relationships in a Catholic setting. For more information, please check out the following site or contact Steve at valksr@yahoo.com: www.caci.org

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**ADVENT CONCERT SERIES**

Church of the Most Holy Trinity

Join us today, Sunday, December 16 at 4:00 pm, featuring The Cecilia Ensemble directed by Dr. Joel Scraper performing Advent Music of the Renaissance.

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**RETOUVAILLE (“RE-tRO-VI”)**

A LIFE LINE FOR MARRIED COUPLES

Couples slowly and quietly drift apart, or are being torn apart by terrible words and actions. Are you frustrated, hurt, angry? Does talking about it only make it worse? This program offers the chance to rediscover yourself, your spouse, and a loving relationship in your marriage. Reach for the Retrouvaille lifeline. Our next Retrouvaille Weekend will be February 8-10, 2013 in an Augusta hotel. For additional information or to register call (800) 470-2230. More information at www.retrouvaille.org. Space is limited. Register early.

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**9TH ANNUAL RAY MENEGHELLO “CIAO, BELLA!” DANCE**

Sponsored by the Knights of Columbus, will be held January 26, 2013, at the St. Mary on the Hill Parish Hall. Everyone is invited to enjoy dancing on one of the best dance floors in Augusta, or to come listen to the music and enjoy the company at this annual St. Mary’s event. Dinner will be catered by Terry Wick, and an excellent variety of ballroom dance music and line dances will be played by the Fun Time Band. Dinner starts at 6:30PM; dancing begins at 7:30PM and goes until 11. The cost is only $40 per couple. Attendance will be limited to 100 people to be sure there’s enough room for dancing. For reservations, contact Rich Dimenta at richdimenna@gmail.com or call 706-855-5610.

“Faith alone, trust in the action of God, in the goodness of God who does not abandon us, is the guarantee that we are not working in vain.”

--Pope Benedict XVI
MANY, MANY, THANKS!!!

A heart-felt thanks and appreciation to Kimberly, our choirs and musicians for the wonderful Advent/Christmas concert last Friday evening. In these busy, hectic times it was a spiritual oasis of resting in God’s beautiful music and a gift to all our parishioners.

TIPS FOR THE OFFERTORY

The parish now uses a scanner to electronically deposit offertory checks into the bank. Complying with the following tips will best ensure that your check is deposited in accord with your intent. When writing an offertory check:

DO:

- Use black, blue, or blue-black ink (the scanner won’t read other colors like red, purple, green, or yellow).
- Write or print as clearly and legibly as possible.
- Ensure the numeric and written amounts agree.

DON’T:

- Write over any of the machine numbers at the bottom of the check.
- Add extra zero’s, x’s, or use “squiggly lines” in the numeric amount.
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