



CHURCH OF

St. Therese

THE LITTLE FLOWER



"I know now that true charity consists
in bearing all our neighbors' defects - not being surprised
at their weakness, but edified at their smallest virtues."

St. Therese of Lisieux

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Office Hours

Monday-Thursday
9:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m.

Friday
9:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m.

Weekend Mass Schedule

Saturday 5:00 p.m.

Sunday 8:00 and 10:30 a.m.

Daily Mass Schedule

Listed inside bulletin each week

Sacrament of Reconciliation

Third Wednesday of the month 6:15-6:45 p.m.

Welcome New Parishioners

The parish community of St. Therese
welcomes you. Please see an usher or contact the
Parish Office for a registration form.

DECEMBER 17, 2023

PARISH STAFF

Business Manager: Debbie Knarr
Administrative Assistant: Mindy Scott
Pastoral Minister: Kerry Fallon
Coordinator of Religious Education: Nadine McGrady
Director of Music Ministry: Kitty Witty
Evangelization and Youth Ministry Coordinator: Kyle Glauner
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MASSES AND INTENTIONS

Saturday, December 16

5:00 p.m. Sarah Decker (RIP)
 Requested by:
 Linda O'Connell

Sunday, December 17

8:00 a.m. For the People
 10:30 a.m. Irene Huntoon (RIP)
 Requested by:
 Alicia Loudermilk

Monday, December 18

No Mass

Tuesday, December 19

12:00 p.m. Richard McCarl (RIP)
 Requested by: Leisa and Dan Strosnider

Wednesday, December 20

8:00 a.m. Ronald I. Shalaski (RIP)
 Requested by:
 Joanne Kizer

Thursday, December 21

12:00 p.m. For the Parishioners
 of St. Therese

Friday, December 22

12:00 p.m. For the People

Saturday, December 23

5:00 p.m. For the People

Sunday, December 24

10:00 a.m. Monika Charette (Birthday)
 Requested by:
 Mindy and Eric Scott
 5:00 p.m. For the People
 9:00 p.m. For the People

Blessed Sacrament Chapel vase flowers
 are a perpetual living memorial for
 Anna Lupei.

Tabernacle Candle Shines
 in loving memory of Skip Pray by Chris Pray

DAILY SCRIPTURE READINGS

Monday, December 18 – Advent Weekday Jer 23:5-8; Mt 1:18-25
Tuesday, December 19 – Advent Weekday Jgs 13:2-7, 24-25a; Lk 1:5-25
Wednesday, December 20 – Advent Weekday Is 7:10-14; Lk 1:26-38
Thursday, December 21 – Advent Weekday Sg 2:8-14 or Zep 3:14-18a;
 Lk 1:39-45
Friday, December 22 – Advent Weekday 1 Sm 1:24-28; Lk 1:46-56
Saturday, December 23 – Advent Weekday Mal 3:1-4, 23-24; Lk 1:57-66
Sunday, December 24 – Fourth Sunday of Advent 2 Sm 7:1-5, 8b-12, 14a,
 16; Rom 16:25-27; Lk 1:26-38

SACRAMENTS

THE SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM: Contact Nadine McGrady to register at N.McGrady@StThersGlo.org or 804-693-5939, ext. 3.

PARISH NEWS

THE SECOND COLLECTION AT CHRISTMAS MASSES WILL BENEFIT CATHOLIC CHARITIES OF EASTERN VIRGINIA – Please give to Catholic Charities through the second collection at Christmas Masses. Catholic Charities of Eastern Virginia served more than 7,900 local families last year by providing: free diapers, children's clothing and parenting support; adoption services; eviction prevention and financial education; mental health counseling; guardianship services for those with no one to care for them; and much more! Please visit www.cceva.org for more information on how your support will change lives! May God bless you and your family.



THE MASS SCHEDULES FOR CHRISTMAS AND NEW YEAR'S:

4th Sunday of Advent, December 23/24:

Saturday, 5:00 p.m.

Sunday, 10:00 a.m.

Christmas, December 24/25:

Sunday, 5:00 p.m., 9:00 p.m.

Monday, 10:00 a.m.

Feast of the Holy Family, December 30/31,

Regular weekend schedule

New Year's Day, January 1, the Octave Day of Christmas: 10:00 a.m.

2024 OFFERTORY ENVELOPES

Your parish offertory envelopes will be available in the Social Hall (on the white cabinet to the left). You will need to pick them up before the Christmas Holy Day Masses (on December 21 they will be stored, so please call the office if you need them after that). Thank you, Deb

THE OFFICE WILL CLOSE AT 1:00 P.M. on Friday, December 22, 2023 for the Christmas and New Year Holy Days and reopen January 2, 2024.

CHILDREN'S LITURGY OF THE WORD: Children's Liturgy of the Word is available during the 10:30 a.m. Mass. Children, ages 3 to 2nd grade, are invited. Please contact Nadine McGrady for more information.

GRIEF SHARE

Grief Share will be on Sundays in the Meeting Room from 2:00-4:00 p.m. Last session for Grief Share this Session will be December 17th. Grief Share will resume on Sunday, January 28th. For more information, go to griefshare.org.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

Knights of Columbus Council gathers on the First and Third Thursdays of the month. Rosary is at 7:00 p.m. and a meeting is to follow.

THRESHOLD BIBLE STUDY

Threshold Bible Study will resume in April.

BINGO: Bingo is played on Tuesday Nights. Doors open at 5:30 p.m. and Bingo starts at 7:00 p.m. Don't forget to enjoy the concessions stand!!! Bingo will not be played on December 26th.

CALLING ALL PARISHIONERS TO SERVE IN LITURGICAL MINISTRIES! Please prayerfully consider which of the liturgical ministries you are drawn to. We need teenagers and adults to serve as USHERS, LECTORS, EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS, MASS COORDINATORS. We need adults and children for the ALTAR SERVER ministry. If we have more people involved in these ministries, serving won't fall to the same dedicated ministers every week. Training is ongoing; call Kerry Fallon in the office at 804-693-5939 or email k.fallon@stthersglo.org.

IN CONJUNCTION WITH OCIA, A STUDY OF THE GOSPELS OF JOHN AND MATTHEW WILL RUN THROUGH EASTER.

All are welcome – Catholics, non-Catholics; bring a friend! Come learn about the Catholic faith through the lens of Scripture: why we believe what we believe; why we do what we do; what we have in common with protestant denominations; what sets us apart from our protestant brothers and sisters. Join us in the Social Hall Monday evenings. Social time from 5:45-6:15 p.m., study time 6:15-7:45 p.m. Contact Kerry Fallon to sign up or if you have any questions at k.fallon@stthersglo.org or 804-693-5939.

BLOOD DRIVE: There will be a Blood Drive held at the Moose Lodge on December 19th. Call the Moose Lodge for more information at 804-693-3899.

CAREFREE SENIORS: Anyone 60 and older is invited to join the Carefree Seniors group. They meet on the 3rd Wednesday of each month in the Social Hall from 1:00-3:00 p.m. Call Frank Rivera at 804-854-1101 for more information.

COMMUNION TO THE HOMEBOUND: Know someone who is homebound and would like to be visited by a parishioner and receive Communion? Contact the office or Linda Gregory at lgregory0530@gmail.com.

PARISH LIBRARY UPDATE: The Library has been moved. It is now located next to the St. Therese sitting room at the end of the Social Hall. Please be patient as we update, catalog and organize our space.

THERESIAN SOCIETY: The next meeting will be held Friday, January 5th at 10:00 a.m. in the Social Hall.

GRATITUDE REPORT FOR 12/3/23

Annual Operating Budget Fiscal Year 23/24 – \$719,300.00
 Amount needed per week to maintain budget – \$13,827.52
 Actual Plate Contribution – \$7,712.48
 Evgiving operating contributions – \$5,017.00
 Other contributions – \$1,378.50
 Weekly Grand Total – \$14,107.98

2nd Collection Schedule

December 25th – Catholic Charities
 January 7th – MMR

Please use the QR code for Mobile giving.



GIVE THE GIFT OF LOVE: Items knitted and crocheted by the Prayer Shawl Ministry are now available for gifting. Items are located on the table in the Social Hall by the white cabinet. Items are free for gifting. Gift a prayer shawl for any occasion – birthdays, First Communion, weddings, holidays, Confirmation, in support for someone grieving, etc. Contact Nadine McGrady at N.McGrady@StThersGlo.org or 804-693-5939, ext. 3 for questions or for special requests.

THE MORNING BIBLE STUDY: The group meets on Thursday mornings from 10:15-11:45 a.m. in the Meeting Room. Various sections or themes of the Bible are discussed in an informal setting. New participants are always welcome and may join the group at any time. If interested, or would like more information, please call Sid Dugas at 804-642-5869 or email at spdugas@cox.net.

*Rejoice***The Third Sunday of Advent,
also called Gaudete Sunday.**

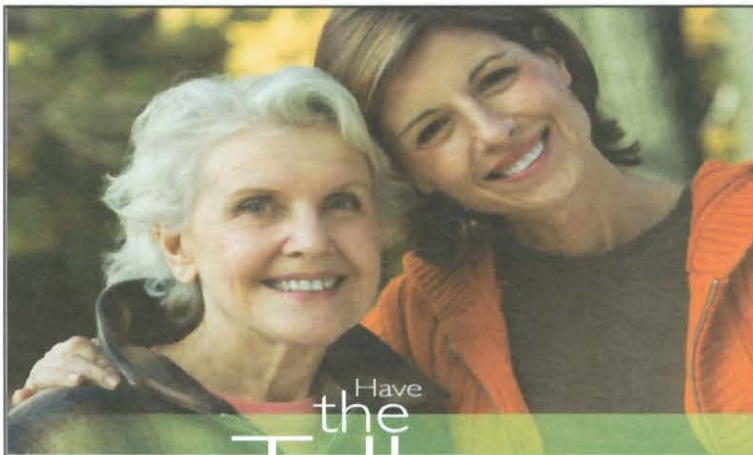
Gaudete is pronounced in three syllables: *Gow-day-tay*

What does Gaudete mean? Gaudete means “rejoice” in Latin!! During the season of Advent, we await the celebration of Christ's birth and His coming again at the end of time. Over four weeks, we prepare our hearts for Christmas in penitential reflection. But in the middle of the season, Gaudete Sunday calls us to rejoice in hope!

Why do we light a pink candle on Gaudete Sunday?

The Catholic Church uses the color rose to indicate a joyful feast day or holiday. Gaudete Sunday's counterpart in Lent is Laetare Sunday, another break in penance to rejoice in hope as we approach Easter. During both days, a priest will usually wear rose vestments.

Advent Wreaths... In the Christian tradition, Advent wreaths are as beautiful as they are symbolic. These evergreen wreaths are shaped in a perfect circle to symbolize the eternity of God. Advent wreaths have four candles that remind us that Christ is the light of the world. One of these candles is rose or pink. We light it on Gaudete Sunday, the third Sunday in Advent, to represent joy and anticipation of Christmas.



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