

JANUARY 5, 2025

MASSES AND INTENTIONS

Saturday, January 4th

5:00 p.m. Patrick Shea
by Eileen and Robert Shea

Sunday, January 5th

8:00 a.m. Sylvia Clifton
by The McCloskey family

10:30 a.m. For the People

Monday, January 6th

12:00 p.m. No Mass

Tuesday, January 7th

12:00 p.m. For the People

Wednesday, January 8th

8:00 a.m. For the People

Thursday, January 9th

12:00 p.m. For the People

Friday, January 10th

12:00 p.m. For the People

Saturday, January 11th

5:00 p.m. Brenda Fitzpatrick
by Pat Brousseau

Sunday, January 12th

8:00 a.m. For the People
10:30 a.m. Salvatore Leone Jr.
by Rosalia Leone

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

Tabernacle Candle shines in loving memory of Alberto and Milagros Alfaro.

TNT – Our next TNT (Theatre 'N' Theology) will be on *Friday, January 17*, beginning **promptly** at 7:00 p.m. All are welcome to come to our **St. Therese Movie Theater** (the "Meeting Room"). After the movie (the "Theater" part), we discuss the relevance of the film to our life in Christ (the "Theology" part). We will have an intermission midway through the film, and if anyone wants to bring refreshments to share, we will have refreshments at intermission! Since the National March for Life in Washington is on January 24, our January feature will be the 2019 film *Unplanned*. It's the true story of Abby Johnson; all she ever wanted to do was help women. As one of the youngest Planned Parenthood clinic directors in the nation, she was involved in upwards of 22,000 abortions. But then she saw something that changed everything for her. Rated R. Facilitated by Fr. Gregory. All are welcome. Come watch a great movie with your brothers and sisters in Christ!

ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL – The coming of Jesus was the culmination of the Old Testament. As Christians, we believe the Old Testament is part of the canon of inspired scripture. On **January 19**, between the morning Masses (starting about 9:15 a.m.), Father Gregory will give an overview of **The Old Testament** in the Meeting Room. Like good Catholics, BYOB: bring your own Bible! All are welcome, Catholic or not!

DAILY SCRIPTURE READINGS

Monday, January 6 – Epiphany Weekday

1 John 3:22–4:6; Matthew 4:12-17, 23-25

Tuesday, January 7 – Epiphany Weekday

1 John 4:7-10; Mark 6:34-44

Wednesday, January 8 – Epiphany Weekday

1 John 4:11-18; Mark 6:45-52

Thursday, January 9 – Epiphany Weekday

1 John 4:19–5:4; Luke 4:14-22

Friday, January 10 – Epiphany Weekday

1 John 5:5-13; Luke 5:12-16

Saturday, January 11 – Epiphany Weekday

1 John 5:14-21; John 3:22-30

Sunday, January 12 – The Baptism of the Lord

Isaiah 42:1-4,6-7; Acts 10:34-38; Luke 3:15-16, 21-22

FOOD PANTRY – Please continue giving to the Food Pantry. The shopping cart is in the Social Hall. Please note their new addresses as well.



MEN OF ST JOSEPH INFORMATIONAL MEETING

Save the Date. Monday, January 20th, 6:00-7:00 p.m.
See Deacon Jose for details.

BINGO – Bingo is played on Tuesday nights. Doors open at 5:30 p.m. and Bingo starts at 7:00 p.m. Bingo could use some help working in the kitchen and selling pull-tabs. Many of our staff are out with surgeries. Additional help would be so appreciated.

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.

MORNING BIBLE STUDY – Our group meets on Thursday mornings from 10:15-11:45 a.m. in the Meeting Room. New participants are always welcomed and may join the group at any time. For more information, please call Sid Dugas at 804-642-5869 or email at spdugas@cox.net, or call Kim Green at 804 824-1073 or email at kwg853@yahoo.com.

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. BYOK!!!

JUSTICE AND CHARITY

The GUEST Homeless Shelter needs our help. Volunteers are needed for the Night Shelter. Night Shelter will be held at different churches rotating to a new location each week. The Day Shelter will be open 7 days a week, 7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. during the winter. Volunteers are needed to help staff the Day Shelter especially on weekends. If you are willing to volunteer, you can sign up at guestshelter.org, call GUEST at 804-792-5046 or contact Ann Foster at anntgfoster@gmail.com. Training opportunities will be coming in the near future. Anything you can do to help would be greatly appreciated.

A brief training session for anyone able to volunteer at the GUEST shelters for the homeless will be held at St. Therese Sunday, January 12 at 12:30 p.m. The training is required of all volunteers. If you prefer to do online training, call GUEST at 804-792-5046 for information.

TRUE LIFE IN GOD PRAYER GROUP – Please join us for Bible readings, saying the Rosary, meditation, and sharing. Our main purpose is to pray for Christian Unity as our Holy Father Pope Francis has asked of us. Point of Contact is Trudy Vanderhoof. You may reach her at btcentauri@aol.com. We meet the 1st Tuesday of the month at 10:00 a.m. at the church in the library.

LADIES FIAT 90 – We are beginning a 90-day ladies group January 20th to Easter Sunday, meeting weekly. Contact Kerry Fallon at kfallon@stthersglo.org or Karen Melendez at karenmelendez34@gmail.com to learn more. Come grow in faith, community and God's grace with us! Visit Fiat-90.com for more information. Weekly day and time to be determined.

CALLING ALL PARISHIONERS TO SERVE IN LITURGICAL MINISTRIES! Prayerfully consider which of the liturgical ministries you are drawn to. We need 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. Contact Kerry Fallon in the office at 804-693-5939 or email k.fallon@stthersglo.org.

THE FOUR PILLARS OF OUR FAITH – Join the Adult Faith Formation team for a study of the second pillar of our faith: The Sacraments. We will begin in January for 12 weeks on Saturdays from **3:00-4:30 p.m.** You can order the workbook yourself through AscensionPress.com (click on "Bible Studies" and scroll down to "**Pillar 2: The Sacraments**"), or Kerry Fallon can order the book for you. Please contact Kerry Fallon in the office or via email, k.fallon@stthersglo.org.

GIVE THE GIFT OF LOVE – Prayer shawls are available to gift for the holidays, holy days, birthdays and more. Slippers are now available and hats and scarves are on the way! Each is crafted with the prayer that the recipient knows they are loved not only by the giver but by our Lord, Jesus Christ. Contact Nadine McGrady at N.McGrady@StThersGlo.org or 804-693-5939, ext.3 for special orders or for more information.

MUSIC IS WHAT FEELINGS SOUND LIKE... The Music Ministry is seeking a skilled pianist to play at Masses/liturgical services and church music programs. If you have a passion for sacred music, and feel moved to be part of a dynamic ministry, contact Beverly Sabourin at 757-817-3698 or musicministry@stthersglo.org.

YOUTH MINISTRY

Church of St. Therese Youth Ministry
Grades 6-12
Sundays, 12:00 Noon to 1:30 p.m. at the YLC

YOUTH MINISTRY JANUARY CALENDAR

- Students meet at the YLC all 4 Sundays
- Saturday, January 18 – Service Project – Clothes Closet at Newtonton Church
 - Friday, January 24 – Movie Night
 - Wednesday, January 29 – Adoration

YOUTH MINISTRY FUNDRAISER

The youth will be accepting donations to offset the cost of attendance at the Diocesan Youth Conference to be held in February of 2025.



PLEASE UPDATE YOUR PARISH REGISTRATION INFORMATION – We appreciate having your current information on file, including telephone numbers added or deleted, address updates and existing household members.

Call the office and confirm your data as we have several folks with outdated land line phone numbers and no current way to reach out. Thanks for your cooperation!

A NEW YEAR AND NEW LEGACY – As we welcome a new calendar year at St. Therese, we're sharing a **free will-writing tool** to help you create a legacy with the ministries you love! Creating a will is an act of stewardship to pass our values and valuables to the next generation. This resource is free to use and makes it simple to create your will and designate a legacy gift to St. Therese. Visit FreeWill.com/RichmondCatholicFoundation to create your Catholic legacy.

OUR MOST SACRED TREASURE

Annual Operating Budget Fiscal Year 24/25: \$699,286.00
Amount needed per week to maintain budget is \$13,447.81

Report Unavailable due to early deadline
Happy New Year

Actual Plate Contributions: \$5,529.00

2nd Collection Schedule

January 4/5 MMR



Please use the QR code for Mobile giving.

2025 OFFERTORY ENVELOPES – Please call Deb at 804-693-5939 to pick yours up.

SAINT RAYMOND OF PEÑAFORT

Saint of the Day: January 7

Patron Saint of Lawyers

Since Raymond lived into his hundredth year, he had a chance to do many things. As a member of the Spanish nobility, he had the resources and the education to get a good start in life. By the time he was 20, he was teaching philosophy. In his early 30s, he earned a doctorate in both canon and civil law. At 41, he became a Dominican. Pope Gregory IX called him to Rome to work for him and to be his confessor. One of the things the pope asked him to do was to gather together all the decrees of popes and councils that had been made in 80 years since a similar collection by Gratian. Raymond compiled five books called the Decretals.

Earlier, Raymond had written for confessors a book of cases. It was called Summa de Casibus Poenitentiae. More than simply a list of sins and penances, it discussed pertinent doctrines and laws of the Church that pertained to the problem or case brought to the confessor.

At the age of 60, Raymond was appointed archbishop of Tarragona, the capital of Aragon. He didn't like the honor at all and ended up getting sick and resigning in two years.

He didn't get to enjoy his peace long, however, because when he was 63, he was elected by his fellow Dominicans to be the head of the whole Order, the successor of Saint Dominic. Raymond worked hard, visited on foot all the Dominicans, reorganized their constitutions and managed to put through a provision that a master general be allowed to resign. When the new constitutions were accepted, Raymond, then 65, resigned.

He still had 35 years to oppose heresy and work for the conversion of the Moors in Spain. He convinced Saint Thomas Aquinas to write his work Against the Gentiles. In his 100th year, the Lord let Raymond retire.

Read the full article: "Saint Raymond of Peñafort" Franciscan Media, Franciscan Friars, franciscanmedia.org/saint-of-the-day/saint-raymond-of-penafort/ (Accessed December 21, 2024).