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**Thank you for your donations to the Catholic Charities
Christmas Toy Drive the weekend of: December 13 & 14**

2025 Contributions

Remember to submit any
contributions for 2025 ***THIS***
weekend to achieve credit this year.
The deadline Sunday - **DEC 28.**

Remember: Anything received *after*
Sunday, the 28th will be counted in
2026.

**Father thanks you for the gifts, cards
and remembrances given to him this
Christmas, and wishes all:**

"Peace and Prayers in 2026!"

Any changes to your address or phone this year?

Please make sure to update *this week*, so that January
statements may be mailed accurately. Email updated
information to:

office@catholicwb.org

**The Feast of the Holy Innocents
leads Christians to reflect on the
tragedy of abortion. Each day, our
hearts should be broken and the
souls of their mothers are weighed
down with the burden of guilt and
despair. Lord, as People of Life,
enable us to bring into this world the
hope that comes with the birth of
Christ, and from the birth of every
baby and healing for their mothers.**

Need Help?

Lifeline Pregnancy Center - 910.392.0001

Abortionpillreversal.com

HOPEAFTERABORTION.ORG

Project Rachel - 1.888.456.4673

Struggling with Infertility? Popepaulvi.com

Natural Family Planning: www.usccb.org/NFP

www.dioceseofraleigh.org/human-life-and-dignity

**Priests' Welfare and Retirement Fund - 2nd Collection,
*at this weekend's Masses***

Please give generously to this collection for priests working in *our* diocese. This fund serves not only retired priests, but those too ill to be in active ministry. Some areas that are funded by this collection include: the clergy pension plan, long term care, nursing home costs, and acute care intervention.

St. Therese takes up 2nd collections throughout the year to help defray this *significant obligation* which would otherwise have to come out of our normal operating funds.

(This collection is different than the Retired Religious collection, which is a *National* collection benefitting order priests, & religious sisters - that was taken up in early December.)

The late Msgr. Matthew Hendrick, the late Rev. Trent Watts, the late Rev. Joe Vetter and Rev. Gene Grabowski have benefitted from this fund.

Enjoy some peaceful prayer time....

Eucharistic Adoration

Come Let Us Adore Him

**Thursday Devotion, following the 12PM Mass
12:30PM until 4:30PM**

**Consider taking a weekly Holy Hour to spend
time with Jesus in prayer!
(It will be the best hour of your week.)
Adorers always needed Thursdays....**

*[Come anytime Thursday when you can spend a
few peaceful minutes, or a whole Holy Hour in
powerful silence.]*

All Welcome! Bring a friend!

Need a priest to visit you while in NOVANT- NHRMC?

You, your family, or your nurse must contact our Parish office
or the Spiritual Care Dept. in the hospital . (There may be
infection-control procedures in place.) *Scheduled surgery?*
Contact the Parish Office *prior* to it in order to schedule a time
for Anointing of the Sick by Father *before you are admitted.*

Any person wishing a low-gluten host must come to the
back-door of the sacristy *early* and ask Father directly, well
prior to the start of Mass. (So preparations may be made.)

SUPPORT YOUR PARISH

In 2025 Give Online Giving a Try!
Visit: www.catholicwb.org

Click on: "Giving"
Read the online data, then hit [click here](#).

Follow the instructions to set up an account and
password. *Use the email address on file with your Parish
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**Interested in the Knights of Columbus, the largest
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<https://kofc12885.org/> - or any Knight for information
on the St. Therese Council #12885 (Wrightsville Beach)
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[Also: Don't Forget Christmas Basket Raffle Tickets!!]

Diocese of Raleigh Bishop's Annual Appeal

***The Diocesan goal overall has been met,
as has our parish's!***

Thank you for your participation.....

SACRAMENTS

Reconciliation: Confessions are heard on Saturdays from 4:00 PM - 4:45PM in
the Reconciliation Room at the Church, and other times by appointment.
(Additional time may be offered during Advent and Lent.)

Eucharistic Adoration: Thursday 12:30PM - 5:30PM

Baptisms: Important information can be found on our website at
www.catholicwb.org/sacraments as to how to get started. Baptisms for children
are scheduled no more than 2 months in advance. Adults interested in becoming
Catholic should inquire about the Order of Christian Initiation of Adults (OCIA).

Anointing: Persons concerned about their health are encouraged to receive
the Sacrament of the Sick. (Hospital & nursing home patients should notify the
Registration Department, the social worker, or Pastoral Care upon check-in.)

Marriage: Couples from St. Therese planning marriage are asked to contact
the Parish Office *at least 6 months prior* to their proposed wedding date.

Confirmation: Adults seeking Confirmation should call the Parish Office.

Faith Formation, Confirmation, First Communion classes are at *St. Mark*.
Contact them too, if you can volunteer to help with the program.

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**St. Therese is a joyful and welcoming Catholic Parish,
united in Christ, promoting discipleship through community,
outreach and service.**

This Week	Stewardship		
<u>Saturday, December 27</u> 7:30AM - Men's Group 4:00PM - Confession 5:00PM - Mass - Pete Baxley (D) <u>Sunday, December 28 - The Holy Family</u> 8:00AM - Mass - St Therese Parishioners 10:30AM - Mass - Rita & Richard Lenski <u>Monday, December 29</u> No Mass, nor activities noted <u>Tuesday, December 30</u> 11:30AM - Rosary 12:00PM - Mass - Claudia Turco Storm (D) <u>Wednesday, December 31 - New Year's Eve</u> 11:30AM - Rosary 12:00PM - Mass - St. Therese Parishioners <u>Thursday, January 1 - New Year's Day - Solemnity of Mary</u> 11:30AM - Rosary 12:00PM - Mass - St. Therese Parishioners <u>Friday, January 2</u> 11:30AM - Rosary 12:00PM - Mass - Charles Blood (D) <u>Saturday, January 3</u> 7:30AM - Men's Group 4:00PM - Confession 5:00PM - Mass - St. Therese Parishioners <u>Sunday, January 4 - Epiphany</u> 8:00AM - Mass - Bryan Housler (D) 10:30AM - Mass - Jim Tyznar (D) <u>Monday, January 5</u> No Mass, nor activities noted <u>Tuesday, January 6</u> 11:30AM - Rosary 12:00PM - Mass - Rev. Samuel James "Jim" Buchholz(D) <u>Wednesday, January 7</u> 11:30AM - Rosary 12:00PM - Mass - Stephen McKeown (D) <u>Thursday, January 8</u> 11:30AM - Rosary 12:00PM - Mass - Rear Adm. John D. Murphy (D)	Offertory	Needed	Received
	December 7, 2025	\$ 20,912.50	\$ 23,428.58
	December 14, 2025	\$ 20,912.50	\$ 24,412.78
	December, 2025	\$ 83,650.00	\$ 47,841.36
	Consider online giving: visit www.catholicwb.org , Click on "Giving" and follow the prompts.....		
TODAY'S READINGS First Reading - The author teaches a filial respect for one's parents, and then the text shifts to the concrete help that children should extend to them "in old age and in times of illness, loneliness, or distress." (Sirach 3:2-6,12-14) Psalm - Blessed are those who fear the Lord and walk in his ways. (Psalm 128:1-2,3,4 - 5.) Second Reading — Paul gives his pastoral instruction on family life. He challenges every household to be transformed with "the peace of Christ." This peace is far more than the absence of hostility. It is a deep-rooted sense of connection to Christ through love and obedience to His way of understanding each other. (Colossians 3: 12-21, or 3: 12-17) Gospel — God works within the family structures. For example, St. Joseph is instructed by the angel because he is the head of the Holy Family, and the one most responsible for their well-being. We should also note his obedience in a very difficult time for the family. (Matthew 2: 13-15, 19-23)			
This Week's Scripture Readings			
Monday 1 Sm 1:24-28 1 Sm 2:1, 4-5, 6-7, 8abcd Lk 1:46-56 Tuesday Mal 3:1-4, 23-24 Ps 25:4-5ab, 8-9, 10 and 14 Lk 1:57-66 Wednesday Morning 2 Sm 7:1-5, 8b-12, 14a, 16 Ps 89:2-3, 4-5, 27 and 29 Lk 1:67-79 Thursday Vigil Is 62:1-5 Ps 89:4-5, 16-17, 27, 29 Acts 13:16-17, 22-25 Mt 1:1-25 or Mt 1:18-25 Thursday Night Is 9:1-6 Ps 96:1-2, 2-3, 11-12, 13 Ti 2:11-14 Lk 2:1-14 Thursday Dawn Is 62:11-12 Ps 97:1, 6, 11-12 Ti 3:4-7 Lk 2:15-20 Thursday Day Is 52:7-10 Ps 98:1, 2-3, 3-4, 5-6 Heb 1:1-6 Jn 1:1-18 or Jn 1:1-5, 9-14 Friday Acts 6:8-10; 7:54-59 Ps 31:3cd-4, 6 and 8ab, 16bc and 17 Mt 10:17-22 Saturday 1 Jn 1:1-4 Ps 97:1-2, 5-6, 11-12 Jn 20:1a, 2-8 Sunday Sir 3:2-6, 12-14 Ps 128:1-2, 3, 4-5 Col 3:12-21 or 3:12-17 Mt 2:13-15, 19-23			
Please use care when parking in the handicap spaces and display a current blue placard in addition to the handicapped tag. (Other cars should not be parked so close as to render these spaces inaccessible.)			

<u>Interested in joining St. Therese?</u> Please contact the Parish Office.
<u>The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary, and Joseph</u> "...And over all these put on love..."
This Week's Saints/Special Observances
Sunday: The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary & Joseph
Monday: Fifth Day within the Octave of Christmas
Tuesday: Sixth Day within the Octave of Christmas
Wednesday: Seventh Day within the Octave of Christmas
Thursday: Mary, the Holy Mother of God
Friday: Sts. Basil the Great & Gregory Nazianzan
Saturday: The Most Holy Name of Jesus
Sunday: The Epiphany of the Lord

More Charitable/Volunteer Information

Would you like to Volunteer to help with meals
at the **Eugene Ashley Center**?

Please contact Sally Pete Klingenburger or Rosemary Burney if you are interested in joining some of your fellow parishioners in helping to provide Friday meals for the residents of this transitional housing center for veterans. This very flexible volunteer opportunity includes such tasks as cooking, prep work, etc.

(The veterans themselves do the clean-up.)

Contact to find out more:

Petek123@aol.com or **TEXT** Rosemary Burney, 910-685-3872

Want to Volunteer to help with **Catholic Charities' mobile laundry trailer**? You can help restore dignity, humanity and hope to some in the unsheltered community. Help with this or any other outreach program by texting VOLUNTEER to 910-550-0392, or call 910-251-8130 x 2708

[Cape Fear Regional office: 4280 US Hwy 421 N, Suite 110]

Think you have a vocation to the Priesthood?

Diocese of Raleigh **Office of Vocations**

www.ncpriest.org

Upcoming Vocation Discernment Retreats

NOV 22	Greenville	ECU
JAN 24	Chapel Hill	UNC-Chapel Hill
MAR 21	Wilmington	UNCW
APR 25	Elon	ELON

Pre-registration required.

Email: vocations@raldioc.org

Other 2026 Vocations Events

JAN 30-FEB 1	St. Vincent de Paul Seminary: "Come & See" Weekend
JUN 26-28	Young Adult Pilgrimage (Eastern NC)
JUL 20-23	Quo Vadis High School Retreat

Wilmington Catholic Radio

Wilmington Catholic Radio can be heard on station **93.1 FM** in Wilmington. Shows can also be heard *online* on their website. Visit:

www.wilmingtoncatholicradio.com

Solemnity of Mary

January 1

12:00PM Mass

[A Holy Day of Obligation]

Men - start your New Year off right!

Join other men of St. Therese on Saturday mornings for candid conversation about how we can become better Catholic men.

We read and discuss scripture, but most of the time spent together consists of open dialogue about how these readings relate to real events in our lives. We are fortunate to have our faith to guide us. Meeting like this helps our faith to stay strong and to grow.

Inquiries? Email: jim@gibson-consultants.com

Please Pray for...

Rob Alford, Robert & Phyllis Anderson, Grace Anton, Jeanne Ashey, Bill Baker, Jr., Mark Bianco, Eileen Ballance, Tish Baker, Mary Barnhart, Paula Basso, Bill Batley, Connie Bergh, Doreen & Ed Bill, Nicole Birt, L. Black, Barbara Boggs, Ted Bost, Shealyn Breen, Chuck Brown, Silas Brown, Kaitlin Burns, Matthew Burns, Leonel Cardenez, Rob Carroll, Rocco Campagna, Grayson Carfagno, Jimmy Carl, Tina Carter, Kurt Christiansen, Sarah Cicuto, Caroline Ciocca, Carla Clark, Anne Cline, Mary Condra, Sally Lynn Costa, Scott Cowlin, Dale Cromartie, Brown Crosby, Darlene Currier, Shawn Dahm, N. Davy, Sutton Dennis, Jim Dvorak, Bob & Nancy Farris, Charlie P. Farris, Larry Ferrell, Joe Foley, Mary Galioto, Pete Galioto, John George, Larry George, Rev. Gene Grabowski, Beth Grady, Jacqueline Gurarino, Gerry Geist, Wyatt Gildersleeve, Thomas Giorgio, The Griffin Family, Esther Caeli Gripshover, Jacqueline Guarino, Elizabeth Hagan, Phyllis Ham, Craig Hoffman, Ryan Hogan, Dan Holt, Bob Horne, Clayton T. Housler, Donna Howard, Lenore Hulser, Ed Hyer, Rachel Jacobs, David Johnson, Noah Joseph, Laurie King, David Kmiec, Frank Kohn, Isabella Kolcun, Marie Korlacki, Mike Kranchalk, Kathy L., Rich Lalier, Kathleen LaMonica, Anna Langlois, Pamela LeBlanc, Cheryl Lee, Annie Lewis, Barrett Loomis, Aubrey Lueck, David Mabee, Jessica MacKay, Joey Manett, Danny McComas, Elizabeth M. McConnell, Bill McCord, Holly McKittrick-Boyle, Anne Meister, Kristen Metkiff, Greg Meyers, Michele Milkiewicz, Janice Miller, Nicole Miller, Carmel Moffo-Hackert, Maureen Molnar, Patricia Moore, Toni Meunier, Grace Morchauser, Nicole Miller, Mary Murray, Terry Noe, Nick Onufrak, Gregory O'Toole, Chris P., Erin Pascarosa, Lauren Peterson, Debbi Pollock, Peter Pruim, Marylee Reaume, Amanda Reda, Alexa Reid, Omaira Reid, Marissa Rhyne, Kathleen Rice, Gunther Rohland, Judy Ross, Sonya Row, Brooke Russell, Mary Sanza, Charlie Sarracino, Cheryl Schmitter, Joanie Scott, Steve Scott, Carol Schultz, David Scullin, Baylee Sharp, Diane Sheedy, Gerald Sheehan, Lou Skrapits, Melanie Smith, Susan Snell - Callanen, Don Sonne, Stella Spratt, Karen Soteco, Nora Stamper, Alison Stone, Archie Stone, Cynthia Sullivan, Shawn & Margaret Sweeney, Martha, & Sean Swyney, Ashley, Brian & Clara Stamper, Mary Teller, Mary Ann Thacker, David Thompson, Joanela Townsend, Janet Trowell, Hailey Tucker, Donna Tumolo, Ben Van Pilsun, Larry Vacek, Stan Vaughn, Nota Viologis, Laura Von, Kennedy Walker, Melinda & Dale Walker, Elaine Ward, Stephen Weber, Mary Ellen Wegrzyn, Nancy Weicht, Kim Williams, Phil Williams, TJ Wilson

Other Opportunities to Give....

Dec 14 Retired Religious (national)
Dec 24-28 Priests' Welfare & Retirement
Jan 24-25 Latin America

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Office of Vocations
Discernment Retreat
UNC-Chapel Hill
SAT, JAN 24
9AM
Ncpriest.org/events

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Annual Dr. Martin Luther King Celebration

**Holy Name of Jesus Cathedral
Monday, JAN 19, 12PM**

[Mass celebrated by Very Rev. Michael Burbeck]

Secular Order of Discalced Carmelites

Find out about St. Therese of Lisieux, St. John of the Cross, St. Teresa of Avila and the way you may be called to a life of prayer as a layperson.

Contact: christine.vayo@gmail.com or theresabogue@yahoo.com

Pray the Rosary!

Many gifts are attributed to those who faithfully pray the rosary, including: receipt of signal graces & armor against Hell, destruction of vice, decrease of sin, defeat of heresies, and more! Pray *before* daily Masses at 11:30AM. in the church....!

All Welcome! Join Us!

Altar Flowers

Want to donate flowers in 2026 "in Memory of" or "in Honor of" a special event, like an anniversary? Contact the Parish Office!

Advent Wreath Up Throughout Advent until Christmas

[Altar Arrangements the weekend of the Holy Family in Honor of Rose and Mike Kane's 50th Wedding Anniversary!]

THANK YOU!

Food Pantry News

"...do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus...."

YOU can help the poor and working-poor in our area (over 230 families) who use the Food Pantry. You can also make a monetary donation - write your check (with a notation that you are a St. Therese parishioner) and mail directly to:

St. Joseph's Food Pantry, 1303 US 117, Burgaw, NC 28425

Want to help drive St. Therese's weekly donations to Burgaw? Contact: Jane Yemma, 910.547.4243

The Pantry thanks St. Therese parishioners for their donations!

Remember: Winter soups, stews, chili, etc. are welcomed, as are "the usuals". Canned green beans, canned/powdered milk, canned hams, instant mashed potatoes, canned fruit, boxed bread mixes, etc. [Please make sure your donations have not exceeded expiration dates....]

Want to make arrangements to drop off food at Joseph's directly? It can be done MONDAY, 10AM-12PM only, but call ahead.

Driving to Burgaw? Always call first to check if any schedule changes are planned... [The pantry especially thanks St. Therese for the outpouring of donations at Christmas!]

Kathy Zechello

Church Bulletin Representative

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 BE OUR PROTECTION AGAINST THE MALICE AND SNARES OF THE DEVIL. MAY GOD REBUKE HIM WE HUMBLY PRAY AND DO THOU, O PRINCE OF THE HEAVENLY HOST, BY THE POWER OF GOD, THRUST INTO HELL SATAN AND ALL EVIL SPIRITS WHO WANDER THROUGH THE WORLD FOR THE RUIN OF SOULS. AMEN.

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