

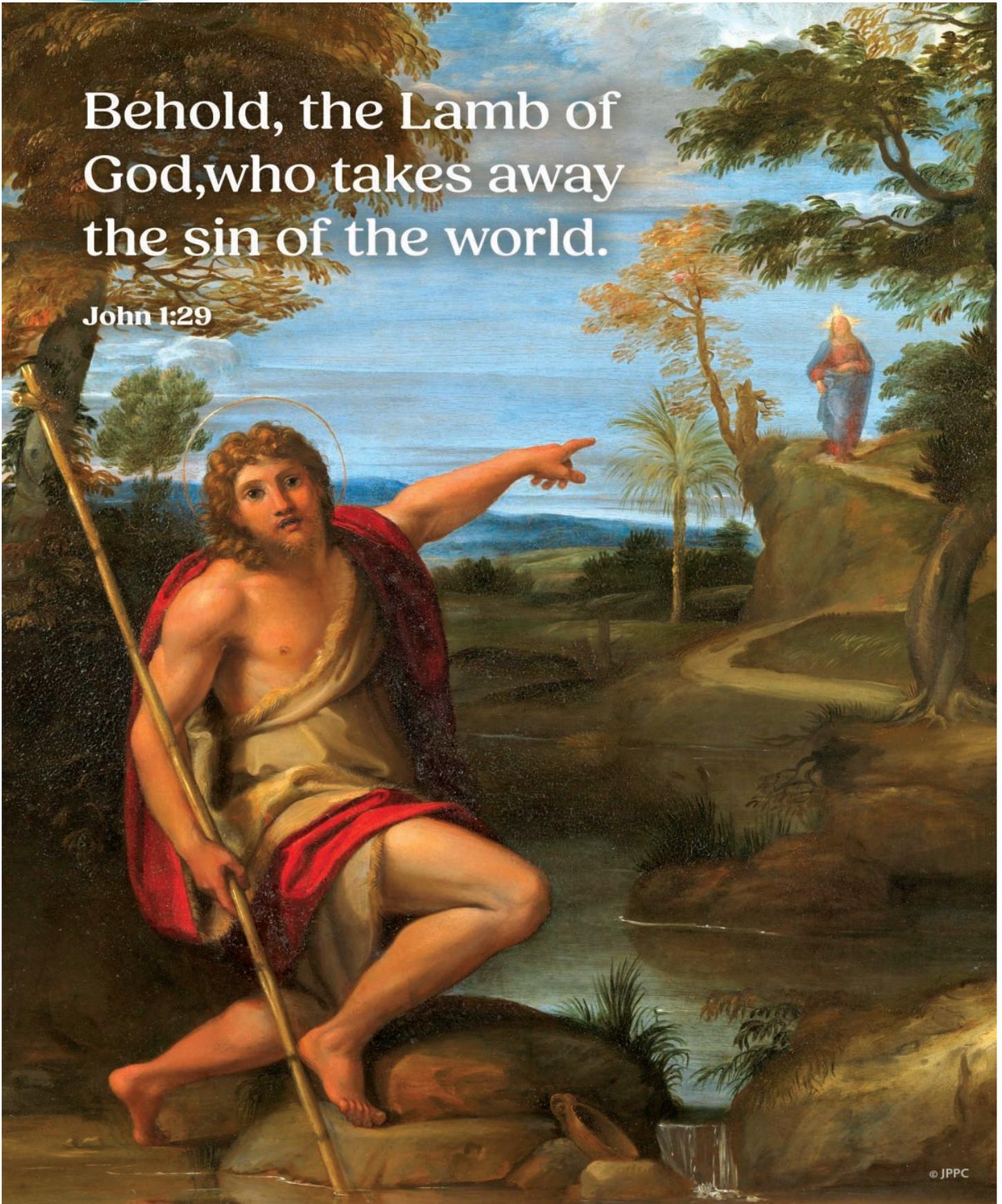


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Behold, the Lamb of  
God, who takes away  
the sin of the world.

John 1:29



**The Diocesan Wedding Anniversary Mass & Celebration**

**Saturday, February 14 - 10AM**

Holy Name of Jesus Cathedral, Raleigh. No charge, but do register:

<http://raldioc.configio.com/pd/1000/?code=fRDAJnPcdr>

Contact: [leo.quinn@raldioc.org](mailto:leo.quinn@raldioc.org)

**2025 Contributions**

The deadline was Sunday -  
**DEC 28.**

Remember: Anything received *after*  
Sunday, the 28th was counted  
toward **2026.**

**[2025 Statements will go  
out at the end of January.]**

**Knights of Columbus**

**2026 Collegiate Scholarship**

**[sponsored by Cape Fear Deanery]**

Visit:

**[KofC2017.org/scholarship](http://KofC2017.org/scholarship)**

**Lenten Soup Suppers**

Groups are invited to consider hosting the  
Friday soup suppers/Meager Meals after  
Stations. Contact the Parish Office for a  
date! [office@catholicwb.org](mailto:office@catholicwb.org)

**SAVE THE DATE!**

***Sunday, May 3***

**First Communion &  
Crowning of Mary**

***[Want to volunteer to make a floral  
crown? Contact the office.]***

**Pro Life Resources**

**Need Help?**

*Lifeline Pregnancy Center - 910.392.0001*

[Abortionpillreversal.com](http://Abortionpillreversal.com)

[HOPEAFTERABORTION.ORG](http://HOPEAFTERABORTION.ORG)

*Project Rachel - 1.888.456.4673*

Struggling with Infertility? [Popepaulvi.com](http://Popepaulvi.com)

*Natural Family Planning: [www.usccb.org/NFP](http://www.usccb.org/NFP)*

[www.dioceseofraleigh.org/human-life-and-dignity](http://www.dioceseofraleigh.org/human-life-and-dignity)

**The Church in Latin America - 2nd Collection,  
at all Masses JAN 24 -25**

**Help strengthen families, fund Catholic education, and foster priestly and religious vocations by donating to this fund. For over fifty years, Catholics in the United States have expressed solidarity with the Church from Mexico to the Caribbean, and down to the southern tip of South America.**

***Your generous support is needed and appreciated.***

*Start 2026 off right....*

## ***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](http://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 enrollment.....* You can set up a recurring scheme, or do a one-time gift on the weekends you are away...

**Interested in the Knights of Columbus, the largest fraternal organization in the world?**

**Contact: Frank Bio, [frankbio2@gmail.com](mailto:frankbio2@gmail.com) or <https://kofc12885.org/> - or any Knight for information on the St. Therese Council #12885 (Wrightsville Beach) and our principals of:**

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**Diocese of Raleigh  
Bishop's Annual Appeal**  
***The Diocesan goal overall has been met,  
as has our parish's!***

***Thank you for your participation.....***

[Dioceseofraleigh.org/bishops-annual-appeal/bishops-annual-appeal-donate-online](http://Dioceseofraleigh.org/bishops-annual-appeal/bishops-annual-appeal-donate-online)

## **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](http://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.

## **PARISH STAFF**

### **Pastor**

Reverend William J. Upah

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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		
<p><u>Saturday, January 17</u> 7:30AM - Men's Group 4:00PM - Confession 5:00PM - Mass - Mary Bridget Applequist (D)</p> <p><u>Sunday, January 18</u> 8:00AM - Mass - Cecelia Sebek (D) 9:15AM - OCIA 10:30AM - Mass - St. Therese Parishioners (D)</p> <p><u>Monday, January 19 - MLK holiday</u> No Mass, nor activities noted</p> <p><u>Tuesday, January 20</u> 11:30AM - Rosary [Fr Gene covering for a few days....] 12:00PM - Mass - Leonard Peter Bojanowski (D)</p> <p><u>Wednesday, January 21</u> 10:30AM - Walking with Purpose 12:00PM - Mass - Christine "Chris" Panek (D)</p> <p><u>Thursday, January 22</u> No Daily Mass 12:30PM - No Adoration this week</p> <p><u>Friday, January 23</u> No Daily Mass</p> <p><u>Saturday, January 24 - 2nd Collection all Masses - Latin America</u> 7:30AM - Men's Group 4:00PM - Confession 5:00PM - Mass - Esther Gripshover (L)</p> <p><u>Sunday, January 25</u> 8:00AM - Mass - St Therese Parishioners 9:15AM - OCIA 10:30AM - Mass - Ann Yates (D)</p> <p><u>Monday, January 26</u> No Mass, nor activities noted</p> <p><u>Tuesday, January 27</u> 11:30AM - Rosary 12:00PM - Mass - Lisa Alfano (L)</p> <p><u>Wednesday, January 28</u> 10:30AM - Walking with Purpose 12:00PM - Mass - Geoffrey Anne Fertitta (D)</p> <p><u>Thursday, January 29</u> 11:30AM - Rosary 12:00PM - Mass - Charles Covi (D)</p>	<b>Offertory</b>	<b>Needed</b>	<b>Received</b>
	December, 2025	\$ 83,650.00	\$126,903.28
	January 4, 2025	\$ 16,731.25	\$ 25,630.27
	January 2026	\$ 66,925.00	\$ 25,630.27
	<b>Consider online giving: visit <a href="http://www.catholicwb.org">www.catholicwb.org</a>, Click on "Giving" and follow the prompts.....</b> <b>* Final Included Christmas....</b>		
	<p><b><u>TODAY'S READINGS</u></b></p> <p><b>First Reading</b> - The Lord selects the one "whom He formed in the womb" to bring back the twelve tribes to the covenant which He, the one true God, had made with them. (Isaiah 49:3,5-6)</p> <p><b>Psalm</b> - Here am I, Lord, I come to do your will. (Psalm 40:2,4,7-8,8-9,10.)</p> <p><b>Second Reading</b> — In his introductory remarks, Paul tells his flock that God has chosen him (Paul) to make the gospel known, not only in Corinth, but to the Gentile world. (1 Corinthians 1:1-3)</p> <p><b>Gospel</b> — John the Baptist proudly calls his cousin "the Lamb of God." In doing so, he makes clear that Jesus' mission will be sacrificial. The Spirit's descent as a dove initiates Jesus' manifestation to Israel. (John 1: 29-34)</p>		
	<b>This Week's Scripture Readings</b>		
	<p><b>Monday</b> 1 Sm 15:16-23 Ps 50:8-9, 16bc-17, 21 and 23 Mk 2:18-22</p> <p><b>Tuesday</b> 1 Sm 16:1-13 Ps 89:20, 21-22, 27-28 Mk 2:23-28</p> <p><b>Wednesday</b> 1 Sm 17:32-33, 37, 40-51 Ps 144:1b, 2, 9-10 Mk 3:1-6</p> <p><b>Thursday</b> 1 Sm 18:6-9; 19:1-7 Ps 56:2-3, 9-10a, 10b-11, 12-13 Mk 3:7-12</p> <p><b>Friday</b> 1 Sm 24:3-21 Ps 57:2, 3-4, 6 and 11 Mk 3:13-19</p> <p><b>Saturday</b> 2 Sm 1:1-4, 11-12, 19, 23-27 Ps 80:2-3, 5-7 Mk 3:20-21</p> <p><b>Sunday</b> Is 8:23-9:3 Ps 27:1, 4, 13-14 1 Cor 1:10-13, 17 Mt 4:12-23 or Mt 4:12-17</p>		
<p><b><u>Interested in joining St. Therese?</u></b> Please contact the Parish Office.</p>			
<p><b><u>Second Sunday in Ordinary Time</u></b></p> <p><b><i>"...I will make you a light to the nations..."</i></b></p>			
<b>This Week's Saints/Special Observances</b>			
<p><b>Sunday:</b> Second Sunday of Ordinary Time</p> <p><b>Monday:</b> Monday of the 2nd Week in Ordinary Time</p> <p><b>Tuesday:</b> Saints Fabian or Sebastian</p> <p><b>Wednesday:</b> Saint Agnes</p> <p><b>Thursday:</b> Unborn Children</p> <p><b>Friday:</b> Saint Vincent or Saint Marianne Cope</p> <p><b>Saturday:</b> Saint Francis de Sales</p> <p><b>Sunday:</b> Third Sunday in Ordinary Time</p>			
	<p>Please use care when parking in the handicap spaces and display a current blue placard in addition to the handicapped tag. <u>(Other cars should not be parked so close as to render these spaces inaccessible.)</u></p>		

## 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](mailto: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](http://www.ncpriest.org)

#### Upcoming Vocation Discernment Retreats

JAN 24	Chapel Hill	UNC-Chapel Hill
MAR 21	Wilmington	UNCW
APR 25	Elon	ELON

*Pre-registration required.*

Email: [vocations@raldioc.org](mailto: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](http://www.wilmingtoncatholicradio.com)

#### PLAN AHEAD

<i>Ash Wednesday</i>	<i>February 18</i>
<i>Chrism Mass (Raleigh)</i>	<i>March 31</i>
<i>Palm Sunday</i>	<i>March 29</i>
<i>Easter Sunday</i>	<i>April 5</i>

### **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](mailto: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, Philomena Comes, Mary Condra, Sally Lynn Costa, Scott Cowlin, Dale Cromarrtie, 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, Bob Gustie, 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, Nicole Miller, Mary Murray, Terry Noe, Nick Onufrak, Gregory O'Toole, Chris P., Erin Pascarosa, Lauren Peterson, Debbi Pollock, Peter Pruium, 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 Pilsum, Larry Vacek, Stan Vaughn, Nota Violagis, 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....***

- |           |                               |
|-----------|-------------------------------|
| Jan 24-25 | Latin America                 |
| Feb 21-22 | Black & Indian Missions       |
| Mar 14-15 | Catholic Relief Services      |
| Apr 4-5   | Priests' Welfare & Retirement |

***Thank you for your generosity!***

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9AM  
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### **John Patrick Publishing**

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[If you are interested in placing an ad to help defray the cost of producing our church bulletin - please contact: [kzechello@jppc.net](mailto:kzechello@jppc.net) and refer to Bulletin #727 ] The last few spots are available.....

Want to view bulletin online when out of town?

## **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](mailto:christine.vayo@gmail.com) or [theresabogue@yahoo.com](mailto: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!

**JAN 10-11 Flowers in Memory of Jack McLaughlin by his wife, Joan**

***Thank you to all who donated toward the Christmas display in the church!***

**THANK YOU!**

## Food Pantry News

**"...The Lord said to me: You are my servant...."**

**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 meats/fish, instant mashed potatoes, rice & macaroni, 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 always 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! ]**

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 Wishing you, our parish family, spiritual protection throughout the upcoming week - *The Reimel Family*



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