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November 27, 2022 FIRST SUNDAY

Howent



You must be prepared, for at an hour you do not expect, the Son of Man will come.

Matthew 24:44

Sunday, November 27 - First Sunday of Advent

8:00AM - Mass - St. Therese Parishioners

No Faith Formation

10:30AM - Mass - Jeannette M. Foley (D)

Monday, November 28

No Mass, nor activities scheduled

Tuesday, November 29

11:30AM - Rosarv

12:00PM - Mass - Michael Duea (D)

Wednesday, November 30

11:30AM - Rosary

12:00PM - Mass - John Timmins (D)

7:00PM - Choir practice

Thursday, December 1

11:30AM - Rosary

12:00PM - Mass - Aaron Ryan Preusser (D)

12:30PM - Adoration

12:30PM - Scripture Circle

5:30PM - NO Benediction (Priests at Penance Service at I.C.C,)

Friday, December 2

10:30AM - Pro-Life Apostolate

11:30AM - Rosary

12:00PM - Mass - Nelson Britto (D)

Saturday, December 3

7:30AM - Men's Group

4:00PM - Confession

5:00PM - Mass - St. Therese Parishioners

Sunday, December 4

8:00AM - Mass - Elaine Ferguson (D)

9:05AM - Faith Formation

10:30AM - Mass - Scott Read (D) and Ron Read (D)

11:30AM - Youth Group

Monday, December 5

No Mass, nor activities scheduled

Tuesday, December 6

11:30AM - Rosarv

12:00PM - Mass - Dr. Phil Metz (D)

Wednesday, December 7

11:30AM Rosary

12:00PM - Mass - Jimmy Maritato (D) 7:00PM - Advent Penance Service

Thursday, December 8 - The Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary

12:00PM - Mass 6:30PM - Mass

[A Holy Day of Obligation]

Interested in joining St. Therese?

Please contact the Parish Office.

First Sunday of Advent November 27, 2022

"For our salvation is nearer now than when we first believed....."

This Week's Saints/Special Observances

Sunday: The First Sunday of Advent

Monday: Saint Charles Borromeo

Tuesday: Blessed Bernard Francis de Hoyos

Wednesday: Saint Andrew

Blessed Clementine Anuarite Thursday: Friday: Saint Anselm; First Friday

Saturday: Saint Francis Xavier; First Saturday Sunday: The Second Sunday of Advent

Stewardship		
Offertory	Needed	Received
November 6, 2022	\$15,125.25	\$19,396.50
November 13, 2022	\$15,125.25	\$13,379.00
November 2022	\$60,501.00	\$32,775.50

Considered giving online? Visit: www.catholicwb.org [Early bulletin deadlines due to Thanksgiving holiday. Watch for updated numbers in subsequent issues.]

TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading — All the peoples shall stream toward the LORD'S house (Isaiah 2:1-5).

Psalm — We will rejoice as we go up to the Lord's house (Psalm 122).

Second Reading — It is the hour to cast off the dark and clothe ourselves in the light (Romans 13:11-14).

Gospel — Stay awake! Be prepared! The Son of Man will come when you least expect (Matthew 24:37-44).

This Week's Scripture Readings

Monday: Is 4:2-6; Ps 122:1-9; Mt 8:5-11

Tuesday: Is 11:1-10; Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 12-13, 17;

Lk 10:21-24

Wednesday: Rom 10:9-18; Ps 19:8-11; Mt 4:18-22

Thursday: Is 26:1-6; Ps 118:1, 8-9, 19-21, 25-27a;

Mt 7:21, 24-27

Friday: Is 29:17-24; Ps 27:1, 4, 13-14; Mt 9:27-31

Saturday: Is 30:19-21, 23-26; Ps 147:1-6;

Mt 9:35 — 10:1, 5a, 6-8

Sunday: Is 11:1-10; Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 12-13, 17;

Rom 15:4-9; Mt 3:1-12

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PEOPLE OF LIGHT

We are called to reflect the light of God's love through the ways in which we live our lives. Imagine the impact if each of us took this call to heart, every day, at home, work, or school, in our parish, in the world. "All nations shall stream toward it," toward the love that only comes from God. Yet, we must admit that much of the time we fail to be beacons of God's light. We fall asleep, complacent, preferring to go the easy route, which often leads to darkness rather than the radiance of Christ's light. As we begin the season of Advent, Saint Paul admonishes us to throw off the works of darkness, to awaken to the call of light and love. In today's Gospel, Jesus too tells us to stay awake, to be prepared to greet the Lord of light as people of the light.

J. S. Paluch Co.

Need a priest to visit you while in NOVANT-NHRMC?
You, your family, or your nurse must contact the Spiritual Care Dept. in the hospital & they will have their liaison contact a priest. (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.

SUPPORT YOUR PARISH

In 2022 Give Online Giving a Try!

Visit: www.catholicwb.org

Click on: ONLINE GIVING (upper right)
Read the online data, then hit click <u>here</u>.
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.

Save the Dates for Collection for the Needy:

Toy Drive: December 10 - 11

(This collection will benefit Catholic Charities' clients and other area agencies. Contact: <u>wagner7845@gmail.com</u>

Christmas Masses

December 24, Christmas Eve, Saturday 4PM (with Children's Choir) & 6PM

December 25, Christmas Day, SUN, 10AM only [Tent will be up for overflow seating!]

SACRAMENTS

Reconciliation: Confessions are heard on Saturdays from 4:15 PM - 4:45PM in the Reconciliation Room at the Church, and other times by appointment. (Additional time often 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 Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA). **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 in process.

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

PARISH STAFF

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Mark Your Calendar:

Thursday, December 8 - The Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary

(A Holy Day of Obligation - two Mass times) 12:00PM Mass & 6:30PM Mass

Priests' Welfare & Retirement 2nd Collection: this wknd., November 26 & 27

Supports priests in *our* Diocese of Raleigh.

This collection helps priests who are retired or who are unable to work due to illness or infirmity. The late Msgr. Matt Hendrick, the late Fr. Joe Vetter, the late Fr. Trent Watts and Fr. Gene Grabowski all benefitted from this important fund. The second collections help defray the *significant* obligation we must pay annually to the Diocese. What we do not collect, must come out of our regular operating budget. **Please be generous!**

Children's Choir

We invite our children of all ages to sing in our Children's Choir on **Christmas Eve at the 4:00PM Mass.** The first rehearsal was during Faith Formation class on 11/20 at 9:30AM in the church. The remaining other rehearsals will be on: 12/11 at 9:30AM, and before Mass on Christmas Eve, 12/24 at 3:00PM.

We love seeing our young people contribute to the beauty of the Liturgy, so please consider having your children join us!

We are also in need of a female volunteer to help the kids find their notes during rehearsals. For questions, please email Kevin Donnelly at: worship@catholicwb.org.

St. Therese Pro-Life Apostolate

In the Parish Hall, Monthly, First Friday
December 2, 10:30AM
Contact: <u>ipaparozzi@yahoo.com</u>or
tahoolie@fidei.email

Pregnant & Need Help? Some additional resources.....

Lifeline Pregnancy Center - 910.392.0001

Abortion Pill Reversal - 1.877.558.0333

Project Rachel - 1.888.456.4673 HOPEAFTERABORTION.ORG

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! Want to learn more? Pray before the daily Masses at 11:30AM in the church.... patriciabwesterlund@gmail.com

Scripture Circle is held on Thursdays at 12:30PM in the Parish Hall.

All welcome for reading, prayer, and faith-sharing: New Testament Scriptures with the video guidance of Fr. Nicolas King, S.J.

Contact for more info: <u>bibikabad@hotmail.com</u> or <u>NourishYourSpirit2012@gmail.com</u>

PRAYER OF THE WEEK - First Sunday of Advent

Come, Lord Jesus.
O God, you are great indeed.
Look upon us and reveal your glory,
promised to Abraham and sent to us
through David and his lineage.

Send us the warmth of your love, the light of your Word, the vision of your wisdom, and the comfort of your people. Open our hearts in welcome and grant us your salvation. Fill our minds with watchful hope and let us see your kindness.

Give us new life, the promise and joy of salvation. May the glory of your Son dwell in our land forever.

We pray: Come, Lord Jesus. Amen.

2023 Hangtags

Will be mailed to the addresses on file at the end of January 2023 (with the 2022 contribution statements) to those who qualify.

Please make sure the parish has your correct and most updated address, email, and phone information.

Questions? Contact: office@catholicwb.org

Advent Penance Service

Wednesday,
December 7
7:00PM - St. Therese

Christmas Basket Raffle Tickets - Knights of Columbus

Ticket sales: December 3 & 4

December 9 & 10 December 17 & 18

Contact: costy.joe2@gmail.com

Wilmington Catholic Radio

Wilmington Catholic Radio can be heard on stations **91.7 FM**, **93.1 FM**, and **103.1 FM** in Wilmington. Shows can also be heard online on their website at:

www.wilmingtoncatholicradio.com

Men - start your weekend off right! Saturdays at 7:30a.m.

Join other men of St. Therese on Saturday mornings for coffee, bagels, and 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.

On-site meetings have resumed in the Parish Hall. Inquiries? Email: <u>jim@qibson-consultants.com</u>

Please Pray for...

Rob Alford, Bill Allen, Jeanne Ashey, Bill Baker, Jr., Mark Bianco, Eileen Balance, Paula Basso, Bill Batley, Todd Baumgartner, Doreen Bill, Nicole Birt, L. Black, Daphne Boothe, Shealyn Breen, Chuck Brown, Silas Brown, Matthew Burns, Leonel Cardenez, Rob Carroll, Michael Cahill, Rocco Campagna, Jimmy Carl, Caroline Ciocca, Carla Clark, Anne Cline, Perry Coxe, Sharyn Curbo, Shawn Dahm, N. Davy, Ashley Eason, Karine Eason, Caleb Emmons, Bob & Nancy Farris, Charlie P. Farris, Charles Foley, Mary Galioto, Beth Grady, Jacqueline Gurarino, John Geiger, Gerry Geist, Wyatt Gildersleeve, Thomas Giorgio, The Griffin Family, Jacqueline Guarino, Elizabeth Hagan, Claudia Hamilton, Craig Hoffman, Barbara Holderfield, Clayton T. Housler, Lenore Hulser, Claire Hunter, Ed Hyer, Rachel Jacobs, Richard P. Kelly, Laurie King, David Kmiec, Frank Kohn, Isabella Kolcun, Marie Korlacki, Rich Lalier, Cheryl Lee, Rita Lenski, Annie Lewis, Aubrey Lueck, Dawn Mak, Jessica MacKay, Miriam Marlar, Elizabeth M. McConnell, Bill McCord, Holly McKittrick-Boyle, Kathy Meloche, Michele Milkiewicz, Claire Millican, Carmel Moffo-Hackert Maureen Molnar, Patricia Moore, Toni Meunier, Grace Morchauser, Nicole Myers, Terry Noe, Bob and Young-Ok O'Toole, Gregory O'Toole, Erin Pascarosa, Debbi Pollock, Peter Pruim, Amanda Reda, Anthony Reda, Omaira Reid, Marissa Rhyne, Shirley Rhyne, Keith & Olga Rohland, Judy Ross, Sonya Row, Garry Rust, Mary Sanza, Mildred Sanza, Charlie Sarracino, Cheryl Schmitter, Steve Scott, Carol Schultz, David Scullin, Joe Scullin, Diane Sheedy, Melanie Smith, Bob Sparrow, Stella Spratt, Amy Sponseller, Karen Soteco, Nora Stamper, Irene Stein, Archie Stone, Cynthia Sullivan, Joseph Sullivan, Tom & Martha Swyney, Mary Teller, Hailey Tucker, Donna Tumolo, Ben Van Pilsum, Larry Vacek, Nota Violagis, Melinda & Dale Walker, Kyle Warren, Stephen Weber, Nancy Weicht, Deacon Jim Welch, Phil Williams, Danielle Wilson, Chet Woodard

Project Rachel Post-Abortion Healing Retreat

January 6 - 8, 2023

Strictly confidential. Experience God's love, forgiveness, and compassion. For more information or to register:

Rachelnc.org

Or call 919.852.1021 (financial assistance available)

Reminder re: Recreational Parking

The 2022 yellow hangtags are still in effect and parking lot enforcement is ongoing. Please use the Waynick lot for beach parking whenever possible (if physically able) and keep the middle lot open for those having specific business in the office building or church, and the sand lot open for those beachgoers who are infirm, or who are parents with small children.

Saturdays: Beachgoers (hangtag or not) should exit all lots on no later than 3:30PM, (unless instructed otherwise, so those coming for Reconciliation and/or Mass have room to park. There's no towing *during* Mass nor during scheduled events...

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IMPORTANT INFORMATION

Other Opportunities to Give

Nov 27 Priests' Retirement

Dec 11 Retired Religious

Dec 25 Priests' Retirement

[Give toward our Christmas flower display from now until December 18......]

No Altar flowers during Advent, as
The Advent wreath is present.
(However, there will be rose-themed
ones during Gaudete Sunday)
Contact the Parish Office if you'd
like to sponsor in 2023...

Other Deanery Penance Services

Thurs., Dec. 1, 7PM - Immaculate Conception Wed., Dec. 7, 11AM - St. Mary Basilica Shrine Tues., Dec. 13, 7PM - St. Stanislaus (Castle Hayne) Wed., Dec. 14, 7PM - St. Joseph (Burgaw)

[Please do not wait to take advantage of one of these during Advent, as church & priest calendars are booked-up in December.....]

Food Pantry News

"...I will pray for your good..."

YOU can help the poor and working-poor in our area who use the Food Pantry. You can also make a monetary donation - write your check 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 More Drivers Needed! Want to Drop off food donations for the pantry? Visit the Parish Hall before or after Mass.....! (Place items on the counter.) Soups, stews, boxed stuffing, canned vegetables & fruits, pie fillings, and baking mixes, etc. are welcome at this time of year.

Want to make arrangements to drop off food at Joseph's directly? It can be done MONDAY, 10AM-12PM only. Contact Patricia Kopchick: 518-275-9887

Call first to check if any changes to the schedule.



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