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NOVEMBER 28, 2021

*First Sunday of Advent*

There will be signs in the sun, the moon, and the stars.  
When these signs begin to happen, stand erect and  
raise your heads because your redemption is at hand.

~ Luke 21:25, 28



This Week	Stewardship				
<p><b>Monday, November 29</b> No activities noted</p> <p><b>Tuesday, November 30</b> 12:00PM - Mass - Velma &amp; Andrew Gemza (D)</p> <p><b>Wednesday, December 1</b> 12:00PM - Mass - Mary Reimel (L) 7:00PM - Choir Rehearsal</p> <p><b>Thursday, December 2</b> 12:00PM - Keira Myers (L) 12:30PM - Adoration 12:30PM - Scripture Circle 5:30PM - Benediction</p> <p><b>Friday, December 3</b> 12:00PM - Anne Hannon Bell (D)</p> <p><b>Saturday, December 4</b> [Secular Franciscan Retreat] 4:15PM - Confession 5:00PM - Mass - Eric Westerlund &amp; Family (L)</p> <p><b>Sunday, December 5</b> 8:00AM - Mass - Ben Harbeck (D) 10:30AM - Mass - St. Therese Parishioners</p> <p><b>Monday, December 6</b> No Activities Noted</p> <p><b>Tuesday, December 7</b> 12:00PM - Mass - James Maritato (D)</p> <p><u>IF IN LOTS FOR ANY REASON OTHER THAN LITURGIES, PLEASE DISPLAY CURRENT 2021 WHITE HANGTAG. (ALL OTHERS SUBJECT TO TOW.)</u></p>	<b>Offertory</b>	<b>Needed</b>	<b>Received</b>		
<b>November 7, 2021</b>				<b>\$ 14,708.50</b>	<b>\$ 18,416.25</b>
<b>November 14, 2021</b>				<b>\$14,708.50</b>	<b>\$ 13,514.00</b>
<b>November 2021</b>				<b>\$58,834.00</b>	<b>\$ 31,930.25*</b>
Please consider weekly or monthly online giving. Visit: <a href="http://www.catholicwb.org">www.catholicwb.org</a> then click ONLINE GIVING *Early bulletin deadlines throughout the holidays...					
<p><b>Today's Readings.</b></p> <p><b>First Reading</b> — The days are coming when the LORD will fulfill the promise made to Israel and Judah (Jeremiah 33:14-16).</p> <p><b>Psalms</b> — To you, O Lord, I lift my soul (Psalm 25).</p> <p><b>Second Reading</b> — May the Lord make you increase and abound in love that you may be blameless in holiness; conduct yourselves so as to please God (1 Thessalonians 3:12 — 4:2).</p> <p><b>Gospel</b> — There will be signs and you will see the Son of Man coming with power and great glory. Be vigilant (Luke 21:25-28, 34-36).</p>					
<p><b>READINGS FOR THE WEEK</b></p>					
<p><b>Monday:</b> Is 2:1-5; Ps 122:1-9; Mt 8:5-11</p>					
<p><b>Tuesday:</b> Rom 10:9-18; Ps 19:8-11; Mt 4:18-22</p>					
<p><b>Wednesday:</b> Is 25:6-10a; Ps 23:1-6; Mt 15:29-37</p>					
<p><b>Thursday:</b> Is 26:1-6; Ps 118:1, 8-9, 19-21, 25-27a; Mt 7:21, 24-27</p>					
<p><b>Friday:</b> Is 29:17-24; Ps 27:1, 4, 13-14; Mt 9:27-31</p>					
<p><b>Saturday:</b> Is 30:19-21, 23-26; Ps 147:1-6; Mt 9:35 — 10:1, 5a, 6-8</p>					
<p><b>Sunday:</b> Bar 5:1-9; Ps 126:1-6; Phil 1:4-6, 8-11; Lk 3:1-6</p>					
<p><b>This Week's Saints/Special Observances</b></p> <p><b>Sunday: First Sunday of Advent</b>  <b>Monday:</b> Saint Cecelia  <b>Tuesday:</b> Saint Andrew  <b>Wednesday:</b> Saint Eligius  <b>Thursday:</b> Saint Bibiana  <b>Friday:</b> Saint Francis Xavier; First Friday  <b>Saturday:</b> Saint John Damascene; 1st Saturday</p>					
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## WATCHFUL CONFIDENCE

We the Church enter into Advent and the new liturgical year with a call for a watchful confidence. Our readings were originally addressed to communities undergoing great loss and confusion. Jeremiah speaks confidently of God fulfilling the ancient promises to Israel, even during a time of foreign invasion. Paul speaks of God leading the Church into holiness, while the community longs for the coming of Jesus. In the Gospel passage from Luke, Jesus speaks of powerful signs and of great confusion to come, but emphasizes that we may look forward knowing that God brings not cause for despair, but hope. We celebrate Advent to remind each other of God's faithfulness. We are to be watchful, to see how God is stirring up our world. God disturbs both our pride and our complacency, and brings us healing and justice. We prepare ourselves to welcome Jesus, confident that God indeed fulfills all these divine promises.

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### **Diocesan Safe Environment Training**

Online webinar will be held:

***Tuesday, December 14, 7PM***

**These sessions are for initial training OR those needing 5-yr renewal. This training is required for all those volunteering with children or youth.**

<https://dioceseofraleigh.org/calendar?office=2249>

## SUPPORT YOUR PARISH

***In 2021 Give Online Giving a Try!***

**Visit: [www.catholicwb.org](http://www.catholicwb.org)**

Click on: ONLINE GIVING (upper right)

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 each weekend.....! (All 2021 contributions must be made by 12-26-21.)

## **Altar Flowers**

**If you would like to sponsor flowers , please call the Parish Office, 910-256-2471. The fee is \$110, and you may split that among a group, or between two families or among a group if you'd like to.....**

## 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.

Communal Services are typically scheduled 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 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 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 have begun. Contact the Parish Office

## PARISH STAFF

### **Pastor**

Reverend William "Bill" Upah

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



## **CATHOLIC ESTATE PLANNING WEBINAR**

**When: Tuesday February 15, 2022 - 10AM to 11:15am**

**Sign up:** <https://www.foundationdor.or/estate-planning-webinar-series-2022/>

**Or call: Alicia Hastings 919-568-1065**

**WWW.FOUNDATIONDOR.ORG**

### **Catholic Campaign for Human Development**

This weekend our second collection will support the Catholic Campaign for Human Development. More than thirty-eight million people in the United States live in poverty. This collection supports programs that empower people to identify and address the obstacles they face as they work to bring permanent and positive change to their communities. 25% of the money collected remains in this Diocese.

CCHD has a complementary mission of educating on poverty and its causes. This strategy of education for justice and helping people who are poor speak and act for themselves reflects the mandate of the Scriptures and the principles of Catholic social teaching. CCHD offers a hand up, not a hand out.

Learn more about the Catholic Campaign for Human Development at:

[www.usccb.org/cchd](http://www.usccb.org/cchd).

### **Wrapped in LOVE Christmas Program by Catholic Charities**

This Christmas, Catholic Charities will be collecting items that families *most request*. Their truck will be out front at St. Therese on **Dec 11 & 12** before and after Masses. Please donate: new blankets; new electric space heaters; food, pizza, or gas giftcards; drug-store items; and laundry or cleaning supplies. Parish contact: [wagner7845@gmail.com](mailto:wagner7845@gmail.com) ***Let's 'stuff the truck' that weekend!***

**Scripture Circle is held on Thursdays at 12:30PM in the Parish Hall! The group is now be focusing on "walking the road to Emmaus" using:**

**Walking with God: A Journey Through the Bible by Tim Gray and Jeff Cavins.**

***All welcome for reading, prayer, and faith-sharing.....***

**Contact: [bibikabad@hotmail.com](mailto:bibikabad@hotmail.com) or [NourishYourSpirit2012@gmail.com](mailto:NourishYourSpirit2012@gmail.com)**

## FEAST OF FAITH

### Procession

"The Mass is ended, go in peace." At the beginning of Mass, the ministers entered in solemn procession, an emblem of the diverse community that comes together around the altar each week to celebrate the Eucharist. As Mass ends, another procession forms, and the ministers go forth from the church. This concluding procession also acts as an emblem of the entire assembly, who, nourished by the Eucharist, will now go forth to our scattered homes and places of work to be a transforming leaven of the gospel in the world. At the beginning of Mass, the priest kissed the altar as a sign of greeting, a gesture of reverence for Christ. Now, the priest reverences the altar again, this time in a gesture of farewell. We gather our things and go forth as we entered—but not quite. Through our celebration of the Eucharist, we have renewed our commitment to service of Christ our King, and we go forth nourished, strengthened, renewed—changed.

*Corinna Laughlin, Copyright J. S. Paluch Co.*

### **NC Catholics VOLUNTEER**

Join Catholic Charities, the Knights of Columbus and the Wilmington Area Rebuilding Ministry (WARM) on **December 11** as we help repair hurricane-damaged homes in the Cape Fear Area. Volunteers of all experience levels are welcome, but spots are limited, so sign up now!

Wear closed toed shoes.

Wear clothing that's ok to get dirty or stained.

Persons under 18 must be accompanied by parent.

Volunteer must be comfortable working on a construction site.

Typical projects may include: painting, drywall, laying down flooring...

Location: somewhere in Brunswick, Duplin, New Hanover, Onslow, or Pender. Site(s) TBD

**Questions? Want to sign up?**

**Contact:**

**[Daniel.Altenu@cccharitiesdor.org](mailto:Daniel.Altenu@cccharitiesdor.org)**

**[Catholiccharitiesraleigh.org/nccv/](http://Catholiccharitiesraleigh.org/nccv/)**

**2021 Donations for Year-End Stmts**  
**Please make sure to submit all 2021 donations *no later than Sunday, December 26.* Anything received after that date will not get counted, recorded, & deposited until 2022.**

### **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](http://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: [jim@gibson-consultants.com](mailto:jim@gibson-consultants.com)*

## Please Pray for...

Rob Alford, Bill Allen, Jeanne Ashe, Bill Baker, Jr., Todd Baumgartner, Pete Baxley, Doreen Bill, Nicole Birt, L. Black, Shealyn Breen, Chuck Brown, Silas Brown, Matthew Burns, Leonel Cardenez, Rob Carroll, Michael Cahill, Theresa Chandler, Caroline Ciocca, Carla Clark, Anne Cline, Perry Coxe, Jeanne Davis, Ashley Eason, Caleb Emmons, Bob Farris, Charlie Pat Farris, Mary Galimoto, Gerry Geist, Marion Gemza, Wyatt Gildersleeve, The Griffin Family, Ron Gunther, Elizabeth Hagan, Claudia Hamilton, Rosemary Heath, Debby Hester, Craig Hoffman, Barbara Holderfield, Clayton T. Housler, Ed Hyer, Maureen Jackson, Laurie King, David Kmiec, Frank Kohn, Isabella Kolcun, Marie Korlacki, Ray Kress, Rich Lalier, Cheryl Lee, Fr. Doug Lawson, Aubrey Lueck, Dawn Mak, Linda Markin, Jessica MacKay, Bernie Maguire, Sandra Malfa, Elizabeth M. McConnell, Terry McGiverin, Holly McKittrick-Boyle, Michele Milkiewicz, Claire Millican, Patricia Moore, Toni Meunier, Nicole Myers, Terry Noe, Gail O'Donnell, Bob and Young-Ok O'Toole, Gregory O'Toole, Debbi Pollock, Peter Pruim, Amanda Reda, Anthony Reda, Omaira Reid, Marissa Rhyne, Garry Rust, Mary Sanza, Mildred Sanza, Charlie Sarracino, Cheryl Schmitter, Steve Scott, David Scullin, Diane Sheedy, Joe Silva, Melanie Smith, Bob Sparrow, Stella Spratt, Nora Stamper, Irene Stein, Archie Stone, Cynthia Sullivan, Tom & Martha Swyney, Joanne Tineille, Heather Scullin, Anneliese Todd, Hailey Tucker, Donna Tumolo, Ben Van Pilsun, Melinda & Dale Walker, Kyle Warren, Stephen Weber, Nancy Weicht, Deacon Jim Welch, Phill Williams, Barbara Zarnick

*(Please contact the Parish Office if names should be added or removed from this list.)*

## Flowers

***Altar flowers are sponsored this weekend  
By Carm Duea.....***

### **The Sgt. Eugene Ashley Memorial Center - Volunteer Opportunity - Can YOU help?**

Our veterans served our country and all of us. Now, some of them need a helping hand. The Ashley Program is an 18 month transitional residence and recovery center for up to 23 homeless veterans. It provides structure, support and resources that foster lasting recovery and a return to independent living.

St. Therese' volunteers help with this mission by cooking Friday meals from 9AM to Noon. They provide the food and we prepare it in their kitchen. The residents themselves do all the clean-up!

Consider this volunteer opportunity if:

- You need a flexible schedule (only work the Fridays you wish to)
- You enjoy cooking or prep work
- You want to give back to our Veterans

Email Sally Gustie for more information:  
[gustiesally@gmail.com](mailto:gustiesally@gmail.com)

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***Other Opportunities to Give....***

**Dec 12 Retired Religious (Nat'l)**

**Dec 26 Priests' Welfare &  
Retirement (our Diocese)**

**Jan 30 Church in Latin America**

**Mar 2 Eastern & Central Europe**

**Mar 5 Black & Indian Missions**

**St. Stanislaus Drive-Thru Frozen Food Sale  
Saturday, December 11 - 9AM to 1PM**

***Items available: Pierogi, Kielbasa, Potato Pancake Batter, Oplatki, and Nut & Poppyseed Rolls from their usual suppliers in Pennsylvania!***

***Where: 4849 Castle Hayne Road - enter on Marathon Avenue - to place order and drive-thru for check out and pick-up....***

**Don't miss out on great Polish Christmas goodies!!**

## Food Pantry News

"May the Lord make you increase and abound in love....."

**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**

**\*Volunteers (adult & young adult) are needed. Contact Patricia Kopchick.....**

**St. Therese on-site drop-off of food has resumed!**

**Drop off food in the Parish Hall before or after Mass.**

(Special request: Paper towels and vegetable oil needed! You may also begin bringing holiday food items: pie fillings, cake & biscuit mixes, etc.)

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

**Want to help now that food collection has resumed at St. Therese? Contact: Jane Yemma, 910.547.4243**

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