

ST. THERESE OF THE CHILD JESUS

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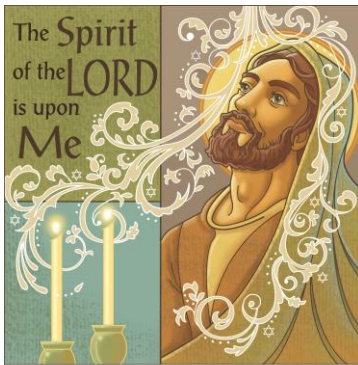
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Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

Jan 26, 2025

FIRST READING: — Ezra read from the book of the law of God to the assembled people. They understood and accepted the law (Nehemiah 8:2-4a, 5-6, 8-10).

PSALM: - Your words, Lord, are Spirit and life (Psalm 19).

SECOND READING: - As the body with its many parts is still one body, so it is with Christ (1 Corinthians 12:12-30 [12-14, 27])

GOSPEL: While attending worship in the Nazarean synagogue, Jesus reads from the prophet Isaiah and declares himself to be the fulfillment of the prophecy (Luke 1:1-4; 4:14-21).

LITURGICAL REFLECTION: GOD'S LAW

Scripture has always held God's law to be the path to human happiness. In today's first reading, Ezra the priest reads the scroll of the law to the people returned from exile. They weep—then are joyful. Israel's relationship with God had always been defined by how they kept and lived God's law. The author of Psalm 96 likewise praises the law of God as the source of wisdom, joy and enlightenment, purity and justice.

In his advice to the bickering Corinthians, Paul points out that, just as God has made all parts of a human body essential for the health of the whole, living as "Christ's body" requires that each member be recognized as necessary for the good of all. Finally, in Luke's Gospel Jesus claims that the Spirit is sending him to relieve human suffering. Like Ezra, he is reading from a scroll, proclaiming God's "law" of mercy to those in need.

WEEKLY PARISH EVENTS CALENDAR

MON	01/27	
TUES	01/28	
WED	01/29	5:30PM. First Reconciliation
THURS	01/30	
FRI	01/31	
SAT	02/01	3:00PM Confession
NEXT SUN	02/02	6:00PM CCD Faculty Meeting

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK: (Jan 27th – Feb 2nd)

MON	01/27	7:50AM. + Kay Gorczycki – (Margaret Murray & Family)
TUES	01/28	7:50AM. For the Intention of Good Health for Mike Antal
WED	01/29	7:50AM. + Matilda Simcic – (Husband Martin)
THUR	01/30	7:50AM. + Fr Richard Rogan
FRI	01/31	7:50AM. + David T. Wilson – (Andy Kasper)
SAT	02/01	4:00PM. + (B) Carol David - (Sister, Dolores, Bill & Billy)
SUN	02/02	7:30AM. + Emil Bunda – (Earl & Theresa Birch)
		10:30AM. + (A) Anna Seminsky (1yr) – (Son, Dan & Dianne & Family)



Sunday, Jan 26, 2025

St Therese Prayer Shawl Ministry.



If you were unable to attend the first meeting, Debbie is available @

814-421-2416 or email

@mommyhub@atlanticbb.net. if you have any questions. Also, there is a basket in the vestibule for yarn (4ply worsted) donations or gift cards from either, Joann's Fabrics, Walmart, or Michaels. Monetary donations will also be very much appreciated.

Stewardship Reflections: Today's Second Reading, from St. Paul's first letter to the Corinthians, picks up where we left off last week and continues with a similar theme. The message is that we are each unique in the gifts and talents God has given to us, and therefore, we all have different tasks to fulfill as members of the Body of Christ.

And just what are we, as Christian stewards, aiming to achieve by sharing our gifts and talents? We are aiming to follow in the footsteps of our Lord, furthering with His grace the mission He began 2,000 years ago. What a noble purpose! What great dignity has been bestowed upon us, modern-day disciples, that we are called to this same task.

In the week ahead, let's take this mission to heart, examining the way we can use our gifts and talents for this mission and asking ourselves what it looks like in our unique circumstances to 'bring glad tidings to the poor', 'liberty to captives', 'sight to the blind', and 'freedom to the oppressed.' It might feel uncomfortable at first, but the good news is you don't have to do it alone. Do you part and know that the Spirit of the Lord is upon us all as we live out this stewardship way of life.

**LAST WEEK'S COLLECTIONS
(Jan 18th- Jan 19th, 2025)**

Weekly	\$ 2,323.00
Building Fund	\$ 25.00

Families and the Gospel (Luke: 1:1-4; 4:14-21)
In today's gospel Jesus was "praised by all" except at home in Nazareth where the "eyes of all were intently on him." Acceptance can be hard to find at home due to unreal EXPECTATIONS. Jesus challenges us to "proclaim liberty" to anyone "oppressed" or "captive" by our EXPECTATIONS.

World Day for Consecrated Life will be celebrated in the Church on Sunday, **February 25th & 26th 2025**. Please pray for all those who have made commitments in the Consecrated Life, and be sure to thank them on their special day. May we continue to be inspired by Jesus Christ and respond generously to God's gift of their vocation.



Blessing of Homes...If you would like **Fr. Bernard** to bless your home in the New Year, please call the Rectory Office @539-7633 or put a note with your name, address, and phone number in the collection basket.



St Therese Ground Hog's Day ticket

Tickets are going fast, Get one while you can for our Ground Hog Day Ticket.

Tickets are \$10. for 2 numbers.

Winning determined by the PA Pick 3 evening number on **February 2, 2025**.

Winning number will take home **\$1500.00**

\$500 for the number above & below.

You can buy your tickets before Mass or you can stop by the rectory during normal business hours
Mon -Fri 9-2.

Pilgrims Passport

To be on Pilgrimage during a **Jubilee Year** is a special time to gain special graces called Plenary Indulgences. As many cannot travel to Rome, the Pope has given every Bishop permission to name Holy Sites in their own diocese to travel to. Pilgrims' Passport booklet includes the 13 Holy Site Churches as well as every Church in our Diocese. A special incentive for individuals and families to win overnight packages and special gift cards are part of the "Pilgrim's Passport." QR codes are printed in the booklet for fast access to information for directions, Mass & Confession schedules. Booklets will be stamped at the **Holy Site** Churches as part of the gift opportunity. Booklets can be found in our vestibule.



There will be a **Faculty Meeting on Next Sunday February 2nd** at 6PM in the Church Hall. Please try to attend.

Congratulations to our Children who will celebrate their First Reconciliation on Jan 29th

Morgan Brillhart Noah Heider
Oliver Steele

May these children appreciate and frequent this sacrament often.