

# ST. TERESA OF AVILA CATHOLIC COMMUNITY

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## Parish Office Hours

Monday - Friday 9:00 am - 5:00 pm

### Mass Schedule:

**Monday:** Communion Service 7:00am

**Tuesday-Thursday- Friday:** Mass 7:00am

**Wednesday:** Mass 12:15pm

**T.V. Catholic Mass:** Sunday at 9:00am Channel 8

**Saturday:** Mass 4:00pm

**Sunday:** Masses 7:45am, 9:30am, 11:15am

1:00pm—Bilingual Mass

5:00pm—Youth Mass

### Parish Staff & Ministries

Fr. Tom Babu, **Pastor**

Fr. Hermes Binlayo, **Parochial Vicar**

Sr. Marie McGloin, **S.A., Pastoral Associate**

Dn. Gil Coleman, **Baptism Class Preparation**

Dn. Michael Johnson, **Prison Ministry**

Dn. Dennis Schreiner, **Centering Prayer**

Dn. Craig Lagier, **Homeless Ministry**

Delia Rodriguez, **Office Manager**

Norma Reddick, **Receptionist**

Nancy Haffey, **Finance Manager**

### Youth Ministry

Grace Kengle, **Youth Minister**

Monica Howk, **Youth Activities Director**

### RCIA — Rite of Christian

#### Initiation of Adults and Children

Kari Anderson, **Adult Director Ext 113**

Terri Domitrovich, **Children Director Ext 112**

Carol Tate, **Pastoral Assistant Ext 106**

### Liturgy, Music & Environment

Steve Azzopardi, **Director Ext 101**

Terri Domitrovich, **Children's Liturgy of the Word Ext 112**

### Facility Maintenance

Jeffrey Warnar, **Ext 117**

### Religious Education

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Kari Anderson, **CRE: 1st-5th Grade Ext 113**

Grace Kengle, **CRE: 6th-High School Ext 111**

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Peggy Burger, **Principal**

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### Child Development Center

Cindy Supko, **Director** (775) 283-0261

### Sacraments

**Baptism:** Parents preparing for baptism must attend a baptism preparation class. Godparents must be confirmed and regularly attending mass, registered in a parish, and attend a baptism class.

**Marriage:** The Catholic parties must be a registered and a practicing member of the parish. Please call the parish office and set up an appointment with a priest at least 6 months prior to your desired wedding month.

**Reconciliation (Confessions):** Saturday: 2:30 - 3:30 pm or by appointment.

**Anointing of the Sick:** The Sacrament of Anointing of the Sick should be celebrated when someone is seriously ill, going in for surgery, or at health risk. Please call the parish office.

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

Today we celebrate the feast of the Holy Family. This feast is part of the Christmas season, and we should place today's Gospel in the context of what Luke's Gospel tells us about the birth of Jesus. Luke has been answering the question "Who is Jesus?" through his stories of the birth's of John the Baptist and Jesus. Today's Gospel reading continues this theme. It has no parallel in the other Gospels and is the conclusion of Luke's Infancy Narrative.

Mary, Joseph, and Jesus are presented in this Gospel as a faithful Jewish family. They are participating in the annual pilgrimage to Jerusalem for the feast of Passover, an event shared each year with family and friends. When Jesus is found, Luke describes him as seated in the Temple in the midst of the Jewish teachers. Although he is young, Jesus seems not to need teaching about his Jewish tradition. In his dialogue with these learned teachers, Jesus astounds them with his insight and understanding. Jesus is a child of Israel. His Father is God.

The dialogue between Mary and Jesus contains many references to family relationships. In fact, in this Gospel reading, Mary and Joseph are never identified by name. Instead they are referred to by their relationship to Jesus. Ultimately, this emphasizes Luke's point about the identity of Jesus. When Mary and Joseph find Jesus in the Temple, they question Jesus and express their anxiety. Jesus replies in words that many have thought to be disrespectful. Jesus says that he was never lost; he was at home. Jesus is God's Son, and he is in his Father's house. Luke will continue to suggest that faith in Jesus establishes new family relationships as he describes Jesus' public ministry.

In this context St. Teresa's is a beautiful family that has great families of deeply rooted Catholic heritage and legacy. I am astounded at the generosity of our parishioners towards the general needs of the parish and am thankful for each dollar and generous check that we receive. The fact that we are growing brings forth new avenues of ministry and keeping up our place ready for multipurpose events and activities. Please continue to help and support us in the future. Your presence at masses, your service in ministry and volunteering is gratefully acknowledged which makes us a Stewardship Parish. Let me also remind you humbly that we need more families to feel that sense of belonging to the parish family and not just coming to masses.

In a personal way I gratefully acknowledge the support and care, kindness and constructive suggestions, as well as the Christmas cards given to me as your Priest.

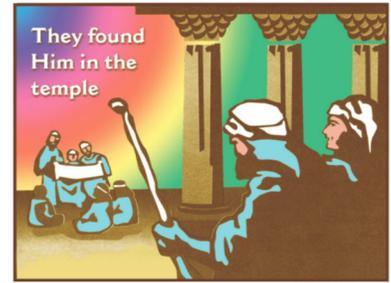
I have no doubt that we are one of the most vibrant Parishes in the Diocese in regards to outreach to the needy and marginalized in the society. We were able to provide 600 plus Christmas Gifts and Food bags this Christmas. Thanks to Sister Marie and all the angelic volunteers who helped in different ways to make this happen. You have made so many faces happy in their difficult and challenging situations of life. The Church decorations, Liturgy and the preparations for the Christmas masses were well organized. Thanks to all the leaders of the ministry.

The adults and children's catechesis are growing and will soon be bringing its fruits this Easter and Spring of 2019.

I would also like to thank you for your support to the School. Thanks to the second collection the school survives and provides a fantastic education for the children of Carson City. There are so many small and big needs still to be done and remain as projects because of lack of financial resources. We do not get grants anymore for the school. We have to keep our school alive and your support is much needed on this regard.

We are beginning a New Year. Let us be grateful for the blessings in our past year and look forward to the New Year with determination of Faith and Hope for the new avenues and challenges we will face in our personal life and in the life of the Church. I wish you all a Blessed New Year of 2019.

January 1st is a Tuesday and I will celebrate mass at 9 am instead of the usual 7 am which will be the first mass of the New Year. Let us start with the Holy Eucharist which is the root and summit of our Christian life. God Bless Us. Fr. Tom



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### ***Parish Mission Statement***

***We, the Catholic Community of St. Teresa of Avila, are a people who journey together in prayer and service, nourished and unified at the Word and Eucharist, and under the direction of the Holy Spirit.***

***We are called to love one another and to share our gifts of time, talent, and resources to welcome and to bring our faith to all people!***



**What a Family!**

Most of us look up to the Holy Family as an example of domestic peace. Artistic representations of Joseph, Mary and Jesus, who are usually drawn with haloes, influence our image of the Holy Family. Popular religiosity or pious devotions also shape the way we see the Holy Family. Consider some of the poetic titles usually given to Mary—Virgin Most Prudent; Mother of Good Counsel; Seat of Wisdom; Queen of Apostles; Mirror of Justice; etc. And to Joseph: Glory of Domestic Life; Zealous Defender of Christ; Splendor of the Patriarchs; Chaste Protector of the Virgin; Mirror of Patience; etc. These titles surely speak of Joseph and Mary but they keep them farther away from our everyday experience of a family. How different from our own broken, chaotic, even dysfunctional family! Somebody made a comment: “Good for Mary, she only had one—she should have tried keeping track of six.” Indeed, imagine if Mary had three pairs of Lucy and Linus.

Of course, there is more to the picture of the haloed trio depicted to us by artists or to the almost-fairy tale kind of story told to children. For a start there is Mary’s pregnancy. A young girl, maybe 14 or 15—perhaps that worked well for Mary. An older woman might have paused longer and considered more thoroughly the consequences of her decision: Humiliation? Stoning? Death? Pregnancy with the Holy Spirit? What a fantastic and crazy idea that the fate of humanity depended on the ‘yes’ of a teenage girl. What about Joseph? Somebody said: “Typical guy, he would rather believe an angel in a dream than believe his own fiancée.”

Then there’s that displacement caused by the emperor’s need for greater tax revenues. They had to go all the way to Bethlehem to fill up forms. Why can’t they just do it online? As if bureaucracy was not enough, it was made worse when the booking agent messed up with the hotel reservation that resulted to Mary and Joseph spending the night in a manger. To make matters worse, the threat of death from a dictator with a fragile ego forced the family to seek asylum in Egypt. A not-so-young carpenter, a young unskilled mother, an infant—not enough points to qualify for a visa. They were lucky Egypt’s immigration was more welcoming than most of us. If they crossed the Sonora desert instead of Sinai, they might have been met with tear gas or Jesus might have been separated from Joseph and Mary. There is something disturbing in the story of the Son of God fleeing Israel to Egypt when it was God who saved Israel from slavery in Egypt. What’s happening? We think of Christmas Peace. What Christmas Peace are we talking about for the Holy Family?

We celebrate the feast of the Holy Family within Christmas. Just as Jesus came and stayed in our humanity—with all its goodness and weakness, Jesus also came and stayed in our human family—with all its beauty and ugliness. God saves us in the details of our lives. The image of the Holy Family is being held for us not just to be admired but to strengthen us in our daily struggles. We pray that the artists in us will see not just the tranquility of the Holy Family but also their faith amidst the turmoil of life. We pray that the poets in us go beyond the glittery veneer of the Holy Family and capture their hope and love amidst the pain of life. *Fr. H*

**Praying with today’s readings:**

1. As 2018 comes to an end, I thank God for all the blessing of this year. I ask for the grace to learn from the mistakes of 2018.
2. I look forward to 2019, I ask God for the grace of faith and hope.



REMINDER: No Religious Ed classes through January 6 due to the Christmas break. Classes resume the week of January 7. May you have many blessings in the New Year.

RECORDATORIO: No hay clases de Educación Religiosa diciembre 31 al 6 de enero por las vacaciones de Año Nuevo. Las clases comenzarán la semana del 7 de enero. Que tengan un Año Nuevo.



Are you interested in growing spiritually and serving our community's neediest citizens in a special way? The St. Vincent de Paul Society (SVDPS) is looking to fill our vacant Treasurer position immediately. This **part-time** (8-10 hours per month) volunteer role will monitor our bank checking account and reconcile our monthly bank statements with deposits, checks and debit card transactions. The SVDPS Treasurer also files our IRS 1090 EZ Form and prepares a written Annual Report for the National St. Vincent De Paul Society and for the St. Teresa of Avila Catholic Community. Basic knowledge of Excel spreadsheets is strongly desired. Anyone interested in this volunteer role, please contact Ed C. at 775-882-1968 ext. 119. Serving in any one of our Church's various ministries would be a great New Year's resolution.

Women's Society Meeting

The next meeting of the St. Teresa Women's Society will be held **on Saturday, January 12, 2019, at 9 a.m. in Chartz Hall.** New members welcome! Please contact Liz Jacques at (401) 439-7553 for more information.



**Please pray for** Henry Melendrez, all ill in the parish, law enforcement, military, fire protection and their families.



**Please pray for the repose of the soul of** Daniel Aaron Suppe', Maribel Garza, Frank Leupp, Ernie Cruz, Jose Manuel Padilla-Munigia, Abel Castro Bracamontes and all parish deceased and their families.



There will be a Mass at 9a.m. on both New Year's Eve morning, Dec 31st and New Year's Day, January 1st. **This year January 1st Bishop Calvo has dispensed us from the Holy Day of Obligation. I recommend that we may start our New Year with the Holy Eucharist.**

The parish office will close at 1:00pm on New Year's Eve, Monday, December 31st, and all of New Year's day, Tuesday, January 1st, 2019.

Mass Intentions Requested for this Week



- Monday, December 31st: New Year's Eve**  
9:00am Guillermina Garcia (d) by Familia Pacheco Garcia
- Tuesday, January 1st, 2019: New Year's Day**  
9:00am Ross & Alyse Sathers (birthday) by Peggy Tyson
- Wednesday, January 2nd:**  
12:15pm End of Abortion by Save the Holy Innocents
- Thursday, January 3rd:**  
7:00am Evelyn Dano by Elsie Villaflores
- Friday, January 4th:**  
7:00am For Living & Deceased Family & Friends by Debbie Lundberg
- Saturday, January 5th:**  
4:00pm Ervin Vicich (d) by Knights of Columbus
- Sunday, January 6th:**  
7:45am Johnny A. Martinez (d) by Gloria Corbin  
9:30am Mike Mongelli (d) by Dick & Linda Moore  
11:15am For the People of St. Teresa  
5:00pm Genaro & Marcela Mamugay (d) by Jane Hill



Ethical Trade Organic Coffee, Tea & Chocolate Sales

**The Global Solidarity Ministry Team will be selling Ethical Trade organic coffee, tea and chocolate this weekend.** We offer these products at cost, in order to raise consumer awareness about Ethical Trade. Catholic Relief Services Ethical Trade is a celebration of the dignity of work. It's a community of fair trade believers dedicated to improving the lives of the world's most vulnerable by choosing to consume differently.

**Upcoming Parish Events**

**Monday, December 31:**

Church & Parish Office will be Closed at One pm.  
9:00am - Mass, Chapel

**Tuesday, January 1:**

Church & Parish Office Will be Closed  
9:00am - New Year Mass, Church

**Wednesday, January 2:**

9:15am- Centering Prayer, Music Room  
12:15pm – Mass, Chapel

7:00pm – Encuentro Matrimonial Mundial,  
Chartz Hall

**Thursday, January 3:**

7:00am –Mass, Church  
7:30am-1:00pm – Adoration of the Blessed  
Sacrament, Chapel  
7:00pm – Estudio de la Biblia, Chapel

**Friday, January 4:**

7:00am – Mass, Chapel  
7:00pm – Formación de la Fe Carismática,  
Chapel

**Saturday, January 5:**

9:00am – Rosary, Chapel  
9:00am – The Gabriel Project Mtg, Chartz Hall  
10:00am – Save The Holy Innocents Meeting,  
Chartz Hall  
1:00pm – Arreguin Wedding, Church  
2:30pm-3:30pm – Confession, Reconciliation  
Room

4:00pm – Mass, Church

**Sunday, January 6:**

Masses – 7:45am, 9:30am, 11:15am, 1:00pm &  
5:00pm, Church

**STEWARDSHIP OF RESOURCES**

**December 15th & 16th, 2018**

Offertory	\$16,340.52
Votive	187.64
Bookrack	7.00
Coffee & Donuts	95.26
School Second Collection	228.00
St. Vincent De Paul	836.00
Catholic Relief Services Collection	1,035.00
Christmas	1,975.00
Immaculate Conception	187.48
Retired Religious	1,110.00
Solemnity of Mary	5.00
School Mass-SVDP	79.71
Lady of Guadalupe	1,556.06
Sacraments/Sacramentals	80.00

**Online Giving: \$5,623.00**

In gratitude for the gifts we have received, our parish family and friends made a joyful return to the Lord of **\$20,661.96** and to special outreach of **\$3,060.71**. We have over 2500 registered families.

**Weekly Budgeted Expense Category**

Salaries	\$ 8,867.10
Health/Benefits/Education	3,013.98
Maintenance	75.00
Utilities	1,436.92
Church /Office Supplies	2,080.19
Diocesan Assessments	1,886.71
Insurance-Prop.,Liability & Worker's Comp	455.69
Liturgy/Parish Events	394.23
Improvements	359.62
School Subsidy & 2nd Collection	1,230.77
Miscellaneous	1,639.98
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$22,240.19</b>

Please join the Catholic Professional & Business Group for breakfast on Thursday, January 10, from 7 to 8:30 am at the Silver Legacy as we welcome Catholic media personality Mark Shea as he presents, "The Biblical Roots of Catholic Social Teaching." For additional information and to make reservations visit CatholicProfessionals.org. Become a member today! The breakfast is only \$22 for members and \$25 for non-members. Clergy and religious are free!

**CHILDREN'S CATECHUMENATE CORNER**



St. Teresa of Avila Community joyfully welcomes the following children as members of the Christian faithful: **Paisley Bleuss** was Baptized, Confirmed, and celebrated her First Communion on December 9<sup>th</sup>, 2018.

The children named below celebrated their Rite of Acceptance in November of this year. They are preparing in the coming year for their full initiation into the Catholic Church, in Easter 2020, through the sacraments of Baptism, Confirmation, and Holy Eucharist.

**Azenath Medina, Johannan Medina, Mayte (Zuzet) Quintanilla, Logan McGee, Jamie McGee**

If you have a child aged 7 or older in your family whom you think would be interested in exploring the Catholic Christian faith, please contact Terri Domitrovich for more information: 775-882-2130 x112 [terrid@stteresaofavila.net](mailto:terrid@stteresaofavila.net), or call the main church office. We have year round registration for the children and their families.

Would you like it if your children, grandchildren – even you – found our parish a place you wanted to be? Do you think you can contribute to making this possible?

This is a time for making New Year's resolutions, so let me suggest a few that would make St. Teresa of Avila more attractive. How about a resolution to –

- Hold doors for other people, say hello, maybe even introduce yourself to someone you see all the time but whose name you don't know?
- Encourage volunteer ministers and be grateful for their service, rather than criticizing them? Keep the place looking good by picking up around yourself in your pew or in Chartz Hall as you leave?
- Be courteous in the parking lot?
- Dress well when coming to church, to show it's important in your life?
- Smiling more than you frown while you're here?
- Avoid driving people away through a consistently sour attitude while you're at church?
- Not thinking you're more "entitled" than others – parking only where it's allowed, for example, rather than presuming it's ok to park wherever you want?
- Join in the singing at Mass, so it sounds full-bodied instead of half-hearted? (Who wants to be part of a listless group?)
- Show appreciation for anyone who makes your time here easier in any way – employee, volunteer, or fellow-parishioner?
- Show the specialness of the church interior space by talking quietly, bowing or genuflecting when you pass the tabernacle, and in general remembering you're in the amazing presence of God?
- Slide in to the center of the pew if someone else wants to sit, rather than making the person climb over you?
- Move reverently and carefully as you approach Holy Communion, with just a simple head-bow and no genuflection and/or sign of the cross? (That is what the church requires, and makes for easier movement for those around you.)
- Be really quiet—completely quiet—when the time comes for that five minutes before the start of Mass?
- Be on the lookout for all the good things happening here, and talking about them with family and friends?

If every parishioner chose to do just one of these things as a New Year's resolution, and kept at it for the coming year, people would find our parish more attractive. They're simple things – why not?

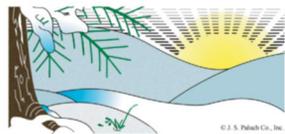
Have a blessed new year and, until next week, peace. Fr. Tom

### The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary, and Joseph December 30, 2018

Beloved, we are God's children now; what we shall be has not yet been revealed. — *1 John 3:2a*

#### READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: 1 Jn 2:18-21; Ps 96:1-2, 11-13; Jn 1:1-18  
 Tuesday: Nm 6:22-27; Ps 67:2-3, 5, 6, 8; Gal 4:4-7; Lk 2:16-21  
 Wednesday: 1 Jn 2:22-28; Ps 98:1-4; Jn 1:19-28  
 Thursday: 1 Jn 2:29 — 3:6; Ps 98:1, 3cd-6; Jn 1:29-34  
 Friday: 1 Jn 3:7-10; Ps 98:1, 7-9; Jn 1:35-42  
 Saturday: 1 Jn 3:11-21; Ps 100:1b-5; Jn 1:43-51  
 Sunday: Is 60:1-6; Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 10-13; Eph 3:2-3a, 5-6; Mt 2:1-12



### La Sagrada Familia de Jesús, María y José 30 de diciembre de 2018

Hermanos míos, ahora somos hijos de Dios, pero aún no se ha manifestado cómo seremos al fin. — *1 Juan 3:2a*

#### LECTURAS DE LA SEMANA

Lunes: 1 Jn 2:18-21; Sal 96 (95):1-2, 11-13; Jn 1:1-18  
 Martes: Nm 6:22-27; Sal 67 (66):2-3, 5, 6, 8; Gál 4:4-7; Lc 2:16-21  
 Miércoles: 1 Jn 2:22-28; Sal 98 (97):1-4; Jn 1:19-28  
 Jueves: 1 Jn 2:29 — 3:6; Sal 98 (97):1, 3cd-6; Jn 1:29-34  
 Viernes: 1 Jn 3:7-10; Sal 98 (97):1, 7-9; Jn 1:35-42  
 Sábado: 1 Jn 3:11-21; Sal 100 (99):1b-5; Jn 1:43-51  
 Domingo: Is 60:1-6; Sal 72 (71):1-2, 7-8, 10-13; Ef 3:2-3a, 5-6; Mt 2:1-12



### ORGANIZATIONS

Women's Society, Co-Presidents, Colleen Butler 721-8965 and Liz Jacques (401)439-7553

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St Vincent de Paul Society, Ed Choklek, 882-1968 Ext 119

Knights of Columbus, Winn Teeter, 443-8115

The Gabriel Project & Parish Coordinator, Kate Schwedhelm, 775-250-9565

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