

Saint Theresa of the Child Jesus Church  
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**Masses:** St Theresa, Tues & Thurs - 8:15 AM; Sat - 4 PM; Sun - 7 AM & 10 AM.  
 St Benedict, Mon & Wed—5 PM; Sat—5:30 PM; Sun—8:30 AM.  
**Sacrament of Reconciliation:** until no line:  
 St Theresa Sat. 3:40 PM and St. Benedict Wed. 5:40 PM.

Office Hours:  
 Monday - Wednesday  
 8 AM - 12:30 PM  
 Thursday 8 AM - 12 Noon  
 Closed Friday  
 Office located at 209 C Street

**Adoration:**  
 1st Weekend of  
 every Month  
 1 hour before  
 all Masses

**MASS INTENTIONS—Year 2024**

Mon	12/16	5 PM	Charlie/Ruby Arceneaux
Tues	12/17	8:15 AM	Sandra Montoucet
Wed	12/18	5 PM	Celebrant's Intention
Thur	12/19	8:15 AM	Sandra Montoucet
Sat	12/21	4 PM	Lorena "Ti-Moon" Guillot, Deacon Steve Simon, Kenny Alleman
Sat	12/21	5:30 PM	Gerald Andrus, Laura Anderson, Claude Anderson, Theresa Thibeaux, Wallace Thibeaux
Sun	12/22	7 AM	Emilee Thibodeaux, Bradley Cook, Judy Cook, Taylor Kibodeaux, William Pepper Jr,
Sun	12/22	7 AM	Christina Ann Gresham, Mikial Wayne Richard, Franklin Eugene Greshman
Sun	12/22	8:30 AM	St. Benedict Parish Family, Ida Bernard, Loudice Bernard Jr, Francis M Domingue,
Sun	12/22	8:30 AM	M/M Curley Domingue Sr, M/M Frank Sonnier
Sun	12/22	10 AM	St. Theresa Parish Family, Sandra Montoucet, Phil/Dee Stutes



**Thought for Reflection:** What will help remind me to try to see the Lord in those in need?

**Mass Servers December 21 & 22**  
**Sat- 4 PM AS:** Braith C & Brielle D  
**EOMHC: Host:** Faye Duhon  
**Lector:** Kayla Alleman

**Mass Servers December 14 & 15**  
**Sat- 4 PM AS** Ava & Austin Falcon  
**EOMHC: Host:** Vicki Alleman  
**Lector:** Amanda Keyser

**Sun-7 AM= AS:** Ashton Barras  
**EOMHC: Host:** Linda Sonnier  
**Lector:** Pat Gilbert

**Sun-7 AM=AS:** Makenzy Barras  
**EOMHC: Host:** Pat Gilbert  
**Lector:** Candace Bourque

**Sun-10AM=AS:** Madalynn & Ellie Desormeaux  
**EOMHC: Host:** Stephanie Touchet  
**Lector:** Scott Touchet

**Sun-10 AM=AS:** Annabell & Kinley Credeur  
**EOMHC: Host:** Becky Desormeaux  
**Lector:** Vicky Broussard

**Last Week :** Thanks You for Your Generosity!!!  
 \$ 6,754.00 Offering \$ 45.00 R/M  
 \$ 4,000.00 Weekly Goal \$ 7.00 Poor  
 \$ 2,754.00 +

**Meetings - Parish Life Center**  
 Come Lord Jesus! Bible Study, 3:00 PM Tuesday

- We will no longer have a second collection for BSA. You can mail your BSA donation directly to the Diocese.1408 Carmel Dr, Lafayette 70501
- We welcome New Parishioners to our parish. Please register at the Office, 209 C Street, or call for a form.
- Please call the Office to register before Baptism Preparation Class time and before Baptism date.
- Baptism Preparation Class Schedule: 1st Tuesday of the month, 6 PM, St. Theresa Life Center.  
 Third (3rd) Street Entrance/Exit. Requirement - please be on time. Must attend a Preparation Class before Baptism.
- Marriage - Call Office at least 6 months in advance of desired wedding date to schedule appointment & begin preparation process.
- Please keep in prayer: the elderly, sick, homebound and victims of our faith community, continue to lift up in prayer the military men and women serving our country. Three Hail Mary's for a culture of life, world peace, and protection from destructive weather.
- If you know of Homebound Parishioners who would like to receive Holy Communion, please call 337-873-4962.
- Noon Wednesday is the deadline to turn in information for inclusion in bulletin, space permitting.

**Third Sunday of Advent**  
**Introduction to the Liturgy of the Day**

We will hear it at least a few times over the next two weeks: "It's better to give than to receive." We recognize this when we see the expressions of joy in a child's face or tears of appreciation from a parent or spouse when they open a gift we've given them. Jesus himself said the same words to his disciples, though in a context more like the one we hear today with John the Baptist preaching to the crowds to share what they have with those who have less. As we prepare for the Lord's coming, let us share from the bounty the Lord has blessed us with and give to those in need. In our hearts, may we continually relearn the blessings of giving.

**Third Sunday of Advent-A Stewardship Moment**

In today's Gospel we hear the prophet John the Baptist being asked an insightful stewardship question: "What should we do?" Each group wants to know the appropriate response to John's call; each reply points to how they should treat others. John does not simply say, "Be baptized." Rather, he points them to their jobs and personal relationships. John's message is simple: judgment is near, and repentance includes treating others well. We should be willing to share what we have with those in need. To listen to John the Baptist is to be called to account. Do I give only of my excess, or am I the good steward who is willing to make daily sacrifices in order to help others?

**Women and men religious offer gratitude.**

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**Congratulations: Mr/Mrs. Elus Brasseaux**  
**And Mr. & Mrs. Scott Touchet**  
**Our 2025 MLK Recipients**

The celebration is scheduled for **Friday, January 17, 2025 at 6:30pm** at the Cathedral of St John the Evangelist Church, located at 914 St. John Street, Lafayette.

**CCD December**

**Dec. 16th K-5th Grade Classes**  
**(1st Confession for 2nd grade students)**  
**Dec. 23 - Jan 3rd Christmas & New Year (No classes)**

**Liturgical Ministries Workshops**

Deacon Boutte will be conducting a workshop on each Ministry in the Church Parish on the following dates:

**Thursday, December 19 Lectors**

Monday, January 6 Extraordinary Ministers  
 Thursday, January 9 Altar Servers  
 Monday, January 13 Ushers

All workshops will be held at St. Theresa Church Hall at **6:00PM**.

**RUNNING REVS VS SLAMMING SEMS**

Priests VS Seminarians Basketball Game  
**December 30, 2024 Tip Off 6:30 PM**  
 St. Thomas Moor High School—450 E Farrel Rd  
 Middle School 3PT Shootout 6PM  
 3PT Championship Halftime **Adults \$5 Kids \$2**

**Christmas Mass Schedule**

**December 24—Christmas Eve**

4:00 PM St. Theresa  
 6:00 PM St. Benedict

**December 25—Christmas Day**

7:00 AM St. Theresa  
 8:30 AM St. Benedict