

The Little Flower Weekly

Advent Begins This Weekend!



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FROM THE PASTOR

Dear St. Therese Parish Community,

Happy New Year!!! Wait, what?? It's not January 1st already, is it?! No, it's the First Sunday of Advent, and that is always the best and truest "New Year"—the first day of the Catholic Church's New Year of Grace 2021. So, again, Happy New Year!

You will notice that the readings for this First Sunday of Advent are all about the end of the world and the Second Coming of the our Lord Jesus Christ. And it doesn't matter which Gospel Cycle we are beginning, Matthew or Mark or Luke, the readings for EVERY First Sunday of Advent are ALWAYS about the Second Coming at the end of all time.

"But wait, what does the end of the world and the Second Coming have to do with getting ready for Christmas?!"

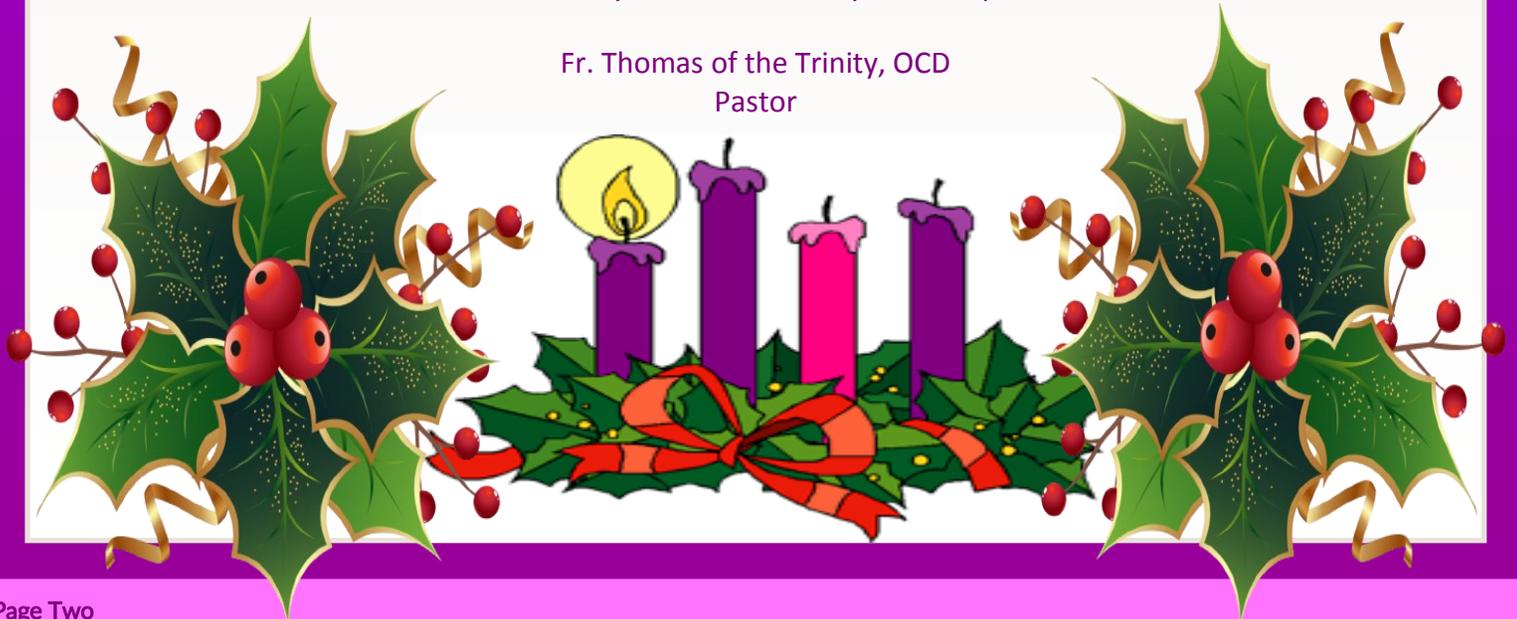
If we ask the question that way, then we are in danger of losing the built-in tension of the Advent season. That tension can be summed up in this way: "In Advent we are preparing for the Coming of the Lord, by preparing for the Coming of the Lord!" Huh?? "We are preparing for the Coming of the Lord (His Second Coming at the end of time) with the help of His First Coming at Christmas 2000 years ago." So the focus at the beginning of the Advent Season is on His Second Coming, which is so important to take seriously and to prepare for with all diligence.

Toward that end, the Church gives us "the-end-of-the-world-is-coming—get-ready-for-the-Lord Jesus" kinds of Scripture readings for the first week or so of Advent. Then as we get closer to Christmas, the Church gives us readings that highlight His First Coming. Why? So that by getting ready to celebrate His First Coming at Christmas, we will grow in confidence (like St. Therese!!!) that He really, really loves us: "Look at how poor and humble He is, coming to us as the little baby of a poor and humble couple, Joseph and Mary! So I don't need to be afraid of you, Jesus, when you come again in glory. I've become your disciple, and I'm learning to let you love me more and more and to love you back! Yes, come Lord Jesus, come soon! Maranatha! The Spirit and the Bride (me!) say, 'Come!!!' "

Hoping and praying that you had a gratitude-filled Thanksgiving Feast on Thursday and the whole week! And hoping to see you at the best Thanksgiving Feast of all: the Feast of the Eucharistic Sacrifice, that Holy Sacrifice, Sacrament, Memorial, and Thanksgiving Meal we call "Holy Mass."

Fraternally in Jesus and Mary and Joseph,

Fr. Thomas of the Trinity, OCD
Pastor



ONE-OF-A-KIND JEWELRY FOR SALE!

On the Mornings of November 28 & 29

All Proceeds Benefit the Cloistered Carmelite Nuns



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GREAT
PRICES!

Thank you! We pray
for all our supporters!



Come see the beautiful handmade jewelry available for SALE after the weekend morning Masses THIS WEEKEND: Saturday, November 28, after the 9:00 a.m. Mass; and Sunday, November 29, after the 7:30 a.m., 9:00 a.m., and 11:00 a.m. Masses.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS!

MASS & CONFESSION

Masses & Confessions
are outdoors
and in English except,
of course, the Latin Mass.



Monday through Friday: 6:00 a.m. & 9:00 a.m.

Saturday: 9:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. Vigil Mass (No 6:00 a.m. on Saturday!)

Sunday: 7:30 a.m., 9:00 a.m., 11:00 a.m., 1:00 p.m. Traditional Latin Mass, 5:00 p.m.
LIVE STREAMED MASSES ON FACEBOOK & YOUTUBE: Monday through Saturday at 9:00 a.m.; and Sunday at 11:00 a.m. (with the exceptions on holidays/holy days listed below).

CONFESSIONS are heard outside under the red umbrellas from **3:00 to 6:30 p.m. on Saturdays AND from Noon to 1:00 p.m. on Sundays.** **If you are attending the 5:00 p.m. vigil Mass, please do not go to confession after 5:00 p.m.; Go before 5:00 as it is more important that you give your full attention to the Mass.**

TUESDAYS & SATURDAYS: Street Hockey at 7:00 p.m. each night (for more info, click on the link on the E-Blast cover).

Eucharistic Adoration from 7:00 to 7:45 p.m., followed by **viewing *The Chosen*,** an eight-part dramatic series about the beginnings of Jesus' ministry, from 7:45 to 8:30 p.m. The next Adoration/movie night will be **Thursday, December 3** (Episode Two). You can also watch *The Chosen on YouTube.com* ([link on the E-blast cover](#)).

FEAST OF IMMACULATE CONCEPTION on Tuesday, December 8: Mass times will be at 6:00 a.m., 9:00 a.m. (live streamed), and 7:30 p.m.

FEAST OF OUR LADY OF GUADALUPE on Saturday, December 12: We will have **ONE MASS ONLY**, which will be held at 10:00 a.m. (it will also be live streamed) - NO 6:00 or 9:00 a.m. Masses.

MONDAY MEDITATION WITH A FRIAR: This is held every Monday from 7:00 to 8:30 p.m. in the outdoor Guadalupe Courtyard. You may join us in person (wear a mask and enter through the door on the parking lot side by the Adoration chapel) **OR** you may join us from your home by logging in on **Zoom:** <https://zoom.us/j/99950705744?pwd=dUldlXBIVeIqcG1ZnRLQIFJWjhZZa09>.

The **PASSCODE** you will need to enter is: **1gxM2J**



ENJOY PANDA EXPRESS and SEE'S CANDY...

and SUPPORT OUR SCHOOL!

NEXT FRIDAY!



**Support our school by ordering PANDA EXPRESS
for lunch and/or dinner anytime on FRIDAY, DECEMBER 4!**

**This fundraiser is unlike any other! You can place an online order from anywhere in the country!
Be sure to tell all your family and friends to **USE CODE 901361** to order Panda Express all day from
any location across the nation! Here's the link:**

<https://community.pandaexpress.com/virtual-fundraiser/events/promotions/1e2b0ddc-d085-ca2a-a54d-b1c6c1407976/en/landing> (also on a **BUTTON LINK at the bottom of the E-blast cover).**

See's Candy!

NOW is the time to order your See's Candy... for your own household and for gifts—especially for those who are hard to buy for. All proceeds benefit our SCHOOL. The link is:



https://www.yumraising.com/secure/sainttcs_stcs6/candy?h=MegDun2321

(It's also on a **BUTTON LINK at the bottom of the E-blast cover.)**



Our Lady of Guadalupe Celebration

Saturday, December 12

Enjoy a sit-down dinner under the stars

~ 6:00-8:00pm~

Enjoy a catered outdoor dinner with the friars in the Guadalupe Garden. Limited seats available. A ticket is required for each attendee. Admission includes dinner, dessert, and a drink.

To purchase tickets, please contact the school office:
(626)289-3364



Dinner To-Go

~ Following the vigil Mass on 12/12 and the morning Masses on 12/13~

Pick up pre-packaged items to go! We encourage you to call the school office to pre-order your meal, in order to ensure availability.

- 1 dozen Tamales.....\$20
- 1 pint of beans.....\$5



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