



St. Therese of Lisieux Parish

Where all are welcome to help us build the City of God!

Our Mission:

*We are a spiritual home for all who come here to worship.
We are united in supporting one another in prayer and caring for the corporal needs of our brothers and sisters.
We strive to imitate Therese, our patroness, by loving one another even in the simplest ways.*

Nuestra Misión:

*Somos un hogar espiritual para todos los que viene a aquí venerar.
Somos unidos a apoyar el uno al otro en oración y en cuidar de las necesidades corporales de nuestros hermanos y hermanas.
Nos esforzamos a imitar Therese, nuestra patrona por amando el uno al otro aún en las maneras más sencillas.*

Mass Schedule

Saturday: 5:00pm; 8:00pm (Spanish)
Sunday: 8:30am & 10:30am
Weekdays: Mon -Thurs 8:30am
First Friday: 8:30 Mass followed by Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament & Sacred Heart Novena
Rosary: Mon - Thurs after 8:30 Mass
Exposition, Benediction & Novena of St. Anthony: Tues after 8:30 Mass

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St Therese Parish Center

67 So Essex Street
PO Box 5027, Montauk, NY 11954
 (631) 668-2200 Fax (631) 668-2384
 Apostolado Hispano: (631) 283-4379
 Office Hours: Mon – Fri 10am – 2pm
 Parish Outreach: (631) 668-1318
Religious Education: (631) 668-2460
 Hours: Mon, Wed, Thurs 9:00am-4:00pm

St. Therese Nursery School (631) 668-5353

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Parish Staff

Pastor: Rev. Thomas Murray
Apostolado Hispano: Vincentian Fathers
Director of Religious Ed: Louise Carman
Business Manager: Madeline Boddy
Music Director: Iryna Androskova
Trustees: Jerry McKeon & Tom Bogdan

Catholic Schools

St. Therese Nursery School

Phone: (631) 668-5353
Ellen Cooke Maureen Kingston

The Sacrament of Reconciliation

(Confession): Saturdays 4:00pm - 4:30pm

Please call the parish office for:

The Sacrament of Baptism
The Sacrament of Matrimony
The Sacrament of Anointing of the Sick
Nighttime emergencies (631) 238-5965

E-mail addresses

Pastor sttheresepastor@optimum.net
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Alcoholics Anonymous

AA meets in the basement of the parish center:

Tues: 1:00pm (OD) **Wed:** 8:00pm (OD)
Thurs: 8:00pm (Step) **Sat:** 8:00pm (OD)

Al-Anon

Montauk Community Church
Sunday: 5:30pm

Parish Outreach: 668-1318
Contact: Gert Murphy

Montauk Food Pantry: Food is graciously accepted at the parish center Mon-Fri.. Non perishable foods, tuna, soup, cereal, peanut butter, jelly, rice, canned beans, pasta, pasta sauce, juice and **Diapers** of all sizes.

Communion for the Sick: Please call the parish office for arrangements.

Pregnancy Support Resources:
(855)301-4247

My Dear Family of St. Therese,

Last Sunday we celebrated **Gaudete Sunday** and I got to wear the rose colored vestments. Gaudete is Latin for "to rejoice". While we anticipate the Lord's return in glory, we rejoice that he is already here among us.

Anyone who was at last week's Christmas Concert had great reason to rejoice. Irene organized a concert of choirs, soloists, duets, children and a recorder ensemble. There were time the congregation was transported to different countries and different centuries with her wonderful selections. Thank you, Irene and to all who made her first Christmas Concert a great success.

I pray that all will have a blessed Christmas and that the Prince of Peace will reside in our hearts, our homes and in our country and world. May all travelers have a safe arrival and a safe return home.

Next Sunday is the Feast of the Holy Family. It's a time that we celebrate Family Life. For some that family resides under the same roof. For some of us it is a time to be thankful for those people we call family even though there is no blood relation. For me the family of St. Therese is what I call home.

Looking ahead to the beginning of 2018, **Tuesday, January 2nd** is the first Tuesday of January and the first Tuesday of the month. We have begun **Nocturnal Adoration** on the first Tuesdays of the month. **Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament** will begin and the end of 8:30 a.m. Mass and continue through the night until 8:15 Wednesday morning. There is a sign-up sheet in the back of the church for those who would like to participate at a particular time.

A BLESSED CHRISTMAS!

Fr. Tom & The Monsignor

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Please pray for the sick

Jackie Dickinson, James Beatty, James Howard, Robert Briody, Helene Fugazzi, Faye Costa, Lucille Hawkins, Gabrielle Balestri

Please pray for the Deceased

Lauri & Joe Kelly, Jennifer Balnis, Msgr. Joseph P. Granata, Fr. Hugh Cannon, Raymond Cappelletto, Msgr. Alex Manly, Garry Nagle Sr., Lucille Malouche, Susan Vitale, Fr. Everett Brown,

Pray for Peace

Let there be peace on earth and let it begin with me.....
Please pray for those who work for peace and to protect our country by serving in our military...

Capt. Joseph Pugh (*U.S. Navy*)

Drew Forsberg (*U.S. Navy Seal*)

Jason Saglimbene (*Lt. US Navy*)

Andrea Saglimbene (*Lt. JAG US Army*)

Ronald Saglimbene (*Lt. USMC Afghanistan*)

Michael Saglimbene (*US Air National Guard*)

Matthew Graham (*Lt., USNA*)

Caitlin Chiaramonte (*Capt. Jag US Army*)

Dylan Weidenmuller (*US Navy*)

Connor Weidenmuller (*US Navy*)

Paegge Weidenmuller (*US Navy*)

Morgen Seeley (*U.S. Army Afghanistan*)

Mass Intentions for the Week

Saturday, December 23, 2017-Fourth Sunday of Advent

5:00 Thomas Kemple (Wife, Maureen & Family)

Sunday, December 24, 2017-Fourth Sunday of Advent

8:30 Lynn Theyard (Harry & Maureen Theyard)

10:30 Susan Vitale (Harold & Donna Clark)

4:30 Sarah & Eddie Caulo (Family)

6:00 Spanish

Midnight: Our Parishioners

Monday, December 25, 2017-The Nativity of the Lord

8:25 Bells for Michele Farrell-Silent Night (Tricia Wood)

8:30 Lucille Malouche (Lori Rigano)

10:30 Joseph Hull III

Tuesday, December 26, 2017- St. Stephen, The First Martyr

8:30 Richard Barbuto (FTW Friends)

Wednesday, December 27, 2017-St. John, Apostle and Evangelist

8:30 Our Parishioners

Thursday, December 28, 2017-The Holy Innocents, Martyrs

8:30 Susan (B.D.) M. Vitale (Mom)

Friday, December 29, 2017-Fifth Day within the Octave of the Nativity of the Lord

8:30 No Mass

Remembering a Loved One **Memorials**

As we bring our gifts to the altar at **Mass** we also bring our joy, pain, sorrow and love. We believe that God accepts all of this from us and gives us salvation through His Son in return.

If you would like to remember a loved one in our Eucharistic celebrations please contact our office. 668-2200

Another thoughtful way to remember a loved one is by donating a **Memorial** in the form of a liturgical item to be used in worship at St. Therese. The ongoing needs of our parish enable us to offer a variety of such items for memorialization. For more information about this opportunity, please contact Don Bostrom at 668 4202.

Fourth Sunday of Advent

GOD'S PROMISE

The lengthy passage from Samuel is a wonderful exposition of God's promise to the house of David: that his throne would forever be gloriously occupied by his descendants. Hidden in the mystery of the prophecy is the promise of the Savior, the Messiah, Son of God and Son of David. The prophet Nathan, speaking in God's name, poetically turns around David's plan to build a house for God, and announces God's plan to build a "house," that is, a dynasty for David. From this house of David will come the Messiah, the Christ, not in kingly splendor as David ruled, but as a humble man, destined to rule forever and over all. When God gives a gift, it's amazing what we are given—so different from what we ever could have imagined.

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TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading — I will fix a place for my people. I will plant them so that they may dwell in their place without further disturbance (2 Samuel 7:1-5, 8b-12, 14a, 16).

Psalms — For ever I will sing the goodness of the Lord (Psalm 89).

Second Reading — To the only wise God, through Jesus Christ, be glory forever and ever (Romans 16:25-27).

Gospel — Behold, I am the handmaid of the Lord. May it be done to me according to your word (Luke 1:26-38). The English translation of the Psalm Responses from *Lectionary for Mass* © 1969, 1981, 1997, International Commission on English in the Liturgy Corporation. All rights reserved.

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: **Vigil:** Is 62:1-5; Ps 89:4-5, 16-17, 27-29; Acts 13:16-17, 22-25; Mt 1:1-25 [18-25]
During the Night: Is 9:1-6; Ps 96:1-3, 11-13; Ti 2:11-14; Lk 2:1-14
Dawn: Is 62:11-12; Ps 97:1, 6, 11-12; Ti 3:4-7; Lk 2:15-20
Day: Is 52:7-10; Ps 98:1-6; Heb 1:1-6; Jn 1:1-18 [1-5, 9-14]

Tuesday: Acts 6:8-10; 7:54-59; Ps 31:3cd-4, 6, 8ab, 16bc, 17; Mt 10:17-22

Wednesday: 1 Jn 1:1-4; Ps 97:1-2, 5-6, 11-12; Jn 20:1a, 2-8

Thursday: 1 Jn 1:5 — 2:2; Ps 124:2-5, 7cd-8; Mt 2:13-18

Friday: 1 Jn 2:3-11; Ps 96:1-3, 5b-6; Lk 2:22-35

Saturday: 1 Jn 2:12-17; Ps 96:7-10; Lk 2:36-40

Sunday: Sir 3:2-6, 12-14 or Gn 15:1-6; 21:1-3; Ps 128:1-5 or Ps 105:1-6, 8-9; Col 3:12-21 [12-17] or Hb 11:8, 11-12, 17-19; Lk 2:22-40 [22, 39-40]

Caring for our parish

Sunday Collection December 17, 2017

Collection: \$4232

Designated Maintenance Collection

Collection: \$715

Faith Direct Collection December

\$3700

**Thank you for all
you do for our Parish!**

March for Life!

The Diocese of Rockville Centre's Respect Life Office is planning a March for Life on Friday, January 19th, 2018. You can pick up your signs at the Respect Life Office which are available on a first come first serve basis. For more information, or materials please visit the following website: www.respectlife.drvc.org/event/march-life-2018/
Please respond by Monday, January 8th 2018.

Christmas Season

Our Christmas season continues all the way through January 7th where we celebrate the Epiphany of the Lord. Upon the conclusion of the Epiphany we return to Ordinary time in the church.

Bible Class

Fr. Tom will offer Bible study each Tuesday evening in Fr. Ron's room at 7pm. All are welcome to attend.

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Fourth Sunday of Advent

Children Celebrate!

Liturgy of the Word with Children

Today's Readings

Romans 16:25-27

Psalm 47:1-2, 7-8

Luke 1:26-38



We Pray

Lord, following the example of Mary, help us say "yes" to you. Amen.

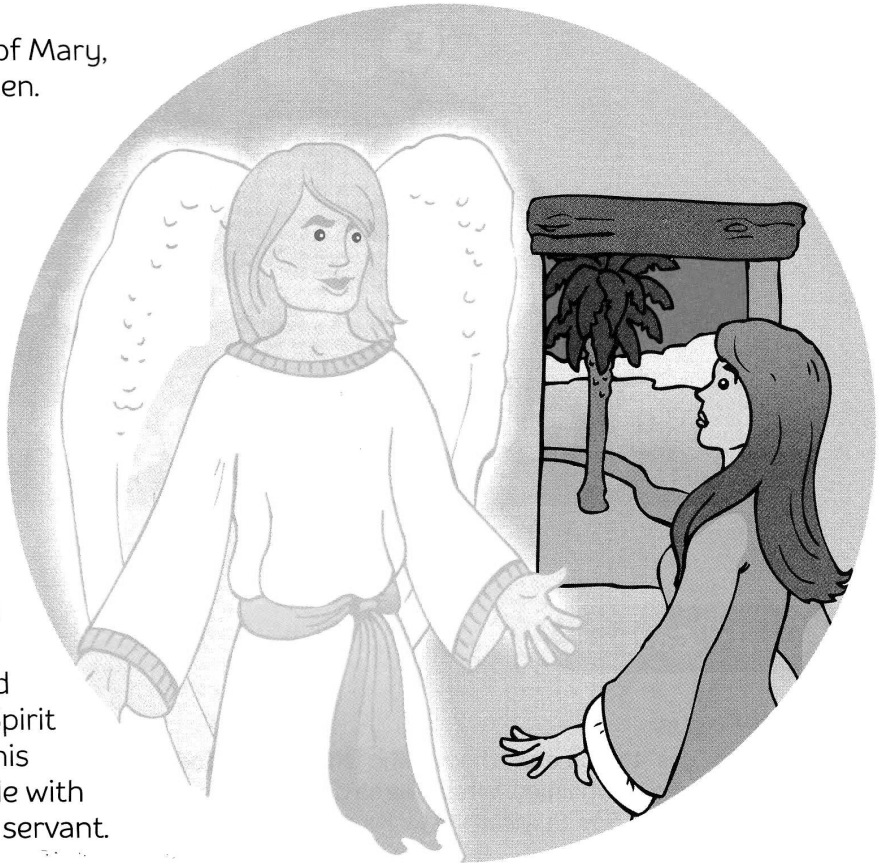


The Word of God This Week

'Nothing Is Impossible With God'

God sent the angel Gabriel to a young woman named Mary. The angel told Mary that she was blessed and would have a baby boy. His name would be Jesus, and he would be the Son of God.

Mary did not understand how this could happen because she was not married yet. Gabriel said, "The Holy Spirit and God's power will make this happen. Nothing is impossible with God." Mary said, "I am God's servant. Let it happen as you said."



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Come to nocturnal adoration here at St. Therese on the first Tuesday of each month!

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament follows the 8:30 AM Mass, continuing throughout the day and night until 8:15 AM on Wednesday, with Benediction just before the 8:30 AM Mass. Dates of the first Tuesdays are:

January 2, February 6, March 6, April 3, May 1, June 5, July 3, Aug 7, Sept 4, October 2, Nov 6, December 4.

You can sign up on a month by month basis so if you are not here for a particular month choose another.

If you are wondering what you are supposed to be doing during the hour of sitting before the Blessed Sacrament – DON'T WORRY! There are no 'have to's but here are some suggestions.

If you are tired, just sit. *What parent wouldn't like to hear their child say, "I'm too tired to talk right now – can I just rest with you?"*

If you are burdened, happy, frustrated – share it. *What parent wouldn't love to hear what's on their child's heart?*

Then let Him speak to you in the silence. Clear your mind and listen.

There will be books, articles, and prayer cards for inspiration.

Pray the Chaplet of Divine Mercy – because it is like an extension of the sacrifice of the Mass wherein we offer to the Father the very Body and Blood of Jesus.

The one thing you MUST do is to be 'real' with Jesus. Build a relationship by honest communication. Adore Him: begin and end by thanking and praising Him for who He is.

There is a sign-up sheet in the Narthex. Please write down the hour that you wish to spend in adoration along with your name, phone number and email address.

When your hour is up, if there is no one to take your place please text either Doreen (203)-450-1795 or Eulalie (631) 457-9381.

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What's new from the Desk of the Religious Education office...

As Advent comes to a close and the Christmas season begins...

*Very Best Wishes
go out to our
catechists, their families
and
all our families
for a wonderful Christmas
and a
very happy and healthy
new year!*



**OUR PRAYER LIFE CONTINUES
THROUGHOUT THE WEEK!**

Come and pray with us

**MONDAY: 5:30 - 7:30 (Church)
Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament
(Beginning with the Chaplet
of Divine Mercy & Ending with
the Miraculous Medal Devotion)**

**TUESDAY: Exposition will be directly
following 8:30 Mass with Holy Hour
and Benediction at 10AM.**

**WEDNESDAY: 6:00 - 7:00
(Parish Center)
Parish Prayer Group**

**FRIDAY: 2:00 - 2:45 (Church)
Bouquet of Rosaries for
Jesus & Mary & The Divine Mercy
Chaplet**

**FRIDAY: 5:00 – 6:00
(Choir Loft – Church)
Interdenominational Prayer Group**

**FRIDAY: 8:00 – 10:00 (Church)
Spanish Prayer Group**

Winter Schedule

Just a reminder that starting in January we will be following our winter schedule. The only change will be the elimination of the 8:30 am Mass. The 5pm vigil as well as the 10:30 am Mass on Sunday will remain the same. We shall follow this schedule until the first week of Lent which begins this year on Sunday, February 18th.

New Year's Day

This year because the Solemnity of Mary falls on a Monday it is **not** a holy day of obligation. However, for those who would still like to celebrate Mass will be at 10:30am.



Catholics for Freedom of Religion

Taking "Christ" Out of "Christmas" on College Campuses

Under the guise of inclusivity, many colleges across the nation are promoting non-religious decorations, displays and celebrations when issuing their annual guidelines for Christmas. They contend that public religious displays are inappropriate for Christmas - a holiday so-named because it celebrates the birth of Christ. In their efforts "striving to make campuses as inclusive as possible in 2017," by banning Christmas displays and celebrations, these colleges are telling Christians their traditions are offensive.

* The University of California, Irvine, encouraged a "focus on celebrating a special occasion, instead of a specific holiday" such as a "year-end celebration" or celebrate "seasonal themes such as fall, winter, or spring."

* The State University of New York at Brockport issued decorating guidelines. "Keep decorations general and non-specific to any religion. Create a winter theme with lights and color rather than religious icons ..." Brockport advised employees to "consider a grab bag instead of a 'Secret Santa' gift exchange."

* Missouri State University barred "religious icons" and recommended displaying snowmen, bells, flowers, and other nondescript items.

* Life University in Georgia, Eastern Connecticut State University, and others, are holding a holiday decorating contest that considers "inclusiveness, or how the decorations are respectful of all religious winter holidays."

* Many colleges are leaving off the word "Christmas" to describe annual tree lighting ceremonies.

(nynews.com, 12/10/17; leadershipinstitute.org, 12/6/17; campusreform.org, 12/11/17)

"There were only a few shepherds at the first Bethlehem. The ox and the donkey understood more of the first Christmas than the high priests in Jerusalem. And it is the same today."

Thomas Merton, Catholic monk and author



A Very Blessed and Merry Christmas to All!

St. Therese Christmas Schedule 2017

Saturday December 16th, 2017

11:00 a.m. Communal Penance
(with individual absolution)
Confessions 4:00-4:30

Monday, December 18th, 2017

7:00 p.m. Communal Penance
With individual absolution)

Sunday, December 24th, 2017

4:30 p.m. Christmas Family Mass
7:00 p.m. Spanish Mass
12:00 a.m. Midnight Mass

Monday, December 25th, 2017

8:30 a.m. & 10:30 a.m. Mass

Sunday, December 31st, 2017

5:00 p.m. Mass of Mary the Mother of God

Monday, January 1st, 2018

10:30 a.m. Mass of Mary the Mother of God

Parish Office Closed

Our Parish Office will be closed on Monday, December 25th in observance of Christmas. We will also be closed on Monday, January 1st in observance of New Year's Day.

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Cuarto Domingo de Adviento

Entramos ya en la cuarta semana de adviento en donde el texto que se nos ofrece ya lo hemos escuchado y muchas veces, pero no por ello deja de tener la frescura y el candor que su autor le imprimió y que a todos nosotros, cada vez que lo leemos, o es proclamado en cualquier celebración, nos llena de ternura y emoción. Es nada más y nada menos que el texto de la Anunciación a la Virgen María.

MISAS DE NAVIDAD Y AÑO NUEVO

- (Día 25 en East Hampton a las 7 pm.)
- Sábado 30 de dic. a las 8pm.

Día 31 de Dic y 1 de enero en East Hampton a las 7pm

Servicios legales para la comunidad inmigrante

ALFA Teléfono: 631-707-5375 /

OLA of Eastern Long Island 631 899 3441.

Las catequesis para adultos (RICA) que necesitan alguno de los sacramentos del Bautismo, Comunión o Confirmación Ponerse en contacto con Saul, llamando al teléfono 631 903 4090

El Asesor de Inmigración de Caridades Católicas

Estará a su disposición el día 11 de enero de 2pm a 5pm en Apostolado Hispano de Southampton.

Horas del Apostolado: Martes a Viernes de 2:00 – 5:00 pm. Se recomienda hacer cita previa llamando al Padre.

Padre Marvin: Cel 631 377 9053

Padre Cesar Lara: Cel. 631-332-5300

Padre Jesus Arellano: Cel. 929-257-3467

Rincón de Información

¿Desean bautizar a sus hijos? Los papas y los padrinos deben asistir al curso Pre-bautismal sin previo aviso.

Curso Pre-Bautismal

El curso se da el último domingo de cada mes a la 1:30 pm en el Apostolado Hispano en Southampton o también a las 5:00 PM en la iglesia en East Hampton. Es preciso llevar la copia del Acta de Nacimiento del niño. No es preciso hacer cita previa. Basta presentarse.

Los lugares y fechas del Bautismo:

En Montauk, los primeros sábados de cada mes. (Antes o durante la Misa de 8:00 pm)

Primer Domingo en Southampton a la 1:30 pm

Segundo sábado de mes en Hampton Bays 3:00 pm

Tercer sábado de mes en East Hampton 1:00 pm

Cuarto sábado de mes en Bridgehampton 1:00 pm

Requisitos para el Bautismo de un niño

Curso: Para bautizar a su hijo, es necesario que los padres y padrinos asistan al curso pre-bautismal.

Padrinos: Debe escoger a los padrinos conscientes de los requisitos. Los padrinos tienen que ser católicos bautizados, confirmados y que han hecho su Primera Comunión y deben poder comulgar. El padrino (madrina) debe ser soltero(a) o casado(a) por la iglesia.

Permisos: Si viven afuera de la zona servida por el Apostolado Hispano, necesitan una carta de su párroco.

Preparación Pre Matrimonial – Para casarse por la iglesia, haga una cita para una entrevista con P. Cesar, o P. Jesús. El curso pre-matrimonial se da por seis domingos, de las 9am al mediodía comenzando el primer domingo de octubre o de febrero.