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DAILY MASS

Monday—Saturday
 8:30 am

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Saturday 4:00 pm
 (Spanish) 6:00 pm
 Sunday 7:30 am
 9:00 am
 11:00 am
 5:00 pm

ROSARY

Mon-Sat 7:50 am
 Sunday 6:50 am

ANOINTING (SICK)

Weekend Masses—as needed

CONFESSION

Tuesday: 12:00-12:30 pm
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GIFT SHOP

Saturday &
 Sunday (after weekend
 Masses)

Epiphany of the Lord

Jan 4, 2026



EPIPHANY OF THE LORD

*They saw the child
 with Mary, his mother*

EPIFANÍA DEL SEÑOR

*Vieron al niño
 con María, su madre*

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It's Worth the Drive (Vale la pena el viaje)

ST. THERESA CATHOLIC CHURCH



Sat Jan 3	FOR	REQUESTED BY
8:30 am	St Theresa Parishioners	
4:00 pm	Deceased Members of KofC Counsel 8012 & Assembly 2068	Knights of Columbus
6:00 pm (español)	St Theresa Parishioners	
Sun Jan 4		
7:30 am	+ Members of Ellacer Family	Shirly Ellacer
9:00 am	+ Members of Javelona Family	Shirley Ellacer
11:00 am	+ Jacqueline DeGroff	Linda & James O'Brien
5:00 pm	St Theresa Parishioners	
Mon Jan 5		
8:30 am	+ Earle Lillard	Ron & Karen Tumbry
Tues Jan 6		
8:30 am	+ Salvatore LaScala	Sal & Corinne Costanzo
Wed Jan 7		
8:30 am	+ Warren Kottl, Sr.	Joanne Marino Kottl
Thurs Jan 8		
8:30 am	Special Intention Members of the Moreno Pelaez Family	Betty Pelaez
Fri Jan 9		
8:30 am	+ Suzanne Newcomb	Deborah Armbrrecht
Sat Jan 10		
8:30 am	Society of St Theresa	
4:00 pm	+ Sister Robert Michael	Barbara & Frank Angelino
6:00 pm (español)	+ Roland Colon Cacho	Maria Cacho
Sun Jan 11		
7:30 am	St Theresa Parishioners	
9:00 am	Special Intention Dianne Almond	Sarah Gonzalez
11:00 am	+ Rosalina Tubo	Vicki Alvey & Loretta Montalto
5:00 pm	St Theresa Parishioners	

Date / Time	Event	Location
Wed. Jan. 7 2:00 pm	GRIEF SHARE	Quads
Thurs Jan 8	ULTREYA	Parish Hall
Mon. Jan 12 6:00 pm	M.O.S.T.—MEN OF ST THERESA	Quads
Mon. Jan 12 6:00 pm	LADIES GUILD	Parish Hall
Jan. 17-18 6:30 pm	MISSION WITH FATHER MICHAEL ACKERMAN	Church



Celebrate Five-year Anniversary of our Adoration chapel!

We will celebrate the Anniversary with a delicious pasta dinner on Wednesday, January 14th at 6 p.m. Who is invited? All those who have committed to an hour or more each week to our beautiful prayer chapel. Please RSVP by calling the office by January 12th. See you there!



"joy is not found in the things which surround us, but lives only in the soul."
St Therese of Lisieux

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Fri, Jan 2	10:00 am	Jane Oelstrom
Fri, Jan 9	10:00 am	Fred Due

FROM FATHER TOM



I like this list of resolutions prepared by the Rev. Walter Schoedel. He calls them '7-UPS for the New Year. No, this has nothing to do with the soft drink. These 7-UPS fall under the heading of attitudes and actions.

The first is WAKE UP Begin the day with the Lord. It is His day. Rejoice in it.

The second is DRESS-UP Put on a smile. It improves your looks. It says something about your attitude.

The third is SHUT-UP Watch your tongue. Don't gossip. Say nice things. Learn to listen.

The fourth is STAND-UP Take a stand for what you believe. Resist evil. Do good.

Five, LOOK-UP Open your eyes to the Lord. After all, He is your only Savior.

Six, REACH-UP Spend time in prayer with your adorations, confessions, thanksgivings and supplications to the Lord.

And finally, LIFT-UP Be available to help those in need serving, supporting, and sharing.

If you're going to make New Year's resolutions this year, let me suggest Rev. Schoedel's list.

Why do we bother to make New Year's resolutions in the first place? Why do we feel this need each January 1 to set new goals? Maybe it is because resolutions help us to identify our priorities. They answer the Question: How do I want to invest my time, energy, money, and talents in this New Year? The New Year reminds us that time is passing. It is up to each of us to maximize the potential of every moment.

Love and Blessings! Father Tom



Mark your calendars. Start off the New Year on the right foot- **attend our parish mission!** Father Michael Ackerman from the diocese of Pittsburgh will be our preacher. Mission begins with the weekend January 17-18th. Mission talks from Monday-Wednesday at 6:30pm.

Fr. Michael was ordained to the priesthood in 2014. He grew up in Aspinwall and attended St. Scholastica Grade School, North Catholic High School, and Duquesne University where he obtained a BA in History and M.S.Ed. in Education. He was a High School teacher prior to entering the seminary. Fr. Mike attended St. Paul's Seminary in Crafton and Theological College at the Catholic University of America where he obtained an S.T.B. in Theology and a Master of Divinity degree. Fr. Mike enjoys golfing, bowling, playing piano, reading, and prayer (of course).

Father Michael is the current Pastor of Resurrection Parish in Pittsburgh, PA and is also the co-Chaplain to the students at Seton-LaSalle High School where he works with students, faculty and staff to build a strong relationship with Christ.

Come and hear this young and dynamic priest.

DEL PADRE TOM



Me gusta esta lista de propósitos preparada por el reverendo Walter Schoedel. Él los llama "7 pasos para el Año Nuevo". No, no tiene nada que ver con el refresco. Estos 7 pasos se refieren a actitudes y acciones.

El primero es DESPIERTA. Comienza el día con el Señor. Es Su día. Alégrate en él.

El segundo es ARREGLATE. Pon una sonrisa en tu rostro. Mejora tu apariencia. Dice mucho de tu actitud.

El tercero es GUARDA SILENCIO. Cuida tus palabras. No chismes. Di cosas amables. Aprende a escuchar.

El cuarto es DEFIENDE. Defiende lo que crees. Resiste el mal. Haz el bien.

El quinto es MIRA HACIA ARRIBA. Abre tus ojos al Señor. Después de todo, Él es tu único Salvador.

El sexto es ACÉRCATE. Dedica tiempo a la oración con tus adoraciones, confesiones, agradecimientos y súplicas al Señor.

Y finalmente, AYUDA. Está disponible para ayudar a los necesitados, sirviendo, apoyando y compartiendo.

Si vas a hacer propósitos de Año Nuevo este año, te sugiero la lista del reverendo Schoedel.

¿Por qué nos molestamos en hacer propósitos de Año Nuevo? ¿Por qué sentimos esta necesidad cada 1 de enero de fijarnos nuevas metas? Quizás sea porque los propósitos nos ayudan a identificar nuestras prioridades. Responden a la pregunta: ¿Cómo quiero invertir mi tiempo, energía, dinero y talentos en este Año Nuevo? El Año Nuevo nos recuerda que el tiempo pasa. Depende de cada uno de nosotros aprovechar al máximo el potencial de cada momento.

¡Amor y bendiciones! Padre Tom

Holy Land Gifts at St. Theresa on Jan. 17 & 18

Recently the world saw the story unfold about the struggles of the Christians in Gaza and the Holy Land for the past two years, and unfortunately this struggle hasn't reached an end yet. The city of Bethlehem is surrounded with checkpoints, gates, and concrete barriers that limit day-to-day tasks, including going to church, school, and work. The Gaza war halted tourism to the Holy Land, all souvenir shops and hotels are now closed. This has resulted in a 70% unemployment rate among the carvers. The Catholics of the Holy Land ask for the support of your prayers and the purchase of these handcrafted artworks that can make unique sacramental gifts. Proceeds from sales generate much-needed employment opportunities and monetary funds for 600 Catholic families in Bethlehem. **Holy Land Gifts will be here before and after our weekend masses on January 17 and 18.**

Cards, cash, and Apple Pay will be accepted. Please consider these gifts for your family, friends, and yourself.



A New Day, A New Year

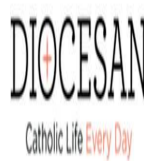
When someone celebrates a birthday – typically someone I know well – I have greeted them with a joyful “Happy new year!”. I get why my greeting throws some off; technically a “new year” starts on January 1st. But a birthday, to me, is in fact the start of a new year for the birthday celebrant. So, while we ring in this new year 2026, let’s consider that. Each and everyday someone is celebrating a birthday - and a “new year”. What a wonderful reminder that *each day* brings an opportunity to do better, to start fresh and anew, to be just a bit wiser than yesterday. Why wait for another Jan 1st? Give yourself grace, tomorrow’s a new day, today is a fresh start.

One of my favorite movies to watch is “50 First Dates”. It’s about a young woman who, after a horrific car accident, suffers from short term memory loss that causes her to forget everything that happened the day before. Each waking morning, she (and her family) have to start over again. While everyone else moves on with life, she relives a day in her life over and over again. What strikes me most about this movie is how a man who falls in love with her reminds us about the wonder of a new day and how newfound love is the same love we sometimes allow Time to take for granted. Couldn’t we, shouldn’t we demonstrate that “newfound” love to those we love and care for everyday? Everyday can be a new beginning, a fresh start, and an opportunity to grow in His love and light. ...for others.

“The steadfast love of the Lord never ceases, His mercies never come to an end; they are new every morning; great is your faithfulness.” ~Lamentations 3:22-23

Your sister in Christ, Faye Leilanie Peraza, Operations Manager

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A Grief Share Group will begin again at 2:00 pm on **Wednesday, January 7, 2026** at St. Theresa's.

When a loved one dies, it can feel like you are all alone and that few people understand how painful and isolating this can be. At **Grief Share**, you can find a safe, comforting place where you can talk with others about your grief. You'll find support, direction and guidance on how you can make it through your grief.

For more information call **Deacon Dan Pallo** at **352-391-9338** or email to deacondan2007@gmail.com. Also visit the Grief Share website at griefshare.org to get more information and register. Come and join us.



Attention all Cursillistas!

Join us for our first Ultreya of the New Year on January 8th at 6:45 PM in the parish hall. We will discuss the piety leg of the tripod through a Divine Mercy activity.

"Peace is more than just a goal; it is a presence and a journey. Even when it is endangered within us and around us, like a small flame threatened by a storm, we must protect it." **Pope Leo XIV**
Message for the 2026 World Day of Peace

Un Nuevo Día, Un Nuevo Año

Cuando alguien celebra su cumpleaños —normalmente alguien a quien conozco bien— lo felicito con un alegre «¡Feliz año nuevo!». Entiendo por qué mi saludo desconcierta a algunos; técnicamente, un «año nuevo» comienza el 1 de enero. Pero para mí, un cumpleaños es, de hecho, el comienzo de un nuevo año para quien lo celebra. Así que, mientras damos la bienvenida a este nuevo año 2026, reflexionemos sobre esto. Cada día, alguien celebra un cumpleaños y un «nuevo año». Qué maravilloso recordatorio de que cada día nos brinda la oportunidad de mejorar, de empezar de nuevo, de ser un poco más sabios que ayer. ¿Por qué esperar al próximo 1 de enero? Sé indulgente contigo mismo, mañana será un nuevo día, hoy es un nuevo comienzo.

Una de mis películas favoritas es «50 First Dates». Trata sobre una joven que, tras un terrible accidente de coche, sufre de pérdida de memoria a corto plazo, lo que le hace olvidar todo lo que sucedió el día anterior. Cada mañana, ella (y su familia) tienen que empezar de nuevo. Mientras los demás siguen con sus vidas, ella revive un día de su vida una y otra vez. Lo que más me impacta de esta película es cómo un hombre que se enamora de ella nos recuerda la maravilla de un nuevo día y cómo el amor recién descubierto es el mismo amor que a veces permitimos que el tiempo dé por sentado. ¿No podríamos, no deberíamos, demostrar ese amor «recién descubierto» a quienes amamos y cuidamos cada día? Cada día puede ser un nuevo comienzo, una nueva oportunidad para crecer en Su amor y Su luz... para los demás.

«El amor inagotable del Señor nunca cesa, sus misericordias nunca terminan; son nuevas cada mañana; grande es tu fidelidad.» ~Lamentaciones 3:22-23

Tu hermana en Cristo, Faye Leilanie Peraza, Gerente de Operaciones

In partnership with United Way, we are pleased to bring back Vita to help with your free tax preparation. Starting on January 20, Vita will be at the Parish Hall every Tuesday until April 14. **By appointment only.** Go on-line to the website at: **UWMC.ORG/VITA** and click on **Book an Appointment**.



TITHES & OFFERINGS GIVE UNTO THE LORD WEEK ENDING December 14, 2025	
Offertory	\$19,850.10
Maintenance	\$ 2,676.50
Soup Kitchen	\$ 1,876.50
Social Services	\$ 5,744.50
Thrift Store	\$10,363.64



In honor of St Therese's 152nd birthday that just passed on January 2nd, you can watch a wonderful movie about her life on Formed.org at <https://app.formed.org/app/videos/1502863>. The movie is called Thérèse. (See instructions on page 2)



PLEASE NOTE: The Prayer Request list started over on January 1, 2026. All names were taken off and will need to be requested to be added back. It's the only way to keep this list updated. Thank you for your understanding.

"Father God, we lift up all those who are facing illness today, we ask that you would bring healing, comfort and peace to their bodies. In Jesus' name, Amen!" Please call the Parish Office to make changes to the Prayer List.



Patrick Gollinger
Arlene Villa



OUR CATHOLIC APPEAL—2025

OCA Goal for 2025 **\$160,379.55**

Collected to date **\$160,379.55**

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Thank you to all who helped St Theresa reach Our Catholic Appeal goal!



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Month of January 2026

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† Family of Moreno Pelaez
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From: Betty Pelaez



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