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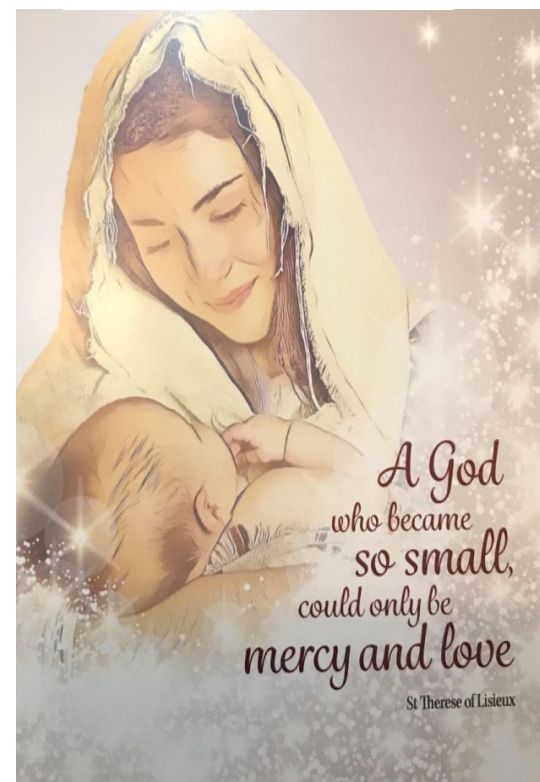
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**DECEMBER 24TH: FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT YEAR B**



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**Office Hours: Wednesday 8:30AM—4:30PM**

**Holy Mass Schedule:**  
The Day of the Lord begins Saturday: Vigil 4:00PM  
Sunday: 9:00AM  
Weekdays: 8:00AM or as announced

**Sacrament of Penance (Confession)**  
Saturday: 3:00-3:45PM  
Sunday: 8:00-8:45AM  
By appointment

**Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick:**  
Please contact the parish priest during serious illness or before surgery.

**Sacrament of Baptism: By appointment.**

**Sacrament of Marriage:**  
Please contact the parish priest as soon as possible. Pre-marriage classes are mandatory.

**Eucharistic Adoration:**  
First Friday of the Month: 8:30—9:30  
First Saturday of the Month: 8:30—9:30

**Catholic Women's League:**  
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**FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT**

December 24th, 2023 – Year B

**Mass Schedule & Intentions: Dec 24th-31**

<b>Saturday</b> 4:00PM	<b>Dec. 23th</b> <b>Vigil of the Fourth Sunday of Advent</b> Missa pro populo
<b>Sunday</b> 9:00 AM	<b>Dec.24th—Fourth Sunday of Advent</b> †Giovanni Ottaviano by Nella Ottaviano
<b>4:00 PM</b>	<b>CHRISTMAS VIGIL</b> God’s blessing for Fr. Daniele
<b>0:00 am</b>	<b>CHRISTMAS MIDNIGH MASS</b> For our afflicted parishioners
<b>Monday</b> 9:00 am	<b>CHRISTMAS</b> Special intention
<b>Tuesday</b> 8:00AM	<b>Dec. 26th— Saint Stephen Martyr</b> † Lidia DiMatteo by Rita Sottana
<b>Wednesday</b> 8:00AM	<b>Dec. 27th— Saitn John the Evangelist</b> † Gerald Patenaude by Rita Sottana
<b>Thursday</b> 8:00AM	<b>Dec. 28th— The Holy Innocents</b> †Maria & Mario Ottaviano by Linda Smarrella
<b>Friday</b> 8:00AM	<b>Dec. 29th— 4th day of Christmas octave</b> † Delia & Patrizio Mattiazzo by Aldo Donomi
<b>Saturday</b> 8:00 AM	<b>Dec. 30th—5th day of Christmas octave</b> God’s blessing on 2nd Anniversary Diane & Derek Miller by Diane & Derek
<b>4:00PM</b>	<b>Vigil of the Holy Family Sunday</b> †Missa pro populo

**SUNDAY OFFERING**

Dec 16/17, 2023:	\$ 1135.00
Parish Repairs:	\$ 230.00
Flowers:	\$ 60.00
Donation	\$ 1000.00

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**TAX RECEIPTS**

Please ensure all donations that require a tax receipt for 2023 are in before **December 31, 2023**. Any donations given after this date will be included on your 2024 receipt.



**Dear Parishioners**

With joy and gratitude, I address you in this festive season, marking my first Christmas as your parish priest. It has been a privilege to be warmly welcomed into this community over the past two months.

Christmas provides us with a unique opportunity to reflect on the divine light that illuminated the world through the birth of our Lord Jesus Christ.

Amidst the challenges and joys of this year, we find comfort and hope in the timeless message of love, peace, and solidarity. I want to express my thanks for your dedication and active participation in the life of the parish. We are a spiritual family, united by faith and a shared commitment to spreading love and kindness to others. This Christmas, let us renew our commitment to follow the example of Jesus, bringing love and hope to those in need. May our spirit of generosity radiate in our lives and the community we serve.

**I wish each of you a Christmas filled with peace, surrounded by the love of family and friends. May the coming year bring prosperity and spiritual growth to each of us and our community.**

**With affection and Christmas blessings,  
Fr. Daniele Bertoldi, cfc**

**PARISH OFFICE CLOSED:** The Parish office will be closed Wednesday Dec 27, 2023 and will re-open Wednesday, January 3rd, 2024. Please call parish in emergency only.



**Sunday, December 31** — 4:00PM Vigil Mass of The Solemnity of Mary, the Holy Mother of God

**Monday, January 1, 2024** — 9:00AM The Solemnity of Mary, Holy Mother of God

**Please remember that January 1st (New year), is a Holy Day of Obligation.**

**JOIN US IN ELEVATING THE LITURGICAL EXPERIENCE!** Embark on a journey where the beauty and holiness of our liturgical and mass celebrations are brought to life through your active participation. We are on the lookout for passionate individuals to join us as **lectors, ushers, altar servers, and extraordinary ministers of the Eucharist**. Are you ready to become a vital part of our dedicated liturgical team?

**BE A STRONG LITURGICAL VOLUNTEER!**

If you're enthusiastic about contributing to the spiritual richness of our community, seize this opportunity to make a meaningful impact. Take a step towards becoming a valued liturgical volunteer by filling out the form available at the church exit. Your commitment will enhance the worship experience for all, creating a sacred atmosphere that resonates with beauty and holiness. Join us in creating memorable moments of reverence and celebration. We look forward to welcoming you to our vibrant liturgical team!



**CATHOLIC WOMEN'S LEAGUE NEWS**

**CWL MEMBERSHIP:** The \$35 CWL membership is now due. Envelopes are in the Sunday offertory boxes.

**2024 MISSALS**

The 2023-2024 missals are available for purchase. Cost is \$5.

**DIOCESE ANNOUNCEMENT**

With December 31 fast approaching, many individuals are in the middle of tax planning. This is a perfect time to consider making a donation of securities to the parish or diocese to support the very good work being done. You will receive a charitable gift receipt for the full amount of the donation, calculated when the donated securities are sold. Questions may be directed to John J. O'Brien, Diocesan CFO, at jobrien@saintcd.com

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Father Daniele, the pastor of Saint Therese of Lisieux, extends his presence to those who are unwell or homebound. If you or someone you know would appreciate a visit, kindly reach out to the parish at the following phone number: **905.834.4645**. Your connection with the parish will ensure that Father Daniele can arrange a visit to bring the eucharis and to share time with.