# The Catholic Faith Communities of Saint Theresa & Saint Christopher

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#### **Office Hours:**

Monday through Wednesday 8:30am to 12:00noon

Epiphany of the Lord ~ January 4, 2026 ~



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#### **Schedules and Sacraments**

~ Weekend Masses ~

<u>Saturday Evening</u>

4.00mm at Saint Thomas

4:00pm at Saint Theresa

Sunday Morning

8:00am at Saint Theresa 9:30am at Saint Christopher 11:00am at Saint Theresa

~ Weekday Mornings ~ Monday through Wednesday 8:00am at Saint Theresa Thursday 8:00am at St. Christopher

**Holy Day Masses** 

As Announced

### **Sacrament of Reconciliation**Saturday afternoons 3:00-3:45pm at Saint Theresa

Wednesday evenings 5:00-5:45pm at St. Christopher or by Appointment. Please call the Parish Office

#### Sacrament of Baptism

By Appointment ~ Please call the Parish Office

#### First Friday

Mass at Brookdale First Friday of every month at 9:30am Home visits on First Friday. BY REQUEST ONLY.



Welcome to our Parishes! St. Theresa & St. Christopher Parishes welcome you to join our parish and become an active member. Please call or visit the Parish Office located at 265 Stafford Rd. (401) 624-8746 or visit our website www.sstandctiverton.org where you can print the parish registration form to register you and your family as members of our Parish. Drop off your completed form at the Parish Office, collection basket at church or by mail. If you would like more information, or if you have questions, please do not hesitate to call us. Office hours are Monday-Wednesday 8:30am-12:00noon.

#### MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

Saturday, January 3rd ~ Vigil: The Epiphany of the Lord 4:00pm Giovanni Palermo

(by Phyllis Palermo)

Sunday, January 4th ~ The Epiphany of the Lord

For the Parishes 8:00am 9:30am **Muriel Lapointe** 

(by Women's Guild)

**Intention of the Celebrant** 11:00am

Monday, January 5th ~ St. John Neumann, Bishop

8:00am Helen Mello (by Charlotte Cirillo)

Tuesday, January 6th ~ Christmas Weekday; St. André Bessette,

Religious

8:00am Olivia Crimmins (living intention)

(by Bill & Marti Crimmins)

Wednesday, January 7th ~ Christmas Weekday; St.

Raymond of Penyafort, Priest **Courtney Medeiros** 8:00am (by Mother)

Thursday, January 8th ~ Christmas Weekday

8:0am Martha Dorney

(by Peter & Cathy Sullivan)

Saturday, January 10th ~ Vigil: The Baptism of the Lord

John Dutra 4:00pm

(by Sister Debbie)

Sunday, January 11th ~ The Baptism of the Lord

8:00am For the Parishes

9:30am Gregory G. Greenwell

(by Lou & Joan Cabral)

Jerry DiSauro 11:00am

(by Barbara DiSauro)



#### RECONCILIATION

**St. Christopher:** Wednesdays from 5:00-5:45pm.

St. Theresa: Saturdays from 3:00-3:45pm.



#### DAILY READINGS

#### THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD

Sunday Is 60:1-6: Eph 3:2-3:5-6; Mt 2:1-12

Monday 1 Jn 3:22-4:6; Mt 4:12-17, 23-25

Tuesday 1 Jn 4:7-10: Mk 6:34-44

Wednesday 1 Jn 4:11-18; Mk 6:45-52

Thursday 1 Jn 4:19-5:4; Lk 4:14-22

Friday 1 Jn 5:5-13; Lk 5:12-16

Saturday 1 Jn 5:14-21; Jn 3:22-30





THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD

First Reading: Isaiah 60:1-6

Jerusalem is extolled as a place of glory and splendor because the Lord has come to His own city.

Second Reading: Ephesians 3:2-3a, 5-6

Paul tells the Ephesians that his special mission is to make the Gentiles co-heirs with the Jews in Christ — "members of the same body and sharers of the promise."

Gospel: Matthew 2:1-12

Herod learns that Wise Men from the East are searching for the newly born Christ Child. He instructs them to find the Child and to report His whereabouts to him. The Wise Men follow a star to the place where Mary and Jesus are and offer the Child gold, frankincense, and myrrh. They do not return to Herod but follow another route to their own country.





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Please remember in your prayers, all those listed here and whose names are in the prayer box in St. Christopher sanctuary, all the sick of our parishes, and those at home in the hospitals, and nursing facilities.

Call the parish office if you know anyone in need of prayers and you would like to remember them in the bulletin

#### WELCOME TO ST. THERESA AND ST. CHRISTOPHER PARISHES

## WONTER WEATHER

#### INCLEMENT WEATHER POLICY

St. Theresa & St. Christopher's policy regarding closures due to inclement weather is to provide for the safety of all visitors, parishioners and staff. We take into consideration not only the conditions being reported but the time it takes to clear the premises, sidewalks, and parking lot to create a safe traveling environment.

We strive to maintain our regular worship schedule; however, in the event of inclement weather, it may be necessary to cancel services. We will make every effort to notify our parishioners in advance of cancellation of any Masses by a post on our website or notification on the door of the church. Please be cautious outdoors! It is always good practice to check all areas for black ice during icy conditions.



Thank you to our choir for providing our

parishes with beautiful hymns during this festive season and throughout the year.



# Pray for Priests

Each week we will post a small list of some of the priests in our Diocese. Each week the list will consist of a different group of names. Together, let us pray for our priests. The lists will include both active and retired priests.

Rev. Ryan Connors
Rev. Joseph F. Craddock
Rev. Domingos M. da Cunha
Rev. Peter J. D'Ambrosia

#### Prayer for Priests - St. Thérèse of the Child Jesus

O Jesus, Eternal Priest, keep your priests within the shelter of your Most Sacred Heart, where none can touch them. Keep unstained their anointed hands, which daily touch your Sacred Body. Keep unsullied their lips, daily tinged with your Precious Blood. Keep pure and unworldly their hearts, sealed with the sublime mark of the priesthood. Let Your Holy Love surround and protect them from the world's contagion. Bless their labors with abundant fruit, and may the souls to whom they minister be their joy and consolation here, and their everlasting crown in the hereafter. Amen.

#### Pray for Seminarians



Oh God, hear our prayer for the men you have chosen to follow in your Son's footsteps. Teach them humility and fidelity to unselfishly help others. May their devotion to Our Blessed Mother, Queen of Vocations increase, enabling them to do your will. Strengthen their prayer life that they may grow spiritually without worldly distractions. Give them courage and

perseverance in their studies. May the Holy Spirit lighten their struggles with their vocations, until they know the joy of being a priest. We ask this through Christ your Son. Amen.



On behalf of Fr. Dufour, Deacon Tim and the staff at St. Theresa and St. Christopher, we wish to thank ALL who were involved in making this a blessed Christmas Season and all the year through.

We express our gratitude to all who have helped us to celebrate this year's Christmas celebrations. Our Music Ministry-Cantors, choir members, & instrumentalists. Our Liturgical Ministers--Lectors and Altar Servers. Our Hospitality Ministers. All who prepared our Churches and all who gather here -- our parishioners, friends and visitors. May God bestow upon our parish families more graces and blessings in 2026.



We are excited to announce the formation of a Catholic Moms Group! It takes a village to raise a child, and what better village than our own faith-filled community here at St. Christopher's & St. Theresa's?

When: 3rd Thursday of each month, 7:30-9:00 PM

Where: St. Christopher's Church

First Meeting: Thursday, January 15th

Designed to support mothers in the beautiful but challenging vocation of raising children and building strong Catholic families, each gathering will include a discussion topic that offers both spiritual nourishment and practical wisdom, as well as an opportunity for fellowship. Whether you're a new mom seeking guidance, an experienced mother wanting to share your wisdom, or just a mom looking for more friends, you belong in our village!

For more information contact Kelly Cody (<a href="mailto:kmvcody@gmail.com">kmvcody@gmail.com</a>) and Grace Morin (<a href="mailto:AnAmazingGrace@gmail.com">AnAmazingGrace@gmail.com</a>).

#### CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR NEWLY BAPTIZED



#### George William Cody

May the Lord bless you and keep you safe; take your hand when need be; and fill your heart with His love.

For information regarding the Sacrament of Baptism,

please call the parish office at 401-624-8746.

### ETERNAL REST PRAYER OFFERING We offer our prayers and condolences to

the families and friends of:

Alice Rego and Maurice Gauthier

Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them.





#### **JANUARY 3 - JANUARY 4, 2026**

#### **PARISH FINANCES**

Collection Reports for December 20 - December 28, 2025 St. Theresa: December 20 - December 21, 2025

**Budget Envelopes:** 4,623.00 170 EFT: 385.00 Total: \$ 4,030.00 Weekly Budgeted Expectations: 5.008.00 Second Collection: Fuel 779.00

St. Christopher:

December 20 - December 21, 2025 **Budget Envelopes:** 2,273.00 420.00 EFT: \$ Loose Collection: 492.50 Total: 3,185.00 Weekly Budgeted Expectations: 2,512.00 Second Collection: Fuel 689.76

St. Theresa:

December 27 - December 28, 2025

Budget Envelopes: 3.197.00 EFT: 1,300.00 Total: 4,497.00 Weekly Budgeted Expectations: 5,008.00 **Christmas Offering** 4,261.00

St. Christopher:

December 27 - December 28, 2025 Budget Envelopes: 1,755.00 73 \$ 190.00 455.00 Loose Collection: 2.400.00 Total: Weekly Budgeted Expectations: 2.512.00 **Christmas Offering** \$ 2,695.00

Thank You for your continued support of your parish.





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The Catholic Faith Communities of St. Theresa & St. Christopher Parishes

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Annual Appeal: Thank you to everyone who has contributed to our annual appeal program. As we receive donations, we will give you updates on our totals.



#### ST. THERESA ANNUAL COLLECTION

**Amount Week 5:** \$ 2,000.00 Online through website: \$ 0.00

Total: \$ 14,207.50

#### ...... ST. CHRISTOPHER ANNUAL COLLECTION



**Amount Week 5:** \$850.00 Online through website: \$ 0.00

Total: \$ 13,075.00



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#### **BECOME A KNIGHT**

Are you considering becoming part of a prestigious Catholic fraternal service order known as the Knights of Columbus? We're here for you. Meetings are held the third Thursday of every month in St. Theresa

Church Hall at 7:00pm. Our next meeting will be: January 15th, 2026. Please visit https://www.koc.org/secure/en/join/join-kofc.html. Any questions, please contact George LaFontaine at Elizabeth11022020@gmail.com

# Sanctuary Candle

The Sanctuary Light in Saint Christopher Church burns to the Honor and Glory of God this week for the intentions of all St. Christopher Families



Sanctuary Candle

The Sanctuary Light in Saint Theresa Church burns to the Honor and Glory of God this week for the repose of the souls of Robin Ann Lewis



#### WELCOME TO ST. THERESA AND ST. CHRISTOPHER PARISHES

#### **PARISH NEWS**

Pastor's Corner Dear brothers and sisters in Christ,

This weekend we celebrate the great feast of the Epiphany, commemorating Christ's manifestation as the Savior, not only of the Israelites, but of all the nations. With our culture's great emphasis on the celebration of Christmas, we might be tempted to think of the Epiphany as a feast of lesser importance. But it might surprise you to know that the Church's celebration of the Epiphany actually predates its celebration of Christmas.

In the early days of the Church, it was January 6<sup>th</sup> (the traditional date of the Epiphany), in which the Church celebrated not only the visit of the Magi to the Christ Child, but also Christ's Birth, as well as His Baptism in the Jordan River and His first miracle at the Wedding at Cana. It wasn't until the late 4<sup>th</sup> century that one of the Church councils established separate dates for the celebration of Christmas on December 25<sup>th</sup> and the Epiphany on January 6<sup>th</sup>. Thus was established the 12 days of Christmas and the Christmas season as we know it today.

What a blessing it is, that as Catholics, our celebration of Christmas cannot be contained to a single day. We need different feasts and a whole season to unpack and meditate upon the great mystery and beauty of the birth of Christ. .

St. Christopher and St. Theresa, pray for us!

In Christ, Fr. Dufour



O God, who by the guidance of a star did on this day manifest Your only-begotten Son to the Gentiles, mercifully grant that we who know You by faith may also attain the vision of Your glorious majesty. Through Christ our Lord. Amen.



Fun for All Ages!

#### PARISH PAINT NIGHT

Monday, January 12 6:00-8:00pm St. Theresa Hall

Registration required by Wednesday, January 7th Please call Caroline Keefe at (401) 624-8746 Ext. 8 to register

\$10 per person — includes supplies and step-by-step instructions by John Irwin

be provided

#### LITURGICAL MINISTER SCHEDULE

#### Saturday, January 3rd, 2026

4:00pm St. Theresa Lector: Brandon Moss

**EM:** Dottie Eckersley, Barbara Hayes (Peg Fournier) **Altar Server**: Cameron Vincent, Joshua Couto

#### Sunday, January 4th, 2026

8:00am St. Theresa Lector: Tom Wesling

EM: Jackie Ott, Mike DeCotis (Maria Szelag) Altar Server: Parker Aldrich, Kristina DeCotis

9:30am St. Christopher Lector: Justin Katz

EM: Kim Katz (Miles Wilson)

Altar Server: Gavie Swain, Lilah Katz, Lucas Wilson

11:00am St. Theresa Lector: Doreen Gendreau

EM: Greg & Lisa Smaldone (Kelsey Hetu) Altar Server: Ariel & Kasey Amorin

#### Saturday, January 10th, 2026

4:00pm St. Theresa Lector: Peg Fournier

EM: William & Sarah Bigelow (Don Comeau) Altar Server: Joshua Couto, Mackenzie Hatzberger

#### Sunday, January 11th, 2026

8:00am St. Theresa Lector: Ellen Sheil

**EM:** Peter & Charlotte Moniz (Mike DeCotis) **Altar Server:** Kristina & Miranda DeCotis

9:30am St. Christopher Lector: Jim Hines EM: Jon Vane (Kitsy Vane)

Altar Server: Gavie Swain, Brennen & Rowan Vane

11:00am St. Theresa Lector: Don Elbert

EM: Anne Klegraefe, Melanie St. Denis (Andrew Tavares)

Altar Server: Ariel & Kasey Amorin

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