



*St. Teresa of Avila
Catholic Church and School
Fifth Sunday of Easter*

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Sunday:.....7:30 a.m., 9:30AM
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Saturday:.....8:30 am

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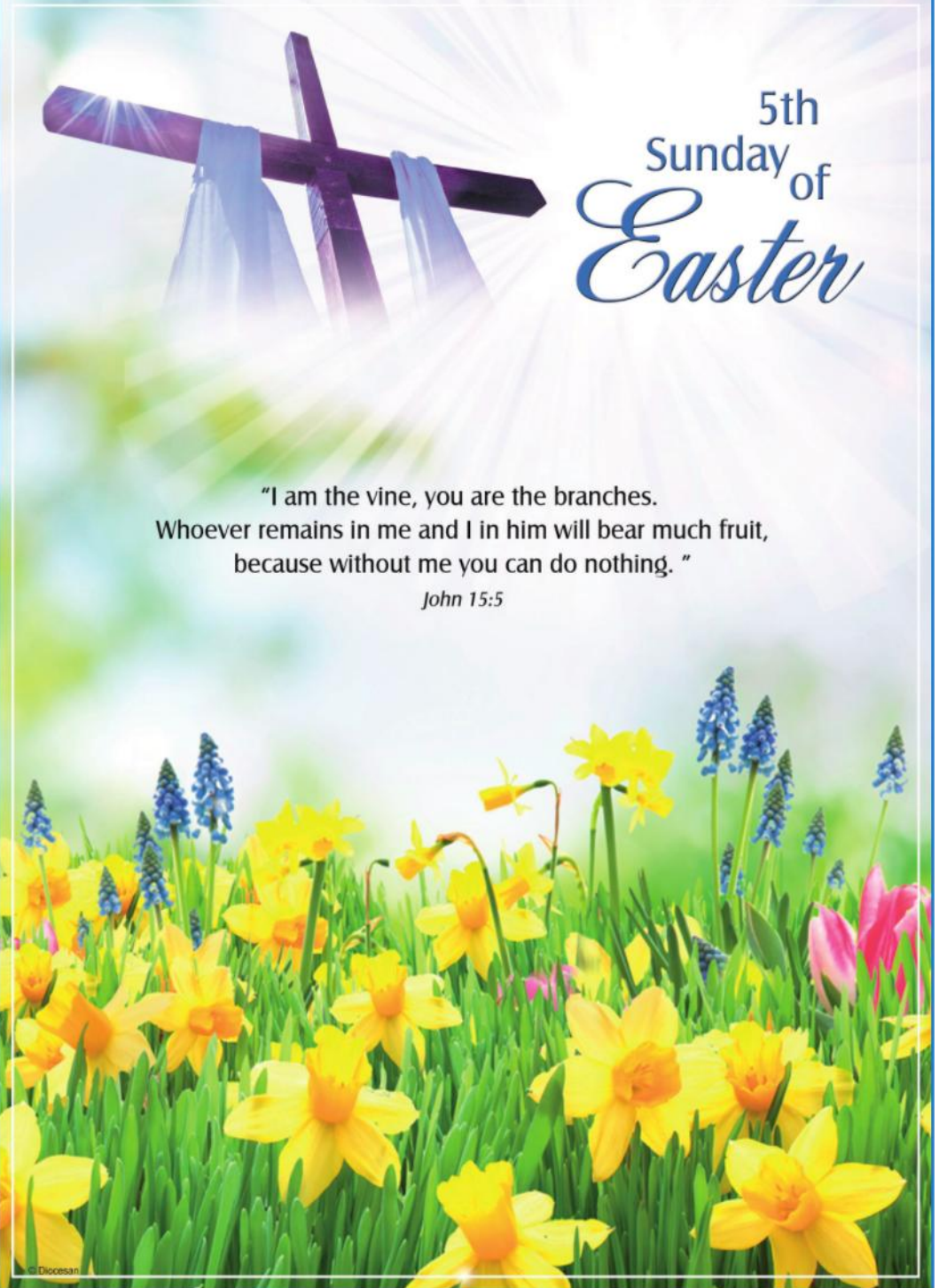
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**"I am the vine, you are the branches.
Whoever remains in me and I in him will bear much fruit,
because without me you can do nothing. "**

John 15:5

April 28, 2024

Mass Intentions for the week of April 28th to May 5th

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday
7:30 AM Loretta Dosaocil † by Loyola Walker	7:00 AM Bill Gardner † by the Nevalga family	7:00 AM Eneida Rivera Rodriguez † by Veronika & George Q.	7:00 AM Linda Smith † by her daughter, Alex Gutierrez
9:30 AM Joan Horner † by the Wheir family	8:30 AM Rose & Brianna Manzo † by the family	8:30 AM Michael Nealon † by Joan & John	8:30 AM Joan Horner † by the Wheir family
11:30 AM Vern Robert Baake † by the Lumpkin family	<i>"I am the vine, you are the branches".</i>		

LITURGY OF THE WORD

**Sixth Sunday of Easter
Thinking about the Readings**

1. What is the essence of my life?
2. When have I felt excluded? How did it feel? What did I learn?
3. Who do I call a friend? How diverse are my friendships?
4. Who has loved me and made me feel welcome?

**Readings for 6th Sunday of Easter
May 5, 2024**

First Reading: Acts 10:25-26

The gift of the Holy Spirit was poured out on the Gentiles also.

Second Reading: 1 John 4:7-10

God is love

Gospel: John 15:9-17

No one has greater love than this: to lay down his life for one's friends.

DEVOTIONS

Liturgy of the Hours (Morning Prayer) at 8:10am (before the 8:30 mass), Mon.-Thu. (unless no school on Fri.)
 Recitation of the Rosary: Mon. – Sat., 9am in the Chapel.
 Novena – Our Lady of Perpetual Help Tuesday, after the 8:30am Mass.
 Spanish Adoration & Prayer Group, Thursdays 5:30pm
 Holy Hour 9-10 – Thurs. (except holidays) after the 8:30 Mass, Divine Mercy, Rosary, Silent Prayer, Benediction.
 Holy Days – Same as Sundays (7:30am, 9:30am & 11:30am) Holy Day Vigil – 7:00pm
 Litanies—After the 8:30am Mass

For Reflection:

Christ has promised to remain beside us during life if only we stay close to him. While we remain healthy branches of the vine, Christ, we will be on the road to heaven. Our daily tasks, our work as well as our prayer, our joys as well as our sorrows, will give glory to God and prove that we are worthy to be called disciples of Christ.



Today's Good News

The **first reading** taken from the Acts of the Apostles 9:26-31 is about St. Paul's first visit to Jerusalem after his conversion.

The **second reading** is from the first Letter of John 3:18-24. In today's verses the Beloved Disciple is urging his readers to believe firmly in Jesus Christ the Son of God, and to love their neighbor with a practical love, a love which will help him in his corporal and spiritual needs.

The **Gospel** is from St. John 15:1-8. The words of consolation and encouragement which our Lord spoke to his Apostles on Holy Thursday night were intended to console and encourage all his followers for all time. They encourage and console us today, and we need encouragement to persevere on the road to heaven. Living a truly Christian life is never easy. We have always the attraction of the world, and the temptations by the agents of evil, to make that life less easy still. But in our own day these difficulties have increased a hundredfold. The attractions of this world have been multiplied by the increased comforts, pleasures and means of self-indulgence which science and technology have put within our reach. Human nature, always inclined to choose the easiest way out, has been given so many means of escape from the strain of self-control that even for a fervent Christian it is frequently very difficult to avoid these worldly allurements.

It is indeed hard to swim against the current; it is so much more pleasant to allow oneself to be carried along without effort by the rushing tide. But when there are rocks and shoals ahead, the thoughtless and ease-seeking swimmer will end in grief. Our Lord has warned us today, as he warned his first followers, to abide in him, to remain closely united with him, as is the branch to the vine, if we hope to bear fruit worthy of heaven. He promises us that if we remain closely united to him, that is, if we strive daily to keep his commandments, he will be ever ready to answer our requests, and to heed all our prayers. The sincere prayer today of every man who is trying to lead a Christian life is for the grace to overcome the allurements of the world, the flesh and the devil. Let us take courage, then.

Fifth Sunday of Easter

Mass Intentions for the week of April 28th to May 5th

Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
7:00 AM Frank Macdonald † by his daughter	7:00 AM Andrew Doro † by Beth & Jack	8:30 AM Bill Gardner † by Mary Lou Miller	7:30 AM Andrzej Bugno †
8:30 AM Dorothy Lenartowicz † by Judy Underwood	8:30 AM Carman Fernandez † by her daughter, Yara	5:00 PM Deceased members of Moukad family by Brian & Carole	9:30 AM Joan Horner † by Dottie & Greg
Sanctuary lamp is lit for the memory of Catherine & Ed Morin's 79th anniversary by their daughter, Kathleen			11:30 AM Elsa Bettencourt † by a friend

STEWARDSHIP

Stewardship Thought: If anyone would serve me," says Jesus in today's Gospel, "let him follow me; where I am, there will my servant be." In what way is Jesus inviting *me* to follow Him? What service is He asking of me?

Parish Sacrificial Giving (Regular Sunday Offering) In gratitude for the gifts we have received from God, the parishioners and visitors gave \$ (will be noted next week) for the ministries of St. Teresa. Thank you for your continued support and generosity. God bless.

QUESTION OF THE WEEK?

By what commandments does this parish live?

First Friday

The first Friday of the month will be this **Friday, May 3rd**. We will have exposition of the Blessed Sacrament in the Chapel all day. Please plan to spend some time in prayer with our Lord.



First Saturday

This Saturday is the first Saturday of the month, **May 4th**. Special prayers will be prayed after the 8:30 AM Mass. Please join us.

Eucharistic Adoration

We will have an all day Eucharistic Adoration **May 2nd from 9am to 6:30pm** in the Chapel.

There will be the **Spanish Holy Hour and Exposition from 5:30-6:30pm**.

If anyone would like to sign up for an hour, please call Cheryl Kassack at: 321-383-1312 (H) 321-795-1456 (c)

SCHOOL NEWS



Brevard County Catholic Schools' Fine Arts Extravaganza!

Some of our talented students attended the Brevard County Catholic Schools' Fine Arts Extravaganza! This fantastic event showcased the creative works of students from various Catholic schools in Brevard. Our students had an incredible time displaying their artwork and enjoying the exhibits and performances. We're so proud of their hard work and creativity! Please join us in congratulating our winners and admiring their incredible pieces:

1st. place 3D: Saray A. -5th grade
Catholic Identity Award: Rylan H. -2nd grade
Honorable Mention: Kiaan P. -1st grade
 Sophia B. -2nd grade
 Jeremy H. -3rd grade
 Honesty M. -5th grade
 Makayla H. -7th grade

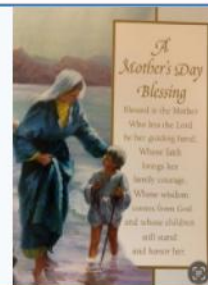


St. Teresa Catholic School is now accepting applications for the next school year (2024-2025). Go to www.stteresa-titusville.org to fill out an application or call the school of office (321-267-1643) for more details.

Mother's Day May 12th

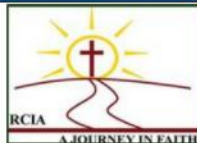
There are Mother's Day Novena cards on the table in the back of the Church.

Kindly return them so they can be placed on the Altar for the whole month of May.



FAITH FORMATION

Religious Education (CCD)
Religious Education Classes (CCD) have completed for this year, have a great summer and we will see you in August.



"R" Catholic Nugget

A Quote from St. Francis of Assisi "All I want to know is Christ and the power flowing from His Resurrection!"

Altar Servers

Altar Servers quarterly meeting will be held **May 8th, 6pm** in Avila Hall. Altar Servers and Parents plan to attend. We will be doing our schedule for June thru August. See you there!

Adult Bible Study

This spring we are offering "Consecration to St. Joseph - The Wonders of Our Spiritual Father" written by Father Donald H. Calloway, MIC. This is a 33-day program of reading and discussion questions. The class will begin **Wednesday, May 8th**, and end on June 12th and will be held in the Faith Formation room from 9:30 - 11:00 AM. Class size is limited.

For more information contact the Faith Formation office at 321-349-5445 (voice or text) or by email at faithformation@stteresa-titusville.org.

2024 Graduates

St. Teresa Catholic Church will be recognizing our 2024 High School/College Graduates on **May 19th at the 9:30 am Mass** with Breakfast to follow. Graduate Information Forms are available in the Church Narthex or contact the Faith Formation office at 321-349-5445 (voice or text) or by email at faithformation@stteresa-titusville.org.

Vacation Bible School

Save the dates. St. Teresa will be hosting Vacation Bible School this Summer. Our program will run from **June 24 - June 28. The time will be from 9:00 am to 12:00pm**, location will be the Parish Center. The program is open to children from Kindergarten thru Fifth grade. Watch the bulletin and announcements for information and registration.

Baptism Preparation Classes

Baptism Preparation Classes can be scheduled through the Church office at 321-268-3441 or the Faith Formation Office 321-349-5445. The class will be held on the date and time you schedule in the Faith Formation Room in Avila Hall.

St. Teresa Youth Group

Calendar of events (6th to 12th Grade)

(Each Sunday we will help with Donuts unless we have a Breakfast Buffet)

Date	Time	Location	Event
May 18 th	12:30pm-3:00pm	Avila Hall and Courtyard	Youth Group End of Year Family Cookout

Bereavement /Grief Support Group



A Grief, Prayer, Support Group has been organized for anyone that has lost a loved one or is interested in participating.

You do not need to be a member of the Parish to participate. Meetings will be held on **Thursdays from 4:30-6:30PM**. All are welcome. For additional information, please contact the Parish Office @321-268-3441

Blue Army Rosary



We continue to pray the Chaplet of St. Gertrude every Sunday after the **9:30 am Mass** in the Chapel.

Blue Army Rosary and Chaplets

The St. Teresa Chapter of the Blue Army is hosting, in the Chapel, a **weekly:**

* Rosary and Chaplet of Divine Mercy on **Monday** nights at **6 pm**

* Chaplet of St. Gertrude on **Sunday** immediately following the **9:30 am Mass**. All are welcome

Cor Jesu Food Pantry



Cor Jesu Food Pantry is in need of brownies, peanut butter and bottled water.

If you chose to send a check please make out to Cor Jesu. Thank you for your generosity each week.

Please save your egg cartons for donation . Thanks

Choir Rehearsal



Contemporary choir rehearses every **Tuesday at 7pm** in the church.

Traditional choir rehearses every **Wednesday at 7pm** in the church

Pope Francis' Intentions for May



For the formation of religious and seminarians

We pray that religious women and men, and seminarians, grow in their own vocations through their human, pastoral, spiritual and community formation, leading them to be credible witnesses to the Gospel.

Pasta Dinner May 4th



The Blue Army Ministry has organized a pasta dinner that will be held on the **1st Saturday** of the month **after the 5PM** Mass in Avila Hall.

The meal includes a salad, bread, dessert and coffee, or lemonade and water. Homemade meatballs are **huge** and delicious.

There is a suggested donation of **\$10.00**. Kids under 12years of age eat free. All proceeds going to the Church.

Take out boxes are available.

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Clear Plastic 9 oz. Solo Cups (50 count)	16 oz Milk Cartons (contact Faith Formation Office)
Fabric Marker pens (Multiple Colors)	Paper Dessert Plates



Moms of Tiny Saints

A Catholic ministry where moms can find community in the messiness and joy of raising tiny saints is getting started this Easter season! Join Moms of Tiny Saints at one of their kickoff events:

Playground Meetup w/ Coffee & Donuts
May 8th, 10AM @ Fox Lake Park

Just-for-Moms Formation Night
(w/ wine, snacks, & desserts)
May 22nd, 7-8:30pm @TBD

Text Amy @ 321-626-7802 or Kasey @ 321-289-6399 with any questions

St Joseph the Worker May 1st

The feast of St. Joseph the Worker was established by Pope Pius XII in 1955 in order to Christianize the concept of labor and give to all workmen a model and a protector.



By the daily labor in his shop, offered to God with patience and joy, St. Joseph provided for the necessities of his holy spouse and of the Incarnate Son of God, and thus became an example to all laborers.

"Workmen and all those laboring in conditions of poverty will have reasons to rejoice rather than grieve, since they have in common with the Holy Family daily preoccupations and cares" (Leo XIII).

Memorial of St. Catherine of Siena, Virgin and Doctor of the Church April 29th



Catherine, the youngest of twenty-five children, was born in Siena on March 25, 1347. During her youth she had to contend with great difficulties on the part of her parents. They were planning marriage for their favorite daughter; but Catherine, who at the age of seven had already taken a vow of virginity, refused. To break her resistance, her beautiful golden brown tresses were shorn to the very skin and she was forced to do the most menial tasks. Undone by her patience, mother and father finally relented and their child entered the Third Order of St. Dominic.

Unbelievable were her austerities, her miracles, her ecstasies. The reputation of her sanctity soon spread abroad; thousands came to see her, to be converted by her. The priests associated with her, having received extraordinary faculties of absolution, were unable to accommodate the crowds of penitents. She was a helper and a consoler in every need. As time went on, her influence reached out to secular and ecclesiastical matters. She made peace between worldly princes. The heads of Church and State bowed to her words.

She weaned Italy away from an anti-pope, and made cardinals and princes promise allegiance to the rightful pontiff. She journeyed to Avignon and persuaded Pope Gregory XI to return to Rome. Even though she barely reached the age of thirty-three her accomplishments place her among the great women of the Middle Ages. The virgin Catherine was espoused to Christ by a precious nuptial ring which, although visible only to her, always remained on her finger.

Patronage: against bodily ills; against fire; against illness; against miscarriages; against fire prevention; firefighters; nurses; nursing services



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1 John 3:18-24

Simple Laws

“I am the vine,
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John 15:5

There are a lot of laws. Our national constitution is long. Every state, county and municipality has additional rules and regulations. Sometimes you don't know what a law is until you break it. Laws are important. They are necessary. But they are so numerous that it's hard to keep track of them all.

Our church is the same way. Our laws are important to us, but they are numerous. And they change. It is hard to keep up with them. Couldn't it be simpler somehow?

The First Letter of John says God basically has just two laws. “His commandment is this: we should believe in the name of his Son, Jesus Christ, and love one another just as he commanded us.”

There, that was simple. Or was it?

To believe in the name of Jesus means that we order our lives around this belief: He is the Son of God, the one who came to save the world. His teaching, ministry and example should shape everything we do. And love one another? Well, that's easy when it comes to people we like. But it's not so easy with people we'd rather ignore, or people who have become our criminal enemies. Loving one another is not so simple.

Whether the laws are many or few, they are hard to keep. But those who keep God's commandments “remain in him, and he in them.”

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My Sisters and Brothers in Christ:

Peace and Grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you this Easter season. St. Peter is filled with the Spirit of the Lord, and we join him, recalling our Baptism, the flow of anointed waters blessing us to bear good fruit for the glory of God's creation. We praise God for His transfiguration of a barren earth into a flourishing garden with the life of humankind, made in the image of God and given dominion over all God's creation.



St. Peter boldly proclaims to the people the core of our belief; that is, Jesus is the Way, the Truth, and the Life. Sometimes it is difficult to "let go and let God," as one saying goes. By the flow of the waters of Baptism, we are called to be God's coredeemers, not only speaking His Word, but actively living as Jesus calls us — to love one another as He loves us. Our greatest success and distress originate with our understanding or lack of understanding about God's creation: God created mankind in His image; "in the image of God He created them; male and female He created them". Knowing and understanding that we are of God changes the conversation for suddenly we are speaking about holiness; about a dwelling place for God and the dissonance between us seems to lift, as a prayer of healing.

Resolution of the dissonance in our daily living is often named, "justice." Our Holy Father tenders that justice is the quintessential social virtue. It is the "moral virtue that consists in the constant and firm will to give their due to God and neighbor". He exhorts us, "Justice is a virtue for the good coexistence of people."

Justice, offered through living the Gospel, establishes sincere relations with others. The righteous person is upright, simple, and straightforward, laid bare as Jesus was on the Cross. He or she does not wear masks or live with deception but speaks the truth. The words 'thank you' are offered because he/ she is indebted to neighbor. The righteous person understands that to love one another means to recognize always that he/she was loved first. He/she lives as a dwelling place of God and understands that each person is born of God. Jesus manifests the infinite love of God who overcomes every limit and every weakness.

Jesus calls us from the Cross to come to Him. He assures us of His everlasting Presence as He is resurrected. He gifts us the nourishment of Himself through the Eucharist. Jesus never tires of us. May we never tire of Him! May we bring Him to one another and infuse the earth with His holy justice

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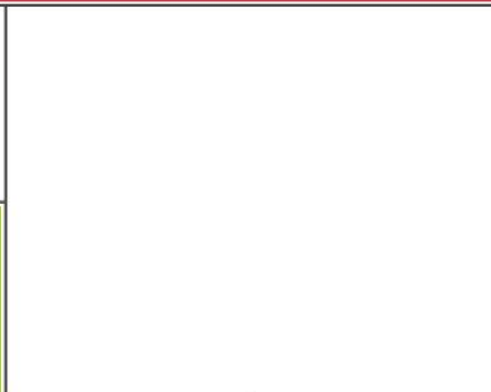
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