

St. Teresa of Avila Catholic Church and School

Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time

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Saturday Vigil:.....5:00 p.m. Sunday:.....7:30 a.m., 9:30AM & 11:30 am Weekdays (Monday through Friday): 7:00 am. & 8:30 a.m. Saturday:.....8:30 am

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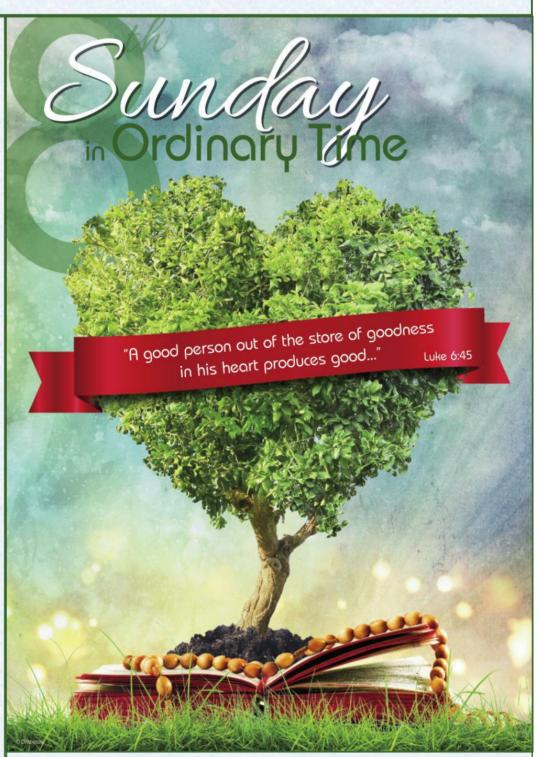
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Mass Intentions for the week of March 2nd to March 9th

S	Sunday		Monday		Tuesday	As	h Wednesday
	Louis & Ilah Grefig † by their son, Daniel	7:00 AM	Bill Ruesewald,Sr † by the Eriksen family	7:00 AM	For the sick of the parish	7:30 AM	Moserrat Pacheco † by the family
11:30 AM S	Catherine Klipfel † by the family Special Intentions of Fom & Julie Guidera by Ina Smith	8:30 AM	Edward Morin†by his daughter, Kathleen Weldon	8:30 AM	Santa Merrina † by the family	9:30 AM 11:30Am 4:00PM 7:00PM	Christine Brzuszewska † by Father Chris Marvin Kenkel † by Mr/ Mrs Chad Grojean, Jr For the people of the parish Special Intentions of Margaret Gould by Ina Smith

God gives us victory through our Lord Jesus Christ

LITURGY OF THE WORD

First Sunday of Lent Thinking about the Readings

- 1. What is my experience of being liberated and healed?
- 2. What does it mean to honor the Sabbath?
- 3. How have I honored my need for rets and renewal?
- 4. Where do I find the light of Jesus shining forth?

Readings for the 1st Sunday of Lent March 9, 2025

First Reading: Deuteronomy 26:4-10
The Lenten fast, like the Exodus
Second Reading: Romans 10:8-13
The journey of faith is open to all.

Gospel: Luke 4:1-13

The fast can be a sign that we live on more than bread.

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. Spanish Adoration & Prayer Group, Thursdays 6:00pm 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:

The love of God knows no end. Thanksgiving overflows as we prepare to break bread together and enter once again into the paschal mystery of Christ.



Today's good news

The first reading is taken from the Book of Sirach. The author was a wise and pious Jew who lived about 200 B.C. His purpose in writing was to encourage his fellow Jews to live devout lives following the Law of Moses and the pious traditions handed down to them. He treats of the individual, of the family and of the community, of their relations with one another and with God. In these verses he emphasizes how a man's speech shows up his character and his religious outlook.

The second reading is from the first Letter of St. Paul to the Corinthians. St. Paul is speaking of the resurrection of the dead which the death and resurrection of Christ have won for us. In these verses St. Paul ends his discussion on death and resurrection with a hymn of triumph.

The Gospel is taken from St. Luke . These statements of Christ spoken centuries ago to his fellow Jews of Palestine are as true and as crystal clear today as they were in the year 29 A.D. They are the words of him who was the Truth. They are put before us today for there are few amongst us who do not need to be reminded of their lesson. We are all so prone to see the neighbor's faults and shortcomings and so inclined to cover up or deny our own.

We are often lacking in the basic knowledge of the teachings of our faith and yet we can find a thousand faults in the official doctrine of the teaching Church. We can all criticize minor defects in our neighbor's Christian behavior whilst our own Christian way of living is giving far greater scandal.

In other words, most if not all of us, are to some degree hypocrites. We pretend to be what we are not, but should be. How seldom have I honestly examined my own conscience to see my own more serious defects and tried to correct them?"

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Thursday		First Friday	Saturday		Sunday	
7:00 AM	Special Intentions of Jay Tulley by his mom & dad	7:00 AM For world peace	T	Special Intentions of Fina Lussier & Wendy Marie Lussier	7:30 AM	Bill Ruesewald,Sr † by the Eriksen family
8:30 AM	Michael Nealon † by the Rosary Group	8:30 AM Rita Zelenka by Bob & Bonnie		Helen Marone † by JoAnn Domey	9:30 AM	Special Intentions of Jean Eriksen by Margaret Gould
Sanctuary lamp is lit for our intentions to make a meaningful				11:30 AM	Special Intentions for Dr Karla McCloud & staff by the Ruiz- Alvarez family	



Lenten journey

STEWARDSHIP

Stewardship Thought: All of today's readings remind us that our works reflect what is in our hearts. Do my words and actions reveal a heart that is grateful for and generous in sharing — the abundance God has poured into my life?

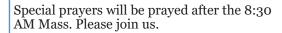
Parish Sacrificial Giving (Regular Sunday Offering) In gratitude for the gifts we have received from God, the parishioners and visitors gave \$13,928.00 for the ministries of St. Teresa. Thank you for your continued support and generosity. God bless.

QUESTION OF THE WEEK?

How do parishioners go to their deserts seeking encounters with God?

First Saturday

This Saturday is the first Saturday of the month, March 1st.





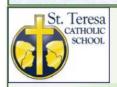
Eucharistic Adoration

We will have an all day Eucharistic Adoration March 6th 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



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Baptism

To schedule a Baptism and Preparation Class contact the Faith Formation Office 321-349-5445 (voice or text) or by email at faithformation@stteresa-titusville.org.

The Preparation class will be held on the date and time you schedule in the Faith Formation Room in Avila Hall.

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FAITH FORMATION

Religious Education (CCD) Religious Education Classes (CCD) this **Wednesday**, in the school at **6:00 pm**.



RCIA

Meeting this week, Sunday, **March 2nd** following dismissal from the 7:30 Mass. The meeting will be held in Avila Hall Faith Formation Room.

"R" Catholic Nugget

A Quote from Saint Rose of Lima "Apart from the cross, there is no other ladder by which we may go to heaven."

Adult Bible Study

Monday morning bible study meets this Monday, 9:15 am - 11:00 am in Avila Hall Faith Formation Room.

Tuesday evening bible study meets this Tuesday, **6:30 pm** – **8:00 pm** in Avila Hall.

Wednesday morning bible study meets this Wednesday, 9:30 –11:00 am in Avila Hall Faith Formation Room.

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

Confirmation 2026 (7th Graders) Prep Session Our Fourth Confirmation Prep Session with Fr. Chris for our 2026 Confirmandi will be this **Monday, March 3, 2025** @ **6:30 PM to 8:00 PM** in the Church. This is a mandatory meeting for Confirmandi and their Sponsor/Parent. For more information or questions contact the Faith Formation office at 321-349-5445 (voice or text) or by email at faithformation@stteresa-titusville.org .

Breakfast Buffet

Save the date for our Next Breakfast Buffet! March 16th, In the Parish Center following each Sunday Mass, 8:30 - 12:45. Suggested donation: Adults: \$12, Children 5-12 \$6

Youth Group Summer Camps Camp Veritas. June 10th – 15th Lake Placid, Florida

Ava Maria Youth Conference 2025 "PROCLAIM" July 11th -13th Ave Maria University

BOTH of these events SOLD OUT last year.

If you are interested in attending either or both of these summer events, please contact the Faith Formation Office. Cell: (321) 349-5445 (voice or text) Email: faithformation@stteresatitusville.org

St. Teresa Youth Group Calendar of events (6th to 12th Grade)

Date	Time	Location	Event
Mar 16 th	8:30- 12:45pm	Parish Center	Youth Group Break- fast Buffet
Apr 5 th	1:00- 3:00pm	River Lanes	Youth Group Bowling Party
Apr 27 th	8:30- 12:45pm	Parish Center	Youth Group Break- fast Buffet

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 4:30-6:3PM.** All are welcome. For additional information, please contact the Parish Office @321-268-3441

Blue Army Rosary

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

There will be a Pot Luck dinner after the rosary in Avila Hall

Food Pantry Cor Jesu

Our Food Pantry, Cor Jesu, is in need of peanut butter, pasta, and saltine crackers.



If you chose to send a check please make out to Cor Jesu. Grocery store gift cards are always welcome for perishables. They can be placed in the box outside the gift shop.

Thank you for your weekly generosity.

Choir Rehearsal

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



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

Youth Group Fund Raiser

When Fr. Greg departed he left St. Teresa's Youth Group a Gskyer 130EQ Professional Astronomical Reflector Telescope. This is a very nice telescope and sells online for \$270 to \$400. This year STC Youth Group will raffle this telescope as a fund raiser to help offset the cost of our events and summer camps. Raffles



tickets will be sold after Masses from **March 8th thru May 4th.** The Winning ticket will be drawn during the St. Teresa School Evening of the Arts on **May 8th.** Tickets will be 1 for \$10 or 3 for \$20. Please help support the St. Teresa Youth Group.

Council of Catholic Women Scholarship

The Southern Deanery of the Council of Catholic Women is offering a \$500 scholarship to an active Catholic high school student who graduate this year **2025.** For an application and criteria please contact the Faith Formation Office (321) 349-5445 (voice or text) or email: faithformation@stteresatitusville.org. To request an email copy of the application, please submit your request to buchnessmary704@gmail.com. All applications are due by **April 4, 2025.**

Ash Wednesday March 5th

Ash Wednesday marks the beginning of the Season of Lent. It is a season of penance, reflection, and fasting which prepares us for Christ's Resurrection on Easter Sunday, through which we attain redemption. Ash Wednesday is one of the most popular and important holy days in the liturgical calendar. Ash Wednesday opens Lent, a season of fasting and prayer.



Ash Wednesday takes place 46 days before Easter Sunday, and is chiefly observed by Catholics, although many other Christians observe it too.

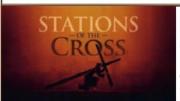
Ash Wednesday comes from the ancient Jewish tradition of penance and fasting. The practice includes the wearing of ashes on the head. The ashes symbolize the dust from which God made us. As the priest applies the ashes to a person's forehead, he speaks the words: "Remember that you are dust, and to dust you shall return."

Alternatively, the priest may speak the words, "Repent and believe in the Gospel." Ashes also symbolize grief, in this case, grief that we have sinned and caused division from God.
Writings from the Second-century Church refer to the wearing of ashes as a sign of penance.

Priests administer ashes during Mass and all are invited to accept the ashes as a visible symbol of penance. Even non-Christians and the excommunicated are welcome to receive the ashes. The ashes are made from blessed palm branches.

It is important to remember that Ash Wednesday is a day of penitential prayer and fasting Feasting is highly inappropriate. Small children, the elderly and sick are exempt from this observance. It is not required that a person wear the ashes for the rest of the day, and they may be washed off after Mass. However, many people keep the ashes as a reminder until the even-

Please note the times for Mass and distribution of ashes on Ash Wednesday



Lenten Mission

Stations of the Cross at **7PM each Friday**, followed by an approximate 1/2 hour Mission talk given by Father Chris.

This method for a Lenten observance of prayer and sacrifice was well-received last year with many in attendance. Each week a different subject will be discussed not including the solemnity of Good Friday events.



Soup suppers will begin on March 7th

See next page for more info

Envelopes will be available during and at the end of the Mission for your donation. Father Chris will be making a donation to the Salvatorian Missions. If you care to donate by check, PLEASE make out the check to the SALVATORI-

AN FATHERS. Thank you

Mission Donations



Moms of Tiny Saints A Catholic ministry where moms can find community in the messiness and joy of raising tiny saints. Join us at one of our upcoming events. Contact



The theme for March 7th will be: "Theological and pastoral context of the Lent 2025 in the year of Jubilee"

Kasey at (321) 289-6399 for any gues-

For more updates & community, please ioin our Facebook

Date	Time	Location	Event
Mar. 8	10AM	Tom Stat- ham Park (Location change)	Family Potluck Picnic

Our Catholic Appeal 2025

Our Annual Catholic Appeal has begun. Parishioners should have received OCA information in the mail. If you did not, then donation envelopes are available in the pews. PLEASE use the envelopes regardless of the amount that you are comfortable donating as it helps to represent parish participation.

Our parish contribution goal for Our Catholic Appeal 2025 is **\$123,098.** A certain percentage of the money received over this amount will stay at St Teresa church for the needs of the parish

Thank you to those that have already chosen to donate.

To date **\$61,250.00** has been pledged. That is 49.8% of our goal. Thank you for using your envelope. OUR CATHOLIC APPEAL



The Catholic Foundation of Central Florida



1 Corinthians 15:54-58

The Blunted Sting of Death

Death is inevitable but unpredictable. It will come on its own time. It takes some of us old, others young. It does not pay attention to schedules. We have plans, but death may have some others. Some people reach the end of their days in happiness that their life's work is done. Others wish they had more time to complete what they began or to right some wrongs. We have been writing our life, and death will close the book.

Death is the ultimate threat to hold over a living being. Many of the early Christians suffered persecution for their faith. They were becoming too influential in society, causing too many problems for authorities. Many of them died a horrible death, just as Jesus had. Some may have wondered if they had lived in vain.

Perhaps Paul saw his own death coming. Tradition holds that he was beheaded outside of Rome. Paul's faith in Christ was firm. He believed in the Resurrection of Jesus and that the same glorious future lay ahead for him– however he died.

Paul's bravura about death comes out in a letter to the Corinthians. "Death is swallowed up in victory. Where O death is your victory?" Paul taunts, "Where O death is your sting". But through Jesus Christ, we have overcome the sting of the old law, sin and death. For the faithful Christian, whether you die old or young "your labor is not in vain".

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"A good person out of the store of goodness in his heart produces good..."

From the desk of Father Chris: Students from our parish that attend Melbourne Central Catholic were recently asked to write a note to the Pastor. These are a sample of those received. Thank you to the students for the heartfelt words.....Father Chris

Dear Father Chris,

thank you for helping guide my Catholic faith. Your homilies help to understand the writings of the bible on a much deeper level. You have a good way to connect it with everyone listen-

Your cheerful attitude toward everyone really helps to understand just how to spread the faith.

God bless, Aidan

Father Chris,

The first time I went to St Teresa's Catholic Church I was enchanted by the beauty of the church, the architecture and the choir and the passion shown from within.

I loved listening to your homilies. You stood out from the rest of the other priests and made the times I went to church interesting.

Take care, Juan

Dear Father Chris,

For Catholic Schools Week, MCC told us to write letters to the priests in the area. I of course wanted to write to you as I grew up with you celebrating Mass.

I will forever remember going to Adoration and the Spanish rosary and being able to come bring the Monstrance back to the Tabernacle with you afterwards.

Thank you for the foundation of my Catholic faith which has led me to where I am today. I hope you are doing well and you will always be in my prayers.

Love, Natalia



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St. Teresa Lenten Soup Suppers

Time: 4:30 pm to 6:30pm Location: Avila Hall



March 7th

Soups: Minestrone & Tuscan White Bean Side: Garlic Bread Dessert: As donated Drinks: Iced Tea (Sweet / Unsweet), Lemonade, Water, Coffee

After Supper join us in the Church for Stations of the Cross, beginning at 7pm and Fr. Chris's Lenten Talks following stations. Suggested donation: Adults: \$10, Children 5-12 \$5



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