

# St. Teresa of Avila Catholic Church and School

First Sunday of Lent

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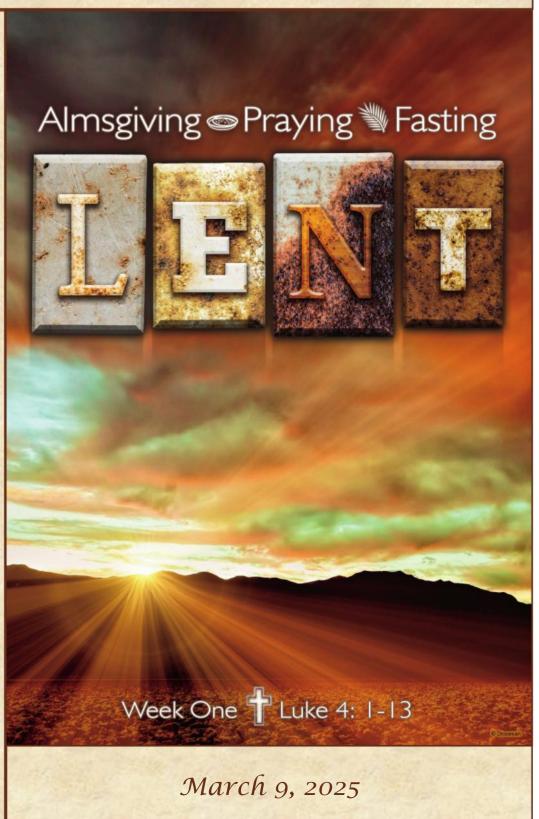
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## March 9, 2025

#### Mass Intentions for the week of March 9th to March 16th

	Sunday		Monday		Tuesday	1	Wednesday
7:30 AM	Bill Ruesewald,Sr † by the Eriksen family	7:00 AM	Special Intention for Dale Cornish by William & Caroline McQuade	7:00 AM	Steve Smith †by William McQuade	7:00 AM	Steve Smith †by William McQuade
9:30 AM	Special Intentions of Jean Eriksen by Margaret Gould	8:30 AM	Anne Guam † by her daughters, Anne & Kathryn	8:30 AM	James & Lois † by the Taurasi family	8:30 AM	Special intention for Birthday blessing for Nicole by Anne Guam
11:30 AM	Special Intentions for Dr Karla McCloud & staff by the Ruiz-Alvarez	The fast can be a sign that we live on more than bread.					

## LITURGY OF THE WORD

#### **Second Sunday of Lent** Thinking about the Readings

- 1. Moses reminds the people of their faithful God and their liberation. What is my liberation?
- 2. How do I approach Lent this year? With anticipation? As a retreat? With Questions?
- 3. When have I been delivered from affliction? By whom?

#### Readings for the 2nd Sunday of Lent March 16, 2025

First Reading: Genesis 15:5-12

In a holy covenant, God promises Abram a homeland.

Second Reading: Philippians 3:17—4:1

Christ will change our lowly body to conform with his glorified body.

Gospel: Luke 9:28b-36

His face changed in appearance and His clothes

became dazzling white.

## **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

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)

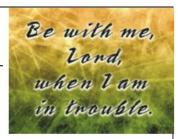
Holy Day Vigil — 7:00pm

Fatima Sundays—Every 3rd Sunday of the Month from May through October, 3-4:30pm.

Litanies—After the 8:30am Mass

#### For Reflection:

To strengthen us during this season of fasting, the Lord spreads the eucharistic feast before us. Let us give thanks with joy this day that we are privileged to begin another lent.



Today's good news
The First Reading is from the Book of Deuteronomy (26:4-10). This passage recounts the reason why the Israelites (Jews) were required to offer the "first fruits" of their harvest as a thanksgiving offering to God. It was an annual remembrance of God's delivering them from slavery in Egypt. God watched over His earthly family like a "father." Again and again He delivered them from impossible situations and blessed them with the Promised Land. He will do similar good things for us, if we are committed to His service.

The Second Reading is taken from St. Paul's Letter to the Romans (10:8-13). Here Paul is repeating Moses' message (from Deuteronomy 30:10-14) to listen and obey the teachings of God and His ways. This is the beginning of Paul's discourse on "justification" and faith in action. He states that "if we believe in our heart that Jesus is Lord, and confess that belief in our speech and show it by our actions, then we have nothing to worry about." Putting our sincere beliefs into action is a sure way to salvation

The Gospel Reading is from the Gospel of St. Luke (4:1-13). In this passage, we have the familiar story of Jesus being tempted by the devil. When reading or hearing this passage from the pulpit, we must remember that this is the human Jesus who has just spent a long retreat in the desert with no food or water. He is being tempted directly by the evil one, something that most of us will never experience. This is an extreme test of spiritual endurance, fidelity to God and resistance to pressure for the glories of this world. Although Jesus was at a weak point of human endurance, He was filled with the Holy Spirit and was able to cast off the enticements of the devil. The Holy Spirit will give us that same power if we call upon Him in times of struggle or temptation.

Lent is a great time for us to review our spiritual strengths and weaknesses, our struggles and our blessings and to ask for God's grace and guidance to get back onto the right track. Our problems and temptations are not the same as those of the Israelites or of the human Jesus; nevertheless, the same Holy Spirit is there to protect us from "dashing our foot against a stone." All of the above readings challenge us to seriously consider how we are going to observe this Lenten Season.

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	Thursday		Friday		Saturday		Sunday
7:00 AM	Carolyn Tulley † by Jim & Kathleen	7:00 AM	For the People of the Parish	8:30 AM	Special Intention for Andrew Brieske † by Bob & Bonnie	7:30 AM	Jan Jackson McComas † by Royce & Rother families
8:30 AM	Ishgani Orencia † by Elenita Orencia	8:30 AM	Glen Warren† by his wife Isabel, Happy Birthday in heaven	5:00 PM	The Hale & Hoertz families † by the family	9:30 AM	Basilia Limen De Guzman † by St Teresa Choir
Sanctuary Lamp is lit this week in memory of Marvin Kenkel by Joan May						11:30 AM	Patricia Symon Gutierrez† by Al Gutierrez

#### **STEWARDSHIP**

**Stewardship Thought:** Today's first reading describes the offering of first fruits the people of Israel were to present to the Lord in thanksgiving for their deliverance from Egypt and the gift of the Promised Land. Is my offering at today's Mass an appropriate response to the many blessings the Lord has given me?

Parish Sacrificial Giving (Regular Sunday Offering) In gratitude for the gifts we have received from God, the parishioners and visitors gave \$14,098.00 for the ministries of St. Teresa. School collection amounted to \$4,132.00. 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?

#### Month of March Dedicated to Saint Joseph

The month of March is dedicated to St. Joseph.The first five days fall during the liturgical season known as Ordinary Time which is represented by the liturgical color green. Green, the symbol of hope, is the color of the sprouting seed and arouses in the faithful the hope of reaping the eternal harvest of heaven, especially the hope of a glorious resurrection.



Bookkeeper Position Available

The Church has an opening for a part-time bookkeeper/office assistant.



For more information, please contact the church office or apply at the Orlando Diocese website (orlandodiocese.org).

#### **Eucharistic Adoration**

We will have an all day Eucharistic Adoration March 13th 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**

St. Teresa CATHOLIC SCHOOL have earned a spot on the **Honor Roll** for have earned a spot on the **Honor Roll** for the second trimester of the school year!











Our 7th and 8th graders had an amazing time on their field trip to Wonder Works, Sea Life Aquarium, and the Orlando Eye!





special Happy Birthday to our Parish Office Manager, Nicole McCaffrey on March 12th. Thanks for all you do.



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### **FAITH FORMATION**

Religious Education (CCD) Religious Education Classes (CCD) this **Wednesday**, in the school at



#### **RCIA**

Rite of Sending and Rite of Election will be celebrated this Sunday at the **9:30am Mass.** 

#### First Communion Prep Classes

Prep Session for 3<sup>rd</sup> Grade Students (School and Religious Ed.) will be this Wednesday, **March 12**<sup>th</sup> from **6:00pm to 7:15pm** in Avila Hall. If you have any questions, contact the Faith Formation office.

#### "R" Catholic Nugget

A Quote from Pope Saint Gregory the Great "When we attend to the needs of those in want, we give them what is theirs, not ours. More than performing works of mercy, we are paying a debt of justice."

#### 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 221, 240, 5445 (voice or toyt) or by email at faithfor

office at 321-349-5445 (voice or text) or by email at faithformation@stteresa-titusville.org.

#### Breakfast Buffet

Join us next Sunday, **March 16<sup>th</sup>**, for our Breakfast Buffet! 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 10<sup>th</sup> – 15<sup>th</sup>** Lake Placid, Florida Ava Maria Youth Conference 2025 "PROCLAIM" **July 11<sup>th</sup> -13<sup>th</sup>** 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

Date	Time	Location	Event
Mar 16 <sup>th</sup>	8:30- 12:45pm	Parish Center	Youth Group Breakfast Buffet
Apr 5 <sup>th</sup>	1:00- 3:00pm	River Lanes	Youth Group Bowling Party

#### 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.

#### 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 **6pm** 

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 oatmeal, cookies and coffee.



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

#### 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**.

#### 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 \$79,540.00 has been pledged. That is 64.6% of our goal. Thank you for using your envelope.

The Catholic Foundation of Central Florida

## First Sunday of Lent

#### A Time of Penance and Promise

Here and there in the stark March landscape, a few plants and trees are beginning to give evidence of the new life that winter's frost and chill had concealed from our eyes. The Church's vibrant new life has been obscured, too, by the austerity of the penitential season of Lent. But that life is indisputable, and it will burgeon forth on Easter as Christ coming forth from his tomb!

During this month we will continue our journey to the cross with our acts of penitence. We will reflect on our mortality ("Remember man thou art dust") and the shortness of life ("and to dust thou shall return"). We will heed the call, "Now is the acceptable time, now is "the day of salvation (2 Corinthians 6:2)." Just like Our Lord's earthly life every moment of our lives is leading up to the last moment—when for eternity we will either go to God or suffer the fires of hell. During this month we will go from the suffering of Good Friday to the joy of Easter Sunday. We will trade the purple of penance for the white of victory and resurrection.

Let us not tire of doing our good works and penance, but continue with the enthusiasm of the catechumens on their way to Easter and Baptism. May our Lenten observance be a joyful journey — and not a forced march.

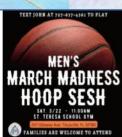
As the weeks of Lent progress let us not tire of doing our good works and penance, but continue with the enthusiasm of the catechumens on their way to Easter and Baptism. May our Lenten observance be a joyful journey — and not a forced march.





#### 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 Kasey at (321) 289-6399 for any questions.





For more updates & community, please join our

Date	Time	Location	Event
Mar. 22	11AM	St. Teresa's Gym	Men's Basketball Game (families are welcome to attend)
Mar. 26	7PM	Text Kasey for loca- tion	Just-for-Moms Night

## Why Pray the Stations of the Cross?

#### 8 Reasons from Pope Francis

The Stations of the Cross are an ancient tradition in the Catholic Church going back to the fourth century when Christians went on pilgrimage to the Holy Land.

Like many of our Catholic traditions, the Stations of the Cross can be rich, deep, and meaningful, but at the same time we can lose sight of their significance and how to relate them to our everyday lives.

Continuing the idea of Pope Francis as our spiritual director this Lent, here are 8 reasons from our Holy Father on why we should pray the Stations of the Cross.

#### 1. They Allow Us to Place Our Trust in Him

"Only in Christ crucified and risen can we find salvation and

redemption."

#### 2. They Put Us into the Story

Jesus is looking at you now and is asking you: do you want to help me carry the Cross?

# 3. They Remind Us That Jesus Suffers with Us The Cross of Christ bears the suffering and the sin of mankind, including our own.

#### 4. They Compel Us to Action

But the Cross of Christ invites us also to allow ourselves to be smitten by his love, teaching us always to look upon others with mercy and tenderness, especially those who suffer, who are in need of help, who need a word or a concrete action."

## 5. They Helps Us Make a Decision for or Against

If I embrace his love then I am saved, if I refuse it, then I am condemned, not by him, but my own self.

## **6.** They Reveal God's Response to Evil in the World "The Cross is the word through which God has responded

to evil in the world. Sometimes it may seem as though God does not react to evil, as if he is silent."

# 7. They Give Us the Certainty of God's Love for Us "What has the Cross given to those who have gazed upon it and to those who have touched it? What has the Cross left in each one of us?

# 8. They Guide Us from the Cross to the Resurrection O, Our Jesus, guide us from the Cross to the resurrection and teach us that evil shall not have the last word, but love, mercy and forgiveness. O Christ, help us to exclaim again: "Yesterday I was crucified with Christ; today I am glorified with Him.

#### Stations of the Cross are held at 7PM each Friday of Lent





Offering the Fruits of Our Labor

Very few people pay their taxes willingly. We try to find ways around paying income tax. We often contribute to charities, not because we will feel good about supporting their cause, but because our gift is tax-deductible. Some people give only to save.

Imagine a different kind of society. Imagine a place where people know their taxes provide good roads, good schools, a fire department, and a recycling service. Imagine people believing so strongly in these goals that they gladly pay their taxes, and even contribute additional funds. Imagine that as they pay taxes each year, each person makes a statement renewing citizenship, professing a belief in the community's goals and reverence for its past. In such a society, individuals would care more for the community than for themselves.

In the Old Testament, Moses instructed the people to perform this kind of action. They prepared a basket of their first fruits and brought it to their religious leader. There they made a statement of faith, beginning with, "My father was a wandering Aramean." They recounted the history of God's interventions in the lives of their ancestors. They acknowledged their dependence on the faith of their parents and on the goodness of God. Consequently, they brought their gift in gratitude.

Did everyone really do what Moses asked? If they were like us, probably not. But just imagine. Imagine if we did this as a society. Or as a church.

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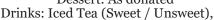
Friday Activities During Lent

- Stations of the Cross at 7 PM.
- Followed by our Lenten Mission discussion by Father Chris.
- ∑ Topic: Lent—A Way to Freedom?
- Mark Confessions at 6 PM
- On Fridays during Lent we have soup suppers from 4:30-7 PM.

Please join us for this event each Friday during Lent. Enjoy time with others prior to the Stations of the Cross.

#### March 14th

Soups: SW Black Bean & Tomato Florentine w/Tortellini Side: Grilled Cheese Sandwich Dessert: As donated



Lemonade, Water, Coffee



#### March 21st

Soups: Cream of Potato & French Onion Side: Cheese Bread

Dessert: As donated

Drinks: Iced Tea (Sweet / Unsweet), Lemonade, Water,

Coffee

#### Focus On the Cross

As we focus on the crucifixion of Christ during this time of Lent, we often see the letters INRI above the head of Jesus.

INRI stems from the Latin phrase 'Iesus Nazarenus Rex Iudaeorum' meaning 'Jesus of Nazareth, King of the Jews'.



This was the notice Pontius Pilate nailed over Jesus as he lay dying on the cross. (Latin does not use a 'J' and interchanges with an 'I')

It was common for the Romans to hang a "titulus" or sign above the crucified to indicate the charges against him. scripture says that Pilate put the charges in Latin, Greek and Hebrew.

In fact, the remnants of the titulus which hung above the Savior's head, as he offered Himself upon the Cross, is kept in the Church of Santa Croce in Jerusalem in Rome.



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